



COMBWICH, OTTERHAMPTON AND STEART NEWSLETTER

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A drone photo of St Peter's
Church, Combwich taken
by Paul & Tim of EDF
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Otterhampton Parish Council

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Anchor Inn

The Councillors are delighted to advise that their application to make The Anchor Inn an Asset of Community Value was successfully granted, thereby allowing villagers to use the Community Right to Bid if it ever comes up for sale – the community will have up to six months to raise the funds to bid for it. However, at the end of this period, the owner may sell it to whomever and at whatever price they choose.

Annual Parish Meeting

A successful Annual Parish Meeting was held on 28th May with many of the local community groups and clubs in attendance. It was great to hear how much is on offer within the village from Choir, Brownies, Short Mat Bowls, Art and Craft group, plus the Garden Club and Otter Wheels amongst others. All had one thing in common, they were looking for new members, who will be made to feel very welcome. For contact information please email the Parish Clerk.

Thank you to EDF

The Councillors intend to renew the 'Combwich' sign as you enter the village, which will have a photo of the Church. This has only been made possible with the help of Tim (HPC) and the use of his drone. Many thanks Tim for your very kind help.

Football goal post

We have a newly refurbished goal post and football net on the Common thanks to Dean Asplin who braved the mid-day sun painting the posts and fitting new nets, it looks absolutely superb, ready for the summer holidays!

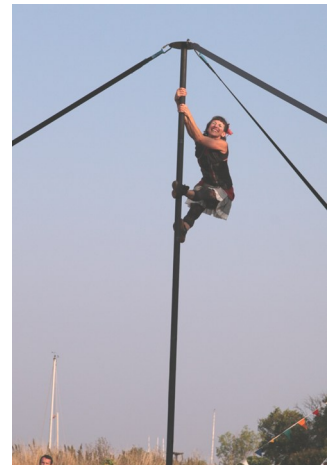


Flags

Councillors also want to extend their thanks to Tim Bates for agreeing to take on the management of the village flags.

Circus-on-The-Common

This hugely successful event was attended by nearly 300 people who gathered on the small common, alongside the River on a lovely summer's evening. They enjoyed watching the acrobatic skills of the internationally acclaimed Amano Mano and learn new circus skills at the workshop provided by Fuse. A huge thank you to the many volunteers, too many to mention individually, and the various organisations within the village such as the Harbour View Bar, OPRA., Garden Club and Village Hall for their excellent support and help to make it the successful event it was.



What else are the Parish Council up to?

- ◇ Supporting to refurbish the church Lychgate.
- ◇ Consulting professionals regarding the possibilities of improving the Wharf Road area.
- ◇ Meeting with Natural England to discuss the future management of the Common as an SSSI.
- ◇ They continue to work with Somerset Council to try to resolve the problems of flooding within the village.
- ◇ Working with local communities to develop an Emergency Hub; thank you again to those who have volunteered to help set this up.

Want to find out what the Parish Council is doing?

Parish council meetings are open to the public, so if you have a bug-bear you would like to discuss or an idea you would like the Council to consider please come along. These take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month (no meeting in August) at Otterhampton Village Hall starting at 7pm. Meeting details are on the website along with Agendas and Minutes.

Full details of the decisions taken at parish council meetings are contained within the minutes which are available on the three village notice boards (opposite the old Post Office, opposite the Anchor Inn and on the wall of Ferricies Farm, Steart) or the www.otterhamptonparishcouncil.gov.uk website, with regular updates on the Facebook page. Regular posts are also made on Facebook.

Contact for Clerk (Stephanie Juniper) clerk@otterhamptonparishcouncil.gov.uk or Tel 07395 008455. Please note that the Clerk works flexible part-time hours.

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(Stephanie works part-time and flexible hours)

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Drone over the church

You may have noticed the EDF drone flying around the St. Peter's a couple of weeks ago.

The drone was taking pictures of the church in preparation for a new village sign (see front page).

The idea is to take a series of pictures of the church illustrating what the church looks like 'square on' as the images taken from below distort the perspective, especially the height of the spire. Older photographs of the church tend to show the building less distorted as they were taken from suitable vantage points which are no longer accessible.

Tim and Paul from EDF kindly flew the drone and took pictures of the church using the high resolution camera.

