



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER - Harvest

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Morning Prayer		Otterton

SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton

SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton

SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Holy Communion	CW	Otterton

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

9.30 am	Holy Communion	CW	East Budleigh
11.00 am	Morning Prayer		Otterton

Morning Prayer will be said at 9.30am at East Budleigh on Tuesdays and at Otterton on Thursdays

HARVEST SUPPER



Tuesday 8th October at 7pm in Otterton Village Hall
 Variety of casseroles – vegetarian option - jacket potatoes
 followed by apple crumble and cream.
 Tickets £10.00



Please bring your own glasses and drinks.
 For tickets please contact Anne Radcliffe – 568059.

ALL WELCOME



ANYONE who would like to come and **HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH WITH FLOWERS, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL,** would be warmly welcomed. We'll be decorating the Church on **SATURDAY MORNING, 5th OCTOBER.** Coffee and cakes.

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

October is traditionally the time for Harvest Festival celebrations in churches. It is a time which is so ubiquitous in Britain that we imagine it has been going for centuries, but in this country it is actually an innovation of a Cornish vicar in 1843 and has just grown and popularised and sort of stuck ever since.

Pre-dating the church service was the Harvest Supper, for everyone involved in the Harvest. This still continues alongside the service in many churches and communities.

But although a Victorian innovation in this country, celebrating the Harvest is probably one of the most ancient traditions in the world dating back to the ancient Egyptians and Hebrews in the near East and all ancient peoples. As soon as people started to settle down and raise crops, which was always a risky weather-dependent operation, getting the harvest safely in was truly a thing to celebrate.

Nowadays, most people live lives almost completely divorced from the land but there has been a growing consciousness amongst a lot of people over recent decades that we owe the natural world our enormous thanks and we rely on it entirely for everything we eat and drink.

This has led to a whole eco-consciousness that is very popular in tandem with a raised consciousness of environmental issues.

This Green consciousness is mostly naturalistic and sees the earth as a self-contained self-perpetuating entity with us pesky humans as a contaminant. But human beings are natural too – we are in the words of the Bible to be “good stewards” of the world and its resources. Christians would see God as the author of all life, the creator of all that is, so it is to God that we offer thanks for all that has provided us.

In that context, the humble tin of spaghetti offered at a Harvest Festival is symbolic of our collective thanks for the natural world we live in, a tradition that goes back for thousands of years.

Martin

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Key Stage 2 children recently took part in a Trust wide cross-country event at Stover School. Over 600 children took part in the event, and our pupils thoroughly enjoyed their day and displayed our school values in abundance. The staff were thrilled to see the children encourage and support not just participants from our school, but children from across the Trust schools.

To inspire their writing based on the train ride story, Otters have been on a journey around the village to see what they could see. They pretended to be on a bus, looking out of the window! There was lots of wonderful vocabulary and language from them, ready to be used in their stories in class. They also headed out on a walk to collect lots of natural materials for their upcoming artwork. This was inspired by exploring 6 different artists and learning about how they are collectors.

Otters class had a wonderful visit to Otter Farm, to help them with their learning about what dairy is and how important it is. The children learnt about the process of how we get milk and loved seeing the cows up close. A huge thank you to Sam and Charlie for welcoming us to the farm and to all our lovely parent volunteers.

Our thanks go out to Nicky Marshall, who is volunteering his time to run a singing club after school for the children. We're looking forward to hearing them perform at the end of term.

Date for your diary – the ever popular Bonfire and Fireworks Night organised by the PTFA will be returning to Stantyway Farm on **2nd November**.

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT

Saturday 2nd November

Stantyway Farm, Otterton EX9 7JJ

BBQ and refreshments available - gates open at 6pm - tickets £5 per person

If anyone is able to lend a hand on the night please get in touch with us.

Tel: 01395 568326 or email: adminotterton@thelink.academy



OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

On **7th October** the Otterton Parish Council Meeting will take the form of a talk from the team looking after the Heaths to Sea: Landscape Recovery of the Lower Otter Valley. Everyone is welcome and the talk will start at 7.30pm in Otterton Village Hall. Heaths to Sea is a DEFRA-funded Landscape Recovery initiative spanning over 4,000 hectares of the Lower Otter Valley. The project aims to achieve long-term nature recovery through innovative solutions whilst also supporting food production, net zero, timber and access needs.

During the 2-year development phase, the project team at Clinton Devon Estates are working with local land managers to consider plans, and consulting with local communities to ensure your views are included. Subject to approval by DEFRA, the implementation phase will begin in April 2026. The project team will attend Otterton Parish Council meeting on 7th October to share more information about the project. Please visit www.heathstosea.com to find out more. The usual Otterton Parish Council meeting will take place on **14th October** same time, same place. Please do join us.

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OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Autumn is upon us and the shop continues to provide great value and seasonal produce such as Four Elms eating apples at £1.90 a bag. Meanwhile the Meat and Fish Lists offer a wide range of product not otherwise available at a 10% discount so view the full lists on our web site at www.ottertoncommunityshop.co.uk and contact the shop to place your orders.

Congratulations also to Jane Morrish who is the lucky winner of our quarterly Loyalty Card draw. The next draw will be in early December so keep redeeming those cards and you could be the next winner.

OTTERTON LADIES' COFFEE MORNING – 11am Monday 7th October

A chance to make new friends or catch up with old ones. All welcome.

OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL (from Julia Bove, Secretary)

There will be a meeting of Otterton Village Hall Committee on **Thursday 3rd October** at 7.30pm.

