



# OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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### SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

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#### **SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER**

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

#### **SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER**

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

#### **SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER**

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

#### **SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER – St Michael’s Patronal Festival**

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

#### **SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER**

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**



### **Jane's Jams and Chris's Paperback Book Stalls**



Following the success of the earlier sale when over £500 was raised for Otterton Church, we will be back on **Otterton Green on Sunday 29th August from 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

PS No more books required but please save them for our next village fête.

## View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

Frank Sinatra once sang a number called the September Song where September was a metaphor for the ageing process – days getting shorter, temperature getting cooler, and people taking a more reflective view of their lives.

As I contemplate the onset of my sixties (I know – a mere whippersnapper compared to some) one does start to look back as quite naturally, there is far more behind us than ahead of us on this mortal coil.

As we reflect, we can't help noticing that the things that really count in our lives revolve around our family and friends and we desire to fix relationships that may have gone wrong and other relationships naturally start to coalesce as age gaps cease to be as important as they once were.

My relationship with my brother for example, eight years my senior, seemed like a chasm when I was a teenager but has now melted away to being almost meaningless.

As I look back, all the scrapes I got into, all the decisions I made – both right and wrong – all the achievements I thought were important, really fade into the background as the only things that matter are my relationship with my wife, my daughter, my family and my friends.

If there is a relationship that has gone south in your life but you think it may be salvageable, give that person a ring, for no other reason than to say hello and re-establish contact – for this is the real stuff that is important and lasts in our lives.

As a Christian I am also bound to say that if it is a long time since you have given divinity a second thought, just trying closing your eyes and addressing God consciously has to be good. No-one needs to know but you and Him.

I started with a song and I end with a song by Nat King Cole called Nature Boy. One of the lines goes like this “The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return”.

Love and prayers,

Martin

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### COUNTY COUNCIL

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### OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

School holidays – no report.

### OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

A huge thank you to the folk who have taken the trouble to take photos of parking irregularities and send them to the Parish Council; evidence of this kind is helpful in supporting our discussion with Highways. As a Parish Council we do aim to respond to all communications personally and it is therefore frustrating to receive anonymous mail containing requests for action - please do let us know if you have a problem and we will do our best to deal with it.

This certainly goes for concerns regarding planning applications. If you have such a concern, do respond in the usual way using the planning portal but in addition, let the Parish Council have details so that your information can inform their deliberations and response to EDDC. Please note that all planning matters are dealt with collectively by the Parish Council and attempts to influence individuals is not appropriate.

Thank you all for your tolerance over the summer months as our lovely village is so busy with 'staycationers' and remain safe and careful although restrictions are lifted. The next meeting of the Otterton Parish Council will take place on Monday 6th September commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All members of the public are welcome and comments on items on the agenda will be heard. If you would like to add an item to the agenda, please contact the Clerk at least 7 days before the meeting.

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## **OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP**

The shop successfully held its 2021 Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall on 5th August, where we were able to report higher trading levels and profit for the year to 31st January 2021 and continued trading over the past six months at well above 2019 levels. This is down to the massive commitment of all our volunteers over what has been a very challenging time and the fact that many who did not shop with us now do so on a regular basis.

The meeting also saw the election of Gill Headington and Ian Birch to the Management Committee, who are now confirmed as Vice Chairman and Treasurer respectively. We are delighted to have them officially on board.

Finally, new this month, if there are any left, local Devon Blueberries...perhaps with cream or yoghurt?!

## **OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB**

We are very pleased to say that our Garden Club will be up and running again in October and hope that we will have your continued support after what has been a very difficult time for all of us.

Our first talk will take place on Tuesday 19th October at 7.30pm in Otterton Village Hall and will be given by April Marjoram of The Devon Gardens Trust. April will tell us about the life of W J Godfrey. William Godfrey, an Exmouth horticulturalist and nurseryman, played a prominent part in the civic life of Exmouth, including campaigning for allotments. He was also a plant breeder who introduced many new varieties of chrysanthemum, pelargoniums, oriental poppies and Canterbury Bells, perhaps some of which can even be found in our gardens today.