Over the next week or so you may see the drone flying over the common. The drone will be taking pictures and surveying the common for the Parish Council in preparation for responding to the Somerset Open Spaces Strategy. The Open Spaces Strategy will enable the Parish Council to protect the common as a community open space, enhance the space for the benefit of the community in supporting community health



20's Plenty

where people are

20's Plenty for Us campaigns for 20mph as the default speed limit for urban and village streets where people live, work, shop, play and learn.
www.20splenty.org



Otterhampton Primary School - Summer Term 2

Claire Luce - Executive Head Teacher

Noah's Ark Zoo Farm: River Class went to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm and enjoyed looking around the animal exhibits, seeing lots of animals including lions, elephants, giraffes and much more. They went on a tractor ride to see some animals further out. Then they took part in a workshop about habitats and even got to meet a cockroach, guinea pig and tortoise up close. They also had fun on the slides in the play barn!



Evacuee Experience Day: Bay Class went on a trip to Somerset Rural Life Museum for an Evacuee Experience Day. It was so lovely to see all the children and staff dressed up as Second World War evacuees. They found out about life as an evacuee, rationing and dig for victory. Everyone's behaviour was excellent and they represented our school well.

Science Day: The Year 5s went to Queen's School this week for a Science Day. The children had a fabulous day taking part in several challenges. All the staff who met the children were extremely complimentary and loved working with them. They commented on how engaged the children were, how they worked independently and what fabulous ideas they had.



RSPCA Workshops: Alex from the RSPCA came in to deliver a workshop on Pet Welfare to all the classes. She informed us how to look after pets and what we should do if we find an animal that needs help.

Stear Marshes Trip: Bay Class and River Class went on a trip to WWT Stear Marshes. They had a picnic lunch in one of the hides and enjoyed some outdoor

activities. They took part in a nature walk, trying to find various insects and animals from a sheet. They went to the roundhouse to do some paint making and they also did pond dipping and found dragonfly larvae, a pond scorpion and even a frog!



Imagination/Fascination Trip: Brook Class went on a trip to Imagination/Fascination at Weston-Super-Mare. They had a great time, playing with role play in the different rooms. They also enjoyed the soft play area and Nerf gun area. They were all well behaved and had lots of fun!



Transition Days: In the first week of July we had our transition days. The Year 6s went off to their new schools for a day or two to meet their new classmates and learn more about their schools.

In OPS, on Wednesday, the children moved up to their new classes and met their new year groups who were going to join them in their classes and met their new teachers. They had a getting to know you session for the afternoon and everyone had a fantastic time.



Swimming: Brook Class did their Water Safety lesson in Swimming in the first week of July. They had to wear shorts and a t-shirt and swim in it.

Sports Day: Well the highlight of last week was definitely our Sports Day! We were so lucky with the weather, we managing to complete all the races before lunch! All classes and Little Otters took part in races such as egg and spoon, spacehopper, sprinting, beanbag on head, and a good time was had by all. The overall house winner was Sapphire! Well done to them!



The Friends of OPS raised some money with the refreshments too. Thank you to all involved in a fantastic day but especially Mr Dyer who coordinated the events.

Hill House Trips: This week Brook, River and Bay Class have all been for a day trip to Hill House Activity Centre. They have joined in various activities like a scavenger hunt, puzzles in the shade, team games, slip and slide and the older children went in the swimming pool. We usually walk across the fiends to Hill House, but as the weather was so warm we took the minibus.



Leavers Assembly: On our last day we are having a Leavers Assembly and celebrating all the Year 6 Leavers who will be going on to their new schools.



HARBOUR VIEW BAR - *a report from Bev*

Harbour view bar had a well attended AGM in June; new members and volunteers joined our committee, we look forward to all working together for the future of the club. Behind the scenes we have all been busy securing builders, electricians, plumbers and number crunching for the refurbishment of our bar area.

*Harbour
View Bar*

We applied for a grant which was successful, and with Harbour View bar's contribution we will be removing the old, and installing a fresh, modern work-friendly safer environment for our dedicated staff. The bar was never touched in the last refurb, it is very out of date and not fit for purpose anymore.

