



Welcome to Combwich

Otter Tales

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL OUR READERS

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Do you remember these old buildings? These are just two images from our recent history which exist in the memories of some local people. There are many more of this period and much earlier, all of which helped to shape our community.

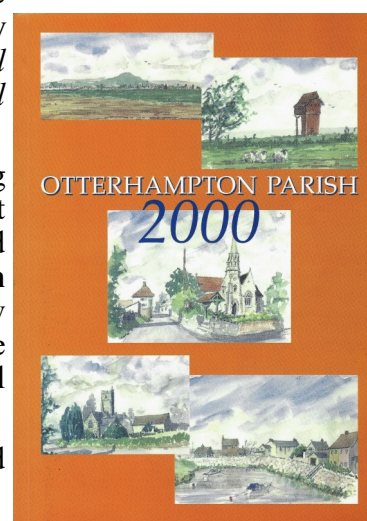


The history of the parish was set out in the excellent book "Otterhampton Parish 2000" by local resident Bill Johnson. *(Copies are still available at a cost of £5 from the parish council clerk).*

New stories and old photographs are emerging and in an attempt to make sure they are not lost forever we are asking everyone to bring old photographs and documents to the **Combwich Village Market, on Saturday 9th February between 10am and 12 noon** where they can be scanned (copied) and used as part of a local history project.

There will also be a display of some of the old photographs we already have.

If you want to get involved in this project or discuss any aspect of please contact the editor *(contact details on the back page).*



Otterhampton Offcuts

Snippets from the December 2018 & January 2019 Parish Council Meetings

New Year Greetings

We hope you all had a good Christmas and we wish you sincere best wishes, health and happiness for the New Year.

Community Plan Open Day 8.12.18

We thank those of you who attended the Community Plan Open Day which was held in parallel with the Village Hall refurbishment consultation and the village market. Your suggestions and comments will be incorporated into the Plan to produce a final draft. Not surprisingly, highways (including parking) public transport and also lighting at the bus shelter featured strongly. We are currently making some enquiries for lighting options at the bus shelter, and in time, will follow up the other items to consider if feasible and/or whether we are able to deliver any of them. We hope to finalise the revised plan and print it to issue in the Spring.

Affordable Housing Survey

The affordable housing team from Sedgemoor District Council will be at the next parish council meeting on 7 February to talk to us about conducting a new affordable housing survey. If appropriate the survey will determine the need (or not) for numbers of affordable housing units in the parish.

Annual Precept for 2019/20

The Precept is the amount of money we require to discharge our duties within the remit and powers as a parish council. Councillors reviewed the expenditure on a line by line basis and decided that the precept would need to be increased from £23000 to £26000 to meet ongoing obligations and new items. Within this figure, we have set aside funds for tree maintenance works, new tree planting as recommended by the tree strategy and open spaces steering group, and Otter Tales printing costs. We also set aside approximately £3200 each year to accumulate funds; i.e. Reserves, for Election Costs (if required) Buoy Maintenance, Play and Recreation Area (maintenance and future replacement), Computing Equipment, Combwich Track Maintenance and 25% of the total precept (as recommended by the Somerset Association of Local Councils), for emergencies. The additional £3000 will increase the average amount paid by a Band D tax payer from £74.20 to £84.42 (£10.22) per annum.

A detailed financial statement of our costs and projections is available for inspection at any time. Please contact the Clerk if you would like a copy or wish to discuss any element of the finances.

Contact details for the parish council

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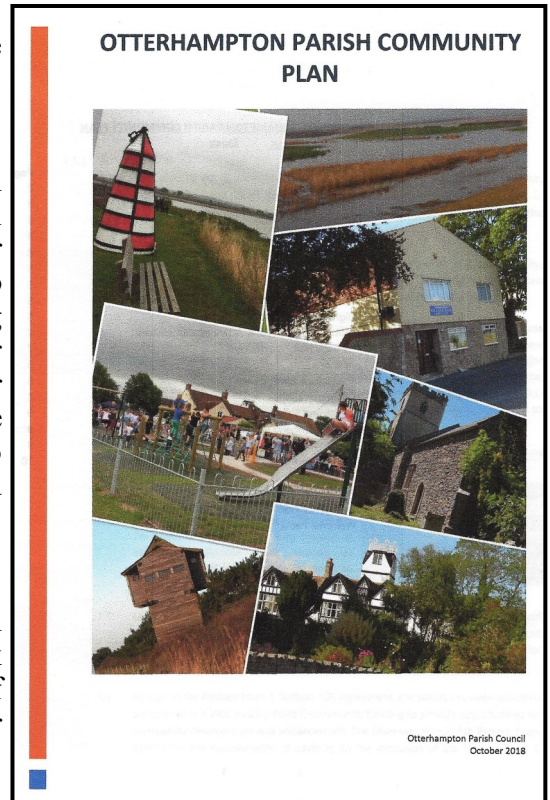
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Combwich Wharf

