



# OTTERTON PARISH NEWS

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### SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

#### **SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER**

9.30 am Holy Communion CW East Budleigh

**11.00 am Holy Communion CW Otterton**

#### **SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER**

9.30 am Holy Communion CW East Budleigh

**11.00 am Holy Communion CW Otterton**

#### **SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER**

9.30 am Holy Communion CW East Budleigh

**11.00 am Holy Communion CW Otterton**

#### **SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER**

9.30 am Holy Communion CW East Budleigh

**11.00 am Holy Communion CW Otterton**

## View from The Vicarage

Dear friends,

“Always look on the bright side of life” from The Life of Brian was considered scandalous if not blasphemous when it first saw the light of day.

Years later, although it can still cause a frisson of disquiet for many Christians, tempers have eased among most believers who can recognise the humour for what it is.

The sentiment expressed by the song though is something we all need to be aware of in these increasingly confusing and disjointed times.

Face masks, exam results, quarantines, the situation in care homes, lockdowns, redundancies, recession, track and trace, cancelled hospital appointments, cancelled holidays and ever-changing rules are in danger of producing a climate of exasperation and despair.

But what the British have always been famous for is our sense of humour, often very black humour in the face of intractable problems.

We need to retain that sense of the ridiculous, laughing in the face of danger, that has always kept our spirits up, no matter what we are facing.

Hidden beneath the obvious disconnect that produces the humour of a man on a cross singing “Always look on the bright side of life” is the truth that even the darkest tragedy that is the crucifixion of an innocent man on spurious charges, lies the miracle of resurrection.

With God there is no situation so dark that light and good cannot emerge. The resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate manifestation of that eternal truth.

Prayer connects us directly to the source of this eternal truth and can carry us through this mess.

Those with faith in the fact that God revealed himself in Jesus Christ know this to be true. Light always beats darkness, good always prevails in the end, and new life always comes out of death.

All together now – “Always look on the bright side of life”

Love and prayers, Martin

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### COUNTY COUNCIL

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### OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held by zoom on 7th September at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend remotely; please contact the Clerk for joining instructions.

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### OTTERTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

No report received.

### OTTERTON COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

The Otterton Community Shop Calendar for 2021 has arrived and is now on sale featuring photographs submitted by local residents that illustrate the best of the village, its surrounding countryside and wildlife. We hope you will snap up copies as souvenirs, presents or just for every day. The image voted onto the front cover was that of St Michael’s which was taken by Angela Marshall who wins the £25 prize.

The AGM was finally held on 12th August following the receipt of postal votes which unanimously approved the various resolutions including that endorsing re-election of the Management Committee for another year. Formal minutes will shortly be circulated to all shareholders.

New product lines continue to arrive in the shop. Selling particularly well is the new range of pies, quiches and scotch eggs from Jack Horner which are well worth trying as is Vicky’s Bread that includes sour dough loaves and other special bakes.

Finally, the shop has recently said goodbye to a number of longstanding volunteers who will be difficult to replace but we must. If you think you might enjoy working as part of our great team and contribute to the village, do call in or phone the shop and speak with Nikki [01395 708324].

### **OTTERTON GARDEN CLUB**

In view of the continuing restrictions on social distancing we have, very reluctantly, decided to cancel the talks for both October and November. The talk already arranged for January 2021 will be reviewed later this year.

It has been agreed that members who have paid this year's subscription will have it carried forward to next year when we very much hope that the situation will have improved and that our Garden Club will be up and running again.

### **OTTERTON VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall will be re-opening for bookings from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Please note that due to the current Government Covid 19 Restrictions, the maximum capacity of the main hall has been reduced to 20 persons. The Committee Room remains unavailable for hire until further notice. For full details of all steps hirers will need to take to ensure they are compliant, please email [village.hall@otterton.info](mailto:village.hall@otterton.info) or contact Andrew Sharp on 567661 or Joan Cullen on 567574. Alternatively, go to the Village Hall page on the village website. <http://www.otterton.info/ottertonhall.htm>

### **OTTERTON FILM CLUB**

The Annual General Meeting of Otterton Film Club will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Paid up members are welcome to attend as we discuss how/if we can continue during the Coronavirus crisis. Please note, due to the requirements of social distancing, the Hall can currently only accept 20 people. Therefore if you are intending to come along on the 17<sup>th</sup>, please book your seat as soon as possible, either by emailing [ottertonfilmclub@talktalk.net](mailto:ottertonfilmclub@talktalk.net) or by phoning Andrew Sharp on 01395 567661.