We will be closing for a couple of weeks at the beginning of August and are organising a schedule for trades to come in. We have continued to be open on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, and extra days to accommodate the showing of the world cup and some rugby matches.

We host ladies and men's skittles, winter/ summer leagues, darts which begin again in September, also garden club hold their monthly meeting in the bar and lounge. Rich's quiz still takes place on one Saturday of each month, it's always a fun sociable evening. We have purchased some leaner tables and stools and are hoping to carry out some work at the dart board end of the lounge to.

A big shout out to our fabulous bar staff who are so reliable and flexible. We couldn't continue without you. If you are interested in doing some shifts behind the bar, full training given, please contact Harbour view bar.

We look forward to welcoming you when we reopen in August. Memberships will also be available for renewal. We are a group of volunteers who dedicate our own time into making this a great community space, we welcome new faces and ideas.

Thank you for your continued support.



First Combwich Brownies *by Jennifer Arend*

"In 1978 when I was 8 years old my mum, Jean Kibby, started the 1st Combwich Brownies. From that day onwards the Brownies have continued to stay open and running, resulting in my 2 daughters attending and myself being a Young Leader and then a volunteer working towards my leaders qualification .

When mum passed away a few years ago I thought it would be nice to get a memorial bench to remember her by. I had a collection box in the Post Office for donations which was very much appreciated but didn't quite reach the amount needed for a bench. Then along came the current Brownies who every Christmas do a good turn for charity. Well, two Christmases ago they ran a fayre to raise money for the bench. The Brownies did such a good job that we now have a bench in place down near the Brownie Copse on the common.

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped to get this done, I'm sure mum would be very pleased.

Combwich Brownies meet at the Otterhampton Village Hall during the term time. Our unit currently has 4 adult volunteers and 25 Brownies (age between 7 - 10 years old). We follow a programme from Girlguiding in which they earn badges, question the world around them, and provide trips and experiences which create lasting memories, help them to build confidence and challenge themselves to feel empowered in a safe environment.

We have completed our Be Well, First Aid skills builder this term and hope to follow this up with a session on CPR and our Have Adventures, Camp stage 2 Skills Builder learning about putting up tents, packing for a trip and building and lighting a campfire safely.

Some of our outdoor adventures this term included:

Taking the Brownies fishing at the Combwich Ponds. Dean Asplin and his colleagues from the Angling Trust ran an introduction to fishing session with the Brownies. Every Brownie managed to catch a few fish and although squeamish at first about the maggots they all either had their hand in the container or were baiting their lines with them! The setting was beautiful and the coaches were fantastic with the Brownies. We can't thank them enough for a very memorable evening.

Joining 1st Watchet on a train ride from Watchet to Washford and then a walk along the Mineral Line back with a short detour via the playground. They were so excited to have a carriage reserved for them and towards the end of the evening new memories and friendships had been formed.

Our final meeting will be at Steart Beach with the parents and siblings. Games and challenges will be part of the evening.





Otterhampton Parish Recreation Association (OPRA)

Registered Charity Number 1124017

Chair Tina Gardener 652642 - Secretary Carol Bradbury 652313

Join us for OPRA's Fun Dog Show

2pm on Sunday 23rd August

Small Common

Combwich

Free entry

BBQ

Stalls (no charge)



For more information or to book a table/stall contact Tina on 01278 652642

DOG SHOW



Categories

Registration 1,45pm

Prettiest bitch

Most handsome dog

Waggiest tail

Most like its owner

Most appealing eyes

Golden Oldie

Puppy

Agility

Best 6 legs

Judges favourite

Congratulation to the Parish Council for organising the very successful circus event with the support of several village organisations, including OPRA which organised the bbq and raffle with the proceeds going to the parish council fund to support future events.

The next OPRA event is the Dog Show on Sunday 23rd August.

This event had to be postponed due to the excessive heat.



The money raised to finance OPRA activities and to support other organisations in the village comes from **The 100 Club**. The draw usually takes place every month at the Coffee Morning in Otterhampton Village Hall, If you want to join the 100 Club or become involved in OPRA activities please contact Tina on 652642 or Sue 653663 or any committee member.

Pippi's Ponderings



Day 858 of the heatwave. Camels now outnumber hedgehogs in Britain.

Tumble dryers have become extinct. The nation's bedding has never been cleaner.