At the Transport Forum on 1 November, EDF advised that the original plan was to redevelop the wharf as the existing layout does not meet the needs of the HPC project. The decision has now been taken to completely demolish the existing structure and replace it. The project has now reached its detailed design phase which will be reviewed in January 2019. Site enabling works will also commence in January 2019.

The wharf needs to be functional to receive its first load in January 2020. The barges will be 30metres wide and 90 metres long with a load capacity of 4,000 tonnes. Under the current schedule, work on site will be finished entirely in the second or third quarter of 2020. The access road to



the C182 will be widened in order to allow it to receive abnormal loads. This will involve the construction of a layby that will handle abnormal loads waiting for an appropriate time to use the highway. This work is scheduled commence in March or April of 2019. Once construction starts in spring 2019 there will be drop-in sessions in Comwich to keep interested parties updated.



Somerset's Brilliant Coast Project

At our January meeting we received a presentation by the Somerset Wildlife Trust which has obtained central Hinkley Community Impact Mitigation Funding to develop and deliver community engagement, education and volunteering initiatives across the Somerset coast that celebrates the coastal wildlife and landscapes. Its aims are to support local communities and volunteers to help look after and value it. One of the elements of this project "Parish Shores" is a participatory approach to engage the community through local parish councils. We will discuss this initiative at the February parish council meeting but in the meantime if you would like to find out more, please visit the Somerset Wildlife Trust's website: https://www.somersetwildlife.org/Somerset_Brilliant_Coast.html

Next Meeting

We would love to see more residents at parish council meetings. You will be given a warm welcome and the opportunity to participate and give your views on the various topics discussed. In addition, tea, coffee and biscuits are available from just before 7pm.



The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 7 February 2019, **6.45pm** (to include the Housing Needs Survey item) at Otterhampton Village Hall.

Contact for Clerk (Aly Prowse) otterhamptonpcclerk@gmail.com or Tel 01278 652426

News From the Transport Forum

1. Junction 23 is open and South Plaza at HPC is operational and HGV drivers shouldn't be having rest breaks in local laybys.
2. Quantock Road roundabout works are on hold due to a design problem.
3. Minibuses rather than larger vehicles are being used in Nether Stowey now that they are not required elsewhere.
4. Sedgemoor Campus Bath Road opened early December
5. The biggest crane in the world is coming in in hundreds of containers. This will be within the daily caps for vehicle movements. Vehicle movement caps will reduce from Sept 2019 or when the jetty opens if earlier.
6. The jetty has been or will shortly be handed over for the fitting of conveyor belt systems. It should be operational by Spring 2019 and is on schedule. 80% of aggregate will then come by sea. Other materials and loads will continue to come by road.
7. 3370 people on HPC site now. 126 parking spaces, the use of which is tightly controlled. Most go by bus.



Otterhampton Parish Recreation Association (OPRA)

Registered Charity Number 1124017

Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner

The Annual Christmas Dinner was enjoyed once again by the over 65's in the village hall in December, thanks to the team of OPRA committee



OPRA Officers and Committee Chair

Tina Gardener 652642

Secretary

Ann Leathwood 652399

Treasurer

Sue Francis 653663

Vice Chair

Barry Leathwood 652399

Committee

Mary Cornish 653868

Beverly Smith 652595

Di Davie 652141

Felicity Ashworth 653633

Jacqui Sparks 652069

Melvin Fooks 651323

100 Club Organisers

Ann Leathwood 652399

Sue Francis 653663

The 100 Club draw takes place every month at the Coffee Morning Otterhampton Village Hall and the winning numbers are displayed in the Post Office and the parish website www.combwich.org.uk shortly afterwards.