### **THE KING'S ARMS**

Hello all from The King's Arms. We hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the glorious weather recently. We have been experiencing unprecedented levels of demand for dining since reopening so please remember to reserve a table for eating well in advance to avoid disappointment. We expect this trend to continue well into September with the majority of the UK seemingly opting to have a staycation this year. Unfortunately due to this, our pub quiz will still not be held again until October at the earliest. Everyone stay safe and we hope to see you all soon.

Peter & The Team

### **OTTERTON MILL**

**News:** We've had a challenging August offering the government's Eat Out to Help Out scheme. This is now finished but we hope that, with more people holidaying in the UK and many new local visitors, we will have a busy September too. Our social distancing measures are working well thanks to everyone playing their part and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

**Milling:** Visit the Mill to see our millers in operation on 13th and 27th.

**Music:** There are currently no gigs planned for September; please see website for up to date information.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Our Neighbourhood Plan is now in operation and will remain in its current state until East Devon District Council (EDDC) is allowed to organise its referendum.

You can see the 'Referendum version' of the Neighbourhood Plan and its Appendices, the Examiner's report, and the Decision Notice following the Cabinet meeting approving the plan, on the EDDC website at: [eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-and-community-plans/neighbourhood-plans/neighbourhood-plans-being-produced-in-east-devon/otterton](http://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-and-community-plans/neighbourhood-plans/neighbourhood-plans-being-produced-in-east-devon/otterton) You can also see the Plan, Appendices and other related documentation on the Otterton village website: <http://www.otterton.info/ONP/ottertonONP.htm>

We will post further updates on the Otterton village website and via this newsletter, as and when anything changes regarding the referendum.

### **THE OLD VICARAGE, Residential Care Home**

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and support during the lockdown period to help our residents. It's heartening to know that our community pulls together in times of need. As you can imagine, keeping everyone safe has been a high priority for us at The Old Vicarage and we are pleased to say we have been successful with no reported cases of Covid-19 to date. We haven't let the pandemic dampen our spirits; quite the contrary; summer has been filled with lots of fun activities and residents are now able to enjoy visits with loved ones, in a socially distanced way, in our marquee and gardens. We are now welcoming new residents for both long term living and respite care. Sue, our Home Manager, will be happy to discuss our care options for anyone who is elderly and struggling to cope at home. Please give Sue a call on 01395 568208 or download a brochure from our website [www.theoldvicarageotterton.com](http://www.theoldvicarageotterton.com)

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

Here at Ladram Bay we've thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our loyal guests back throughout the month of August - the abundance of summer sunshine has certainly been enjoyed by us all!

Throughout lockdown Sharon Sweet and family, regular Ladram holiday guests, dreamt up an inspired plan ready to put into action as soon as it was deemed safe to do so. Whilst Sharon and family came for their well-needed getaway last week, local artist White Squirrel began his transformation of the Bridgwater property. Taking 4.5 days to create and based upon photos of their holiday memories and paddle boarding sons, an impressive 8x6ft mural of the Beach was created on their garden wall in time for their return home.

In line with government advice, for the foreseeable future we are not accepting day visitors; this is for the safety of the local community, our team and our holiday guests, and therefore our car park is closed for visitors. For those regular users of the Ladram Stores, please be aware that our 'Short stay' car parking scheme is still in operation. If you are yet to apply for your pass and require one, please contact Mike on 01395 567692. (Proof of address may be required; 15 mins maximum duration; access to shop only).

Our Covid-19 updates for 'our new normal' can be viewed online at [www.ladrambay.co.uk/covid-19-guidance/](http://www.ladrambay.co.uk/covid-19-guidance/)

Thank you for your understanding & support.

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

**Beavers living on River Otter have helped shape national policy and the future of an iconic species which can now be part of the British countryside again.**

Many of you will have heard this significant announcement and seen the River Otter make the national and international news last month. After five-years of study and additional months of uncertainty, England's first wild breeding population of beavers were finally granted the permanent right to remain in their river home, after a gap of 400 years.

The decision announced on 6 August by Defra is a landmark one, as it signals the first legally sanctioned reintroduction of an extinct native mammal to England. It means that the beaver population, which lives on the River Otter and is estimated to consist of up to 15 family groups, now has a secure future.

For full length article visit [www.otterton.com](http://www.otterton.com)

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### **SALEM CHAPEL AND SCHOOLROOM, EAST BUDLEIGH**

**News from Salem Chapel**

Salem Chapel and Schoolroom C1719 remain closed indefinitely. For emergencies (only) please contact 07544 239289.

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### **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](mailto:jill@beacham.co.uk) 01395 446433 **Deadline for October edition is Saturday 19th September please**