Mavis has given up knitting winter jumpers and has taught herself 3D printing. She is now producing more fans than Dyson.

Mavis's husband has started to bore for water at his allotment, the rumours of a hosepipe ban are rife and he's concerned about his courgettes.

Nobody can bear to put their oven on so the nation's blood type is now 99% iceberg lettuce.

The national minimum wage has now risen to 5 choc ices per hour. Nobody is sure what woodwork our new Prime Minister has crept out of but he's assured us he's going to fix everything. The world is still completely bonkers but at least all our washing is now up to date.

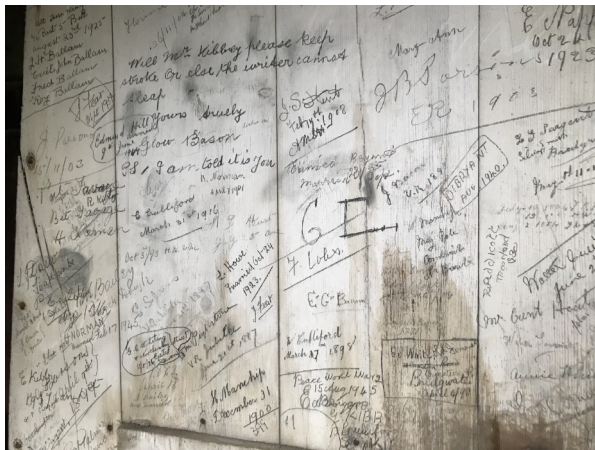
Be Part of Living History: Discover the Bells at St. Peter's Church

Since 1870, the bells of St. Peter's, Combwich have been at the heart of our village celebrations. For generations, the names of Combwich bell ringers have been inscribed within the bell tower to mark historic events and special occasions.

On June 21st 1887 the bells rang for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. Messers G. Kibby, P. Clifford, C. Cross, and H. Norman rang the bells for the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on May 12th 1937. One hundred and fifty years of marriages, anniversaries, and the historic Somerset win over Middlesex in the 1909 County Championships have been celebrated by ringing the bells. In the Edwardian era church bells were often used to warn village communities of a local emergency.



We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to follow in their footsteps and keep this 156-year-old tradition alive and ring for modern milestones, festivals and community events.



Why Join Us?

Unlike traditional, heavy church bells that require months of complicated instruction and training, St. Peter's features a unique set of 5 pentatonic scale John Taylor & Co. bells. They are easy to learn and you can master the basics in your very first session. With the 5 bells, we can easily play a variety of familiar melodies and traditional methods, and this makes bell ringing at St. Peter's especially fun. With enough volunteers, we can run a flexible rota so you only ring when it suits you—there is no need to commit to every single service. No experience of bell ringing is needed and you don't need to read music. We do it all by numbers.

Come and Have a Go!

Whether you want to learn a fun new skill, connect with village life, be part of the cultural heritage or just enjoy a get-together, we would love to welcome you to the team.

- **Where:** St. Peter's Bell Tower, Combwich
- **When:** 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 10.45am - 11.15 am
- **Cost:** Completely free!

We also have occasional practice evenings the Friday before a service at 7.00 pm. where we take the opportunity to play 'Happy Birthday' and play a few tunes.

Pop along to the church before a Sunday service for a friendly chat or contact us on combwichbells@outlook.com

Let's keep the bells of Combwich ringing for another century.



Combwich Short Mat Bowls club

WELCOMES
new members

Are you free on Monday
and/or
Thursday afternoon from
2.30pm - 3.30 pm?
Why not come along and give
it a go, what do you have to
lose?
Venue: Otterhampton Village
Hall

**Give Don a ring to arrange your trial
lesson.**

07717 860686

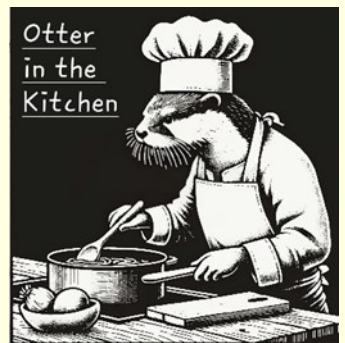


Rich Chocolate Cake *John Bradley*

As a small break from vegetable based dishes and by popular request (from those that have already sampled it!), this edition's recipe is a rich chocolate cake and can be eaten with the fudge topping included in this recipe or used as a sponge base for a decorated cake such as a Black Forest Gateau.