If you want to join the 100 Club or become involved in OPRA activities please contact Ann on 652399 or any committee member.

members, and volunteers including Robert from the post office who was chief wine waiter and supplied the wine at a discount, Matt from the Anchor who sourced and cooked the turkey and roast potatoes to perfection. Thanks to Ray and Chris in the kitchen and our young helpers Will and Alex Mockeridge. Everything else was prepared and cooked by committee members. Master of Ceremonies was once again Mike Gardener who kept us all entertained with a quiz and sing-a-long. All in all a brilliant evening - and free to everyone.

If you missed out this year and want to be invited next December (the first Sunday of the month) and are over 65 years old and live in the Otterhampton Parish, get in touch with Ann, OPRA secretary, or one of the committee members. If you were invited this year you will remain on the list and don't need to apply again.

OPRA 100 Club Christmas Draw

(Drawn at the Christmas dinner)

First Prize Linda Ingram £120.00

Second Prize Pauline Hurley £73.00

Third Prize Lindsey & Amy Clark £50.00

More reason to join the 100 Club and support your Community. Details and application form are on the



Do you have webmaster skills? If so, would you be prepared to provide occasional technical assistance on a purely voluntary basis to the combwich.org.uk local website. If so please contact Barry at barry.leathwood@btinternet.com, or ring 652399.

Jumping for Dementia



In July 2018 I lost my Grandad after an 18 month battle with Dementia, he had been in and out of hospital, as well as in a nursing home. All of his carers went above and beyond to make sure he was looked after, as well as supporting his family. Dementia is a horrible disease that changes who people are into someone they aren't, stripping them of their dignity and choice.

I decided to do a sponsored tandem parachute jump from 10,000ft at Redlands Airfield, Swindon to raise money to enable Dementia UK to continue spreading awareness; to

carry on supporting people who are suffering from this horrible disease, as well as their loved ones.

After two cancellations due to bad weather I finally completed my jump on 27th October. It was the most amazing experience. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me. My original target was to raise £500, I have now raised £920 and it would be great to make it to £1,000. So if you would like to donate you can visit <https://www.gofundme.com/david039s-10000-feet-charity-skydive>

Thank you once again
David Gardener

Did you know?

Stert Island was only formed in about 1798 when it broke away from the Steart Peninsular and is a haven for birds, including spotted redshank and whimbrel, and is part of Bridgwater Bay nature reserve. The island is also part of the Otterhampton parish (since 1933) and is uninhabited, although that wasn't always the case.

It was reported in August 1887 that on Steart island there was a "House of Entertainment" brandy and foreign wines could be "run" with ease, and was exempt from the Revenue Authority. It was also described as a notorious inn in "No Mans Land" off the coast of Burnham and outside the jurisdiction of the law, where thirsty mariners disembarked from ships close by would drink their fill



The road to Steart village, which had a population of around 70 people in 16 houses, at that time was always vulnerable. A gale in January 1889 swept away the road leaving hardly a trace. Ten years later villagers were still asking for it to be repaired.

Traffic issues in Comwich

Over the last year or two there has been a considerable increase in the number of cars entering the village and quite a bit of inconsiderate parking. Concerns have been raised by residents and by school children alike. Children walking to and from school, vie with cars to make their way along Church Hill and School Lane

Parking on pavements, where they exist, forces pedestrian into the road and poses a particular danger to those with limited mobility using wheelchairs or mobility scooters and parents with pushchairs.

In the March issue of Otter Tales, in conjunction the children from Otterhampton Primary School, we will be looking seriously about what can be done. If you have concerns about these issues please get in touch with the editor or any of the parish councillors.

Otterhampton Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer Bob Birkenhead writes

