



OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER - Harvest

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



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FREE CHARITY CONCERT IN AID OF OTTERTON JUBILEE PLAYGROUND APPEAL



Saturday 31st August at 7.30pm at Otterton Village Hall

A Songwriters’ Circle Concert in aid of the Otterton Jubilee Playground Appeal: **Greg Hancock** (“Lyrics, vocals and melodies are all near perfect, and the intricate guitar work is at times truly breath-taking”) and **Mark Waistell** (“his fingerpicking guitar is sophisticated....the understated playing is beguiling and vocals as clement and serene as a dappled golden water-meadow. ..Beautiful!”) will perform original songs from their recorded albums. Entry is by FREE ticket (**Donations and Collection**) available from Otterton Community Shop, online from mark@markwaistell.com or, if available, on the door.

View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

Frank Sinatra once sang a number called 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 am now in my early sixties (I know – a mere whippersnapper compared to some) one does naturally start to look back as, quite understandably, 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 the age gap 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 now 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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CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES FOR MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE

The charity **CR2EE (Christian Response to Eastern Europe)** which is based in Exmouth, regularly sends lorries to Moldova and Ukraine with everything you can imagine. They also send **Christmas shoe boxes for children and adults**. Last year they sent around 6,000 boxes, but there is still a great need for more.

If anyone would be interested in making up a box, Rosie Hunter and Penny Weeks would be happy to give you information on what to put in the boxes and also about the charity. If you cannot fill a box but would like to contribute items for them, Lisa at Hair@No57 has kindly offered to have a box for donations and a list of suggestions in her salon.

The last date for delivery of shoes boxes is 16th November. Thank you.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next Otterton Parish Council meeting will take place on **2nd September** commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Since the last meeting, I am sorry to report that Cllr Melanie Martin has resigned from the Parish Council which means that a new Chair will need to be elected, and there is another opportunity for someone to join the Parish Council. There are no particular skills necessary to be a Councillor, just a commitment to look after the village and the environment in which we live. A sense of humour is also very useful.

Some of you may have noticed that the old Horse Chestnut on The Green is looking very poorly. This tree has been causing concern for a while and an inspection by an arborist recently reports that it should now be felled. As it is situated in a Conservation Area, an application has been made to EDDC for permission to do this. The OPC will look at replanting very soon and would welcome your views on what should be planted.

If you have an item for the Agenda for the meeting on 2nd September, please send it to the Clerk clerk@otterton.info by 26th August. Many thanks.

**Francesca Mills, Clerk to Otterton Parish Council; Sandycross Farmhouse, Yettington, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BW
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OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was lovely to see so many people attending the Village Fête and enjoying themselves. We are delighted to have raised over £700 for the school!

We would like to thank everyone who came along to support the event, those who donated prizes, baked cakes and gave up their time to help us. Special mentions to St Michael's Church for allowing us to work alongside them, and to The King's Arms and Otterton Parish Council for their help and support. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

OTTERTON LADIES' COFFEE MORNING – 11am Monday 2nd September

A chance to make new friends or catch up with old ones. All welcome. Thank you to The King's Arms for generously hosting.

OTTERTON EVENTS COMMITTEE

We have finally installed the swings in the play park and they just need a lick of paint; any help welcome! We are now hoping to trim the hedges and do a general tidy up so again, any help welcome. We are now starting to sort things out for the Reindeer Run in December and are looking for more volunteers to marshal the event. Please contact any of the committee or phone 07855 774436 if you can help!

OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB - AUTUMN SHOW

Last chance for entries for the Autumn Show is 5th September. As stated in the last newsletter, full details, schedule and entry forms can be downloaded from our website: www.ottertongardenclub.co.uk Forms are also available from The Community Shop and Hair@No57 so make haste! The Show takes place on **Saturday 7th September** from 2 to 4.30pm and we look forward to a Hall full of lovely exhibits and visitors.

OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

The **Meat List** has arrived with a **20% introductory September discount** on pre-ordered meat including whole chickens, steaks, chops, stewing meats and roasting joints which are not otherwise available in the shop. For the full list, pick up a leaflet in the shop or visit our website at www.ottertoncommunityshop.co.uk To order, email or telephone the shop on Monday to Friday on **01395 708324** to ensure delivery the following day.

Meanwhile the successful Fish List is still running, offering a 10% discount on what is really good produce from Devon Quality Fish that increasing numbers of you are realising offers real value. Again, full details are on the website.

Marketing remains a vital part of what we do, and we are looking for a volunteer to lead our promotion of the shop in all formats to maintain its profile and advertise our regular promotions whether via social media or more traditional means. If this might be for you, contact Jeremy Wakeling via the shop email at ottertoncommunityshop@gmail.com

OTTERTON MILL

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On **Sunday 15th** we will be having two taster sessions: - Anne from Waterhouse Fayre will be coming in with her jams and chutneys, and Orchardlea will be bringing in selections of cheeses and olives.

Music

Our final act is a return of one of our ever-popular groups, Veronica Sbergia and Max de Bernardi on **5th**. With their mix of country blues, ragtime, vaudeville and old time, and a mix of washboard, ukulele and vocals, their music is always very uplifting. Tickets are available online on our website, by phone on 01395 568521 or in person at our Gallery.

Milling

1st, 15th & 29th – come and see history in action; our friendly millers are always happy to answer questions, and entry is free. Milling 11am-12.30pm & 2-3pm.

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

MUSIC BINGO - Friday **30th August** and Friday **27th September**. Booking is essential and can be done by either phoning the pub or popping in. Also, from us all at The King's, thank you for your continued support. It is always lovely to see you all here and we truly appreciate it.

THE LOOKOUT FROM LADRAM

We hope everyone has enjoyed the summer as much as we have. We look forward now to a quieter few months before closing. A reminder that our **annual fireworks display** is on **Saturday 26th October** at approx 7/8pm.

NEWS FROM FAIRLYNCH MUSEUM

Our local history exhibition this summer features Otterton and its relationship to the river Otter, from the earliest ships in the port of Ottermouth, to the twenty-one shipbuilders working in Tudor times, to the Mill of today. On display are early aerial photographs of the village and an interpretation of the Tithe Map of 1846 showing every field name. Also on display is a 170-year-old brass dog collar once worn by a bull mastiff owned by John Uglow the Miller. This has been recently passed to us from Tiverton Museum who have had it for the last 50 years.

We are also pleased to announce that the museum is now the custodian of the late Gerald Millington's research archive, which is currently being catalogued. This collection includes many of the old photographs collected by Otterton School during the 1980s.



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.

PLEASE NOTE that entries for Otterton Parish News should be sent to **Jill Beacham** - email: jill@beacham.co.uk - 01395 446433 **PLEASE NOTE - Deadline for October edition is Friday 20th September latest please.**