The method for this cake involves boiling the wet ingredients and can soon boil over if not monitored closely. This is also not a recipe for anyone being calorie conscious as you will see from the recipe! You will need a 28cm springform tin greased and lined with parchment.

Tip. Use a whole piece of parchment to line the tin as the finished batter is quite runny and any gaps in your tin will be discovered if you line base and sides separately.



The ingredients;

500ml water
660gm Caster sugar
250gm butter – chopped into cubes
35gm Cocoa powder
1tspn Bicarb of soda
450gm Self Raising flour
4 Eggs – beaten

Fudge Frosting
90gm butter
80ml water
110gm Caster sugar
240gm Icing sugar
35gm Cocoa Powder

Method

Preheat your oven to 175 Deg C.

Combine water, sugar, butter, sifted cocoa & bicarb together in a large saucepan. Heat gently until sugar has dissolved and then bring up to a gentle boil. Reduce to a simmer for 5 minutes.

Transfer to a large bowl and cool to room temperature. Sift in the flour and whisk in to the batter followed by the beaten eggs until the batter is smooth and thick.

Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 50 minutes. Once firm to touch, remove from the oven and cool in the tin before removing to a cooling wire. The sponge will be quite heavy and dense, but super moist, so do not feel it is undercooked, unless sloppy on testing.

For the frosting, combine butter, water and sugar in a saucepan and heat until the sugar has dissolved. Sift in the icing sugar and cocoa and mix until smooth. Refrigerate until thickened and spread over the cooled chocolate cake.

The Circus comes to Combwich

As part of their 2026 European Tour Mano Amano paid a visit to Combwich.

Ana and Martin from Mar del Plata in Argentina are an internationally acclaimed circus duo playing festivals and delighting audiences around the world.



Mano Amano were supported by FUSE Somerset Outdoor Arts based in Bridgwater who provided a circus skills bunting area where youngsters and those young at heart tried their skills at juggling, plate spinning, the diabolo and hoola hooping. Lucy the stilts walker was a great hit as she greeted everyone as they came onto the small common.





The event was organised by Otterhampton Parish Council under its 'Growing Together' initiative in partnership with Somerset 'Take Art' rural touring programme.

It was also supported by a range of village organisations including Otterhampton Parish Recreation Association, Harbour View Bar, Garden Club, Otterhampton Village Hall and volunteers who helped on the day.



After visiting Combwich, Martin, Ana and their son Lin went on to play Shepton Mallet and Minehead before heading back to Europe to perform in a range of festivals.



The feedback from day: *"My little girl can't stop talking about it"*
"Phenomenal to have this happening in Combwich"
"I've met people I've never met before"
"Absolutely Fantastic"



What we've been up to!

In May Andy Rowden gave a talk on will writing and simple powers of attorney. He talked about the process of making a will and how, without one, the government decides who should benefit. Andy also explained the two types of Power of Attorney, these being Property and Finance, and Health and Welfare. A very interesting and enlightening talk that gave us plenty to think about.

At the end of May the lunch club visited The Chapel at Cotford St Luke.

June's meeting was organised by the members. In recognition of the ongoing work, they do, posies were presented to committee members. This was followed by a getting to know you session where members chatted about their lives and jobs, a great opportunity for some of our new members to find out about other members.

The Merry Monk at West Monkton was the venue for the July lunch club. We were made very welcome by the staff and enjoyed a lovely meal in the air-conditioned conservatory.



Combwich and District WI

Dates for your diaries

No meeting in August

17th September – 75th Celebrations – previous members are welcome to celebrate with us from 6 – 9pm

15th October – Alys Laver WWT – Competition – picture of your favourite bird

19th November – Becky Wright of Dryad Gin – Competition – old or new tot/shot glass

Why not come along to one of our evenings and see what happens. We welcome visitors and new members to join us at our meetings, which are held on the third Thursday of each month in Otterhampton Village Hall, doors open at 7.00 ready for 7.30 start.