Visitors are very welcome; admission to talks is free for members and £4 for non-members so please come along. It will be lovely to see you all again.

For more information about the club please go to [www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk](http://www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk)

## **OTTERTON FILM CLUB**

WE ARE BACK (Well almost!). The first screening of the 2021/22 winter season will be on Friday 8th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Watch this space to learn which film will be screened.

The AGM of the Film Club will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 27th September, also at 7.30pm. Come along and have a say in the running of your film club.

## **OTTERTON MILL**

### **News**

We're continuing to operate within Government guidelines offering a wide variety of food and drink from our café restaurant, Tullulah, Farm Shop and Friday evening takeaway. We have added many new lines in our Gallery and Craft Shop from paintings to pencils, glassware to greetings cards, bags to buttons and much more.

### **Events**

Taste East Devon - 12th - As part of this festival, we are teaming up with the Devon Distillery and "Ginny", their 'still on the move', will be making our OMG (Otterton Mill Gin) using ingredients and botanicals from the site. Waterhouse Fayre will be joining us and we will also be milling wheat on the day - a thousand year old tradition.

### **Music**

To all those who came to our gigs this year, a big thank you for your support and understanding. Hopefully, next year we'll be able to offer more opportunities for everyone to enjoy live music at the Mill. Stay tuned and we'll update our website as events are finalised.

## **THE KING'S ARMS**

Adrian and the team welcome you to The King's Arms. Open every day for food - why not come and try our fresh lobster and crab which is delivered daily. We look forward to seeing you.

## **CLINTON DEVON ESTATES – from Kate Ponting, Countryside Learning Officer**

### **Lower Otter Restoration Project**

A significant milestone has been reached in the Lower Otter Restoration Project as preparations for the construction of the new road and excavations for the creek network have begun. Until September, machinery and all work will be excluded from areas near hedges, providing a buffer zone to allow birds to raise young with minimal disturbance.

Parking on South Farm Road is now unavailable, although businesses at South Farm Court remain open as usual. To enable machinery, cars, delivery lorries and agricultural vehicles to use this route safely, alternative parking arrangements for the duration of the works will be necessary, including Lime Kiln car park (1km to the south) which enables straightforward level access to the reserve for those unable to walk very far.

For plans, further details of the works, conservation of key species and the new Liaison Group, read full length update at Otterton website [www.otterton.info](http://www.otterton.info)

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**THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM – from Carla Newman, Marketing Manager**

Despite the somewhat unpredictable August weather ranging from glorious, beautiful blue skies to sudden showers accompanying prominent bold rainbows, we've still managed to have a wonderful month providing Great British holidays to our loyal guests.

To ensure our guests and Otterton residents stay safe, the park & facilities will remain closed for the foreseeable future to all day visitors. Additional safety measures such as workplace testing will continue to be implemented to minimise any risk to all.

Looking for some additional income for when the kids go back to school? We've shifts available within our Housekeeping team during school hours on Monday & Fridays - perfect to save a little more cash ahead of the winter period. To view the current jobs available visit [www.ladrambay.co.uk/work-for-us/](http://www.ladrambay.co.uk/work-for-us/) Alternatively submit your CV and covering letter to [info@ladrambay.co.uk](mailto:info@ladrambay.co.uk) to be considered for any upcoming opportunities.

Deliveries and collections of Holiday Homes will recommence from 6th September. As always, we will endeavour to list these on the Friends of Otterton Facebook page ahead of the movements.

We are still hopeful that we'll be able to offer Winter Pool Membership for locals once we close our doors for the season in November. Any winter plans are obviously dependent on government guidelines or restrictions which may be in place. More information will be released nearer the time.

All the best for a sunny September.

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**TAXI SERVICE**

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