OTTERTON FILM CLUB

The Club regrets that it is not in a position to offer a season of films this winter. Attempts to replace active members of the Committee have thus far been fruitless. The Club will however remain in existence and it is hoped that keen film fans will come forward with a view to assisting a re-start in 2025/26. Expressions of interest please to ottertonfilmclub@gmail.com

From Andrew and Briony Sharp

On 10th May 1985, we finally moved into Nethercott from Exmouth, after a challenging wait of 7 months. We have loved our home in Otterton, but after almost 40 years of living here, the time has come to say farewell. As it has not been possible to speak personally to everybody who has known us, please accept this message as our thanks to you all. We are heading to Lympstone on a temporary basis, but hope that our next “forever” home in Exmouth will come good in the end! Best wishes to all.

Sending every good wish from all your friends in Otterton – and sincere thanks for the very special contribution you have both made to so many aspects of life in our community.

OTTERTON MILL

News: Our Friday Evening Takeaway has finished for the year; back again next year. Our Farm Shop and Gallery have a growing selection of goodies for Christmas, with traditional and one-off gifts; more coming in weekly.

Music: Thank you to everyone who supported our live music events in 2024. We are currently booking for 2025, with The Dunwells already confirmed. Further details on our website in due course.

Milling

13th & 27th - come and see our millers in action; always happy to answer questions; 11am-12.30pm & 2-3pm; entry free.

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB

Despite the rather inclement weather the Village Show was, as usual, well supported. So a big thank you to the organisers, helpers, exhibitors and especially the visitors who helped make the Show a success.

We hope that you have had a good year with your gardens and are looking forward to a new season but with perhaps a little more sunshine!

OTTERTON EVENTS COMMITTEE

The swings are now installed and painted; thank you to all who helped!! We have other work in the pipe line to do in the play park. If you would like to help, please speak to any Committee member or phone 07855 774436.

SAVE THE DATE (AND START TRAINING)!

Otterton's popular and family-oriented annual **10-K Reindeer Run and 3-K Junior Reindeer Calf Fun Run** will be taking place on **Saturday 7th December 2024, commencing at 10.15am**. The event is another in a series of annual fundraising activities for the community playground in the village. A key aspect of the event is a fancy dress competition - with medals for all junior finishers and prizes for the best-dressed entries along with drinks and jelly babies for the youngsters as they go around the course.

Entrants can pick up their allocated numbers from 8:30 a.m. Volunteers who just want to help with the race are also encouraged to contact the organisers. Entries are on a first-come basis. Those taking part must pre-register to enter and have completed the necessary paperwork which includes a medical declaration. Rules and regulations can be found on-line as can details of the course and costs.

You can register for entries on-line or email the event team: reindeerrun2023@gmail.com

The organisers are holding the fees at £17 for the main 10-K race (£15 if ARC/EA Registered) and £5 for the Reindeer Calf Fun Run. Adult entries can take place on the morning of race day and will be £20 - if there are still available places.

The course takes participants through parts of Otterton and along the Otter Valley. A maximum of 500 can take part in the race which will be run under Association of Running Clubs (ARC) rules. Entrants must be of amateur status. Regrettably dogs and other pets cannot accompany entrants.

Event chairperson Sarah Whittingham says: "We are delighted to be hosting our 2024 annual 10-K run and a Junior Calf Reindeer Run again this year. So many people had fun taking part last year and we are anticipating a strong turnout."

Event co-ordinator Cllr Ian Simpson says: "The Reindeer Run marks a wonderful opportunity to get fit, have fun and do some incredible fundraising for our village and its play park. Get your costumes ready for our fancy dress competition and get your running shoes on! We look forward to seeing you there!"

THE KINGS'S ARMS – from Freddie and The King's Arms Team

We hope everyone has had a lovely summer!

We're beginning to hunker down for the winter here at The King's... And I know, I know... but Christmas is only round the corner! We're delighted to confirm that our Christmas Day menu is now available either in the pub or on our website. Our Set Festive Menu is also available online or in the pub, for those special festive gatherings from 1st – 24th December. We are taking bookings for both Christmas Day and our Festive Menu.

We've got **Music Bingo** again on **27th September** with Alex Dobson; the last one was SO MUCH FUN! Make sure not to miss it; it's a mixture of music & bingo with prizes galore.

The next Pub Quiz date is 9th October. Nobody won 'play your cards right' last time, so the prize money increases!

Here at The King's we can't wait for the Reindeer Run in December. We're just finalising some special touches we're hoping to supply on this brilliant day, so stay tuned to updates from us and the Parish Council for more info.

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

As we approach the quieter end of the season, we are looking forward to our **annual fireworks display on Saturday 26th October**. We expect this to happen between 7pm-8pm.



OTTERTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY (ORINC) provides financial relief to residents of the Parish of Otterton in need, hardship, or distress through situations such as loss of income or domestic crises.

We can respond very quickly when approached for help so don't hesitate to contact us if you are in a financial crisis.

Types of help given include payment of essential bills, rent, electricity, supply of logs, help for children at Christmas and other living expenses. If you need help, contact us via our website <https://www.orinc.org.uk/> or email us at orin.charity@gmail.com Paper copies of the application form are also available in the Village Hall foyer and in the church. Applications can be posted in the private ORINC post box in the Village Hall foyer. The post box is checked weekly and applications responded to as soon as possible.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DEALT WITH IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

If you are interested in donating to support the work of ORINC, please email us at the address above.

POLICE – Exmouth Neighbourhood Team: Mark.Edwards2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Emergency 999; General Enquiries number 101; exmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk; <http://www.ukcrimestats.com/>

TAXI SERVICE: Available for local and long-distance journeys, including airport runs. For more information, please contact Barry on 07925 933100.

Entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: jill@beacham.co.uk - 01395 446433
PLEASE NOTE - Deadline for November edition is Friday 18th October latest.