For more information contact Connie on 01278 653307



WWT Steart Marshes & Bridgwater Bay NNR



Summer has arrived and our calendar is full of exciting events...

We've had a busy couple of months at Steart with the beginning of a special **Summer of Saltmarsh** events, made possible through our **Connecting Coastal Communities** project. This project is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and creates an opportunity for us to host a variety of creative and thought-provoking workshop and events.



Dragonfly Day was on Sunday 7th June, where we celebrated the reserve as a Dragonfly Hotspot, with walks and talks, wildlife stalls and an array of art workshops around the reserve. We even hosted a rap workshop with Nature Voices rap artist Martin Shiells! You can find our fantastic (and informative!) **saltmarsh rap** on our socials! Thanks to **Combwich Crafters** too for the great nature display we had in Mendip Hide.



We then celebrated **Saltmarsh Day** on the 11th June, with a thank you event for our volunteer team – featuring a saltmarsh walk and samphire scones foraged from Steart and created by Sarah Scone Mad!

Local artist Jackie Curtis hosted an excellent **monoprint workshop** on the 20th June, using the saltmarsh views, plants, and wildlife to inspire some beautiful artwork. She will be running a second workshop on **Tues September 15th** for those of you who missed out, we fully recommend joining!



And there's still plenty to come! Throughout the summer holidays artists will be running workshops - another great opportunity to get creative with the family. All events can be found and booked on our website **Events page** www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/steart-marshes/whats-on/events - don't miss out on this unique summer at Steart...

Friday 19th July – David Lindo 'The Urban Birder' 20th Anniversary birdwatching walk

Sunday 26th July – Clay saltmarsh bubbles workshop (drop-in)

Sunday 2nd August – Tower Hide walk to celebrate 10 years of the coast path in Somerset

Saturday 8th August – Sketching the marsh: A creative nature walk

Tuesday 18th August – Saltmarsh panorama drawing workshop

Tuesday 8th September – Gather & make: seasonal paper-cut workshop

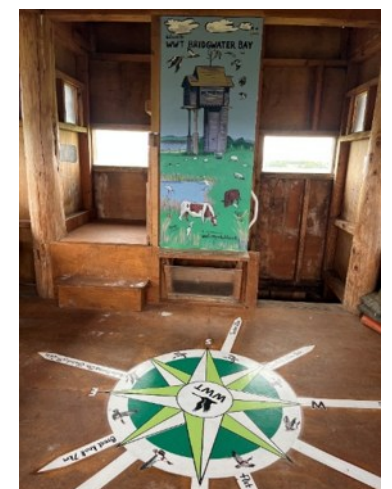
Tuesday 15th September – Drawn-style monoprint workshop

Sundays 20th and 27th September – The Three Waters audio event

Sunday 4th October – Deep time walk at Steart Marshes

In other news, our **Tower Hide** has had a revamp with some brilliant new artwork by local artist Alison Jacobs. The hide now features a compass indicating distances to nearby landmarks, and a mural of the inspiring landscape seen from this spot.

We still have a few places on our introduction to saltmarsh courses – email nicole.turnbull@wwt.org.uk for details.

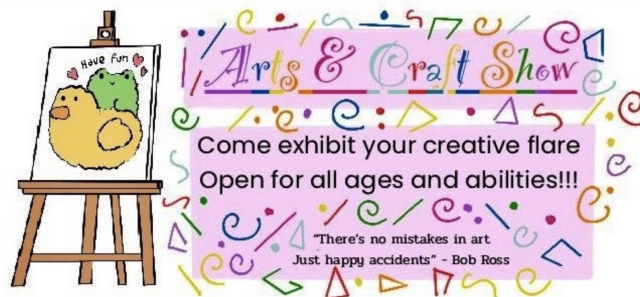


See our latest updates [@WWTSteartMarshes](https://www.facebook.com/WWTSteartMarshes) on Facebook and Instagram, or our website www.wwt.org.uk/steart

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Email: barry.leathwood@btinternet.com

www.otterhamptonparishcouncil.gov.uk



The Arts and Crafts Show

The arts and crafts show is for all forms of art and craft.

Exhibition Guidelines

Please bring your exhibits to Otterhampton Village Hall, on Friday 4th September 2026, between 5.00 pm and 9.00 pm.

Exhibitors may display up to five pieces of artwork or craft. Artwork may be either framed, mounted or unmounted. Unmounted pieces can be displayed on the exhibition boards provided.

Please label each exhibit with: Your name and Title. Any items offered for sale should be clearly marked.

You can include a brief statement about your work explaining the story behind it. You should consider displaying pieces that complement one another to create an attractive presentation.

A 10% commission on the sale price of all works sold will be payable to the Flower Arts and Crafts Show.

We look forward to seeing your creativity on display and wish you every success in the exhibition.

Pavement Parking



If you have to park on pavements please ensure you leave plenty of space for a double buggy, wheelchair, or mobility scooter to pass safely on the pavement.

And

Please do not obstruct lowered kerbs as these are often the only access to and from the pavements for wheelchair users etc.

Thank You

Email: barry.leathwood@btinternet.com

Pet Service

St Peter's Church

Sunday 6th September

11.15am



Bring your pets,
large and small,
feathered and furry,
to celebrate your special friends.



Refreshments

www.otterhamptonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Please come and join us
for



St Peter's Church

Saturday 8th August 26

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Everyone is welcome.

No longer working full-time, or raising a family?
Wanting to make more of life locally?

Join us

for:

Country Walking

10-Pin Bowling

Table Tennis

Creative Writing

Garden Visits

Bridge

Scrabble

Current Affairs Discussion

Free monthly coffee morning

and much more....

**We welcome
new members**

See www.bwu3a.org
[Facebook.com/bridgwateru3a](https://www.facebook.com/bridgwateru3a)
or contactus@bwu3a.org

u3a
learn, laugh, live

BRIDGWATER



Otter Wheels

Your volunteer car scheme is here for you.

Is lack of transport a problem? Want to visit a friend or family, or go to the dentist, doctor, hospital, then maybe we can help.

Ring Otter Wheels on 07925154216— to book a trip, but please give as much notice as you can before you need to travel. You will need to register (if you have not already done so) on this number before you can book a trip

This not for profit car scheme has been running for several years with well over 1,600 trips completed. If you haven't tried us give us a go. Door to door service with friendly experienced drivers, all DBS checked and happy to help. Typical return journey prices are: -

	With bus pass	Without bus pass
Cannington Health Centre	£1.75	£3.50
Bridgwater Bus Station	£4.45	£8.90
Musgrove Hospital Taunton	£12.70	£22.70
Blackbrook Business Park	£9.55	£19.50

Including booking fee

Please note, when you renew your bus pass you must let us have your new number.

This is our 10th Anniversary Year

Feedback

Email, comment, feedback, and suggestions to the editor please.

Stories, articles reports, events and other items for publication in the next edition of Otter Tales need to be received by Thursday 24th September 2026

Email The Editor:
barry.leathwood@btinternet.com

Church Bellringers

Contact bellringers for Birthday Bells, or if you would like a go at bell ringing.

combwichbells@outlook.com

Defibrillators can save your life.

The 2 Combwich defibrillators are positioned in the telephone box and on the corner of the Anchor in Ship Lane

The Steart defibrillator is positioned at Ferrices Farm.

Dial 999 to call for an ambulance then follow the simple instructions. **NO TRAINING NEEDED**



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Mobile Library: Dates and Times.

Thursday 6th August, 3rd September, 1st October

Combwich Harbour TA5 2QU 10.15 – 10.50

Combwich Shop TA5 2QW 10.55 – 11.20

Stockland Bristol Club TA5 2PY 11.30– 11.55

For more information about this service contact Somerset Direct 0300 123224 or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries

To keep up to date with all that is happening in the parish check the various village noticeboards, log onto www.otterhamptonparishcouncil.gov.uk or visit the

“All Things Combwich” Facebook page.

For information about the village hall go to www.otterhamptonvillagehall.co.uk

For local history visit Combwich, Steart and Otterhampton Memories Facebook Group



To access the parish council website scan the QR code.



Your favourite Jam, Marmalade and chutney and also plants are still available.

Proceeds from the market will be donated to charity.

Ring Liz on 01278 652687



Otterhampton Parish Recreation Association operates a parish emailing service providing information about local events and other information about the local area.

If you wish to be included, email barry.leathwood@btinternet.com