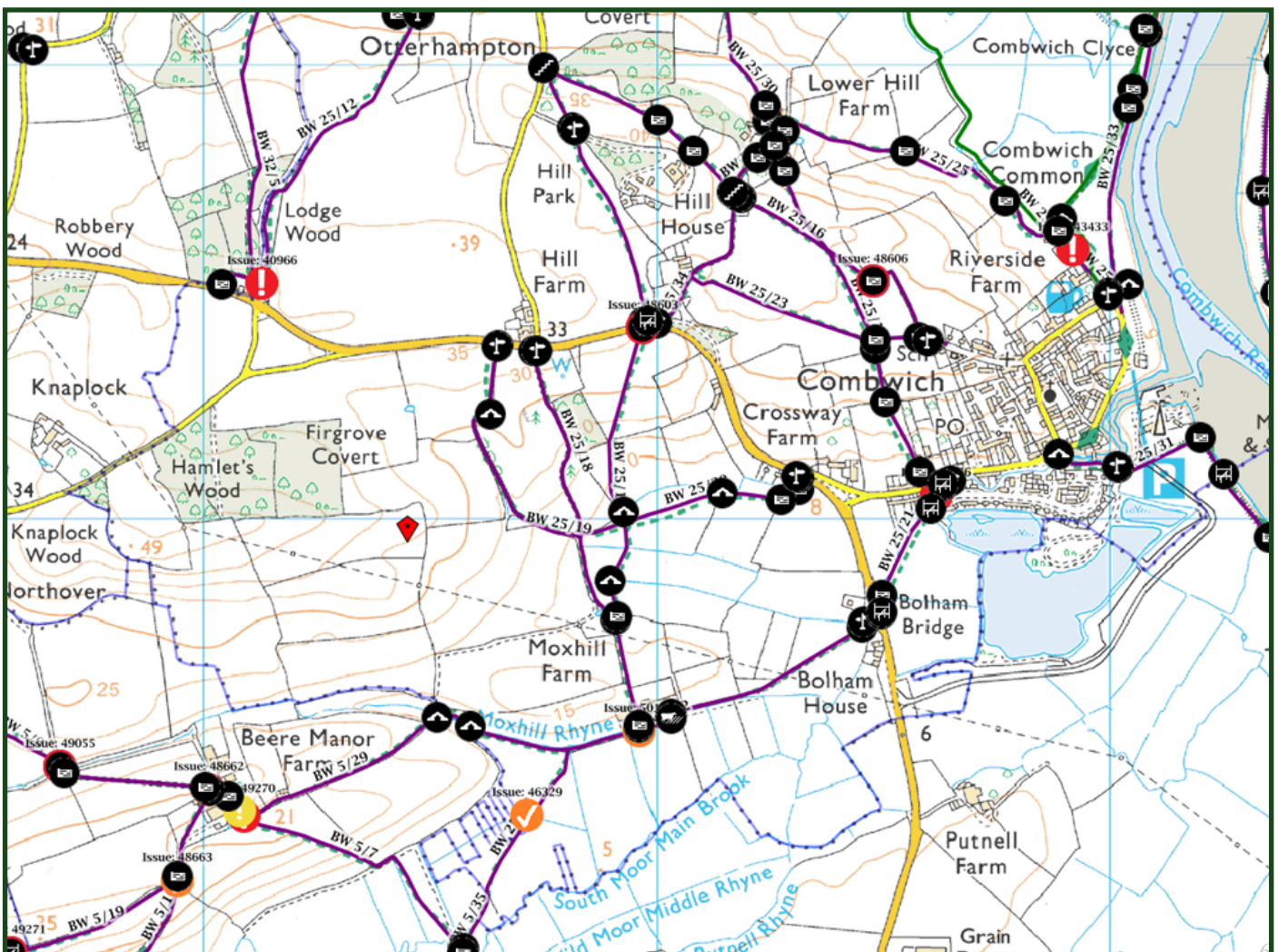
PARISH PATHS CONSULTATION

Every 12 years Somerset County Council conducts a consultation on public rights of way in the county. As footpath liaison officer for the parish I have received documents outlining the categories for use and maintenance for each footpath. These range from category 1* for routes such as the English Coast Path and The Parrett Trail to category 3 for unused or rarely used footpaths.

Below is a section of our parish showing the various footpaths in the south of the parish; this can be looked at on line via <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map> It possible to zoom in close on this map to see about 400 metres of the network on a computer screen. This then shows up detail of gates, bridges and signposts. If you spot any defects or deficiencies in any of the footpaths then it is possible for you to report these defects on the website. Some recent improvements to gates and signposts have been made as a result of reporting.

Most of the routes are category 2 which are for occasional use by the local community and not promoted locally. Category 1 paths for frequent use are currently 25/14 from Brookside to Lower Hill Farm and 25/29 from Juvenis to Otterhampton. I shall be reviewing these categories and grading them according to the use that they get. If you have any views on the state of the local footpaths and their frequency of use. Please contact me on birkenhead.bob@gmail.com or 07821 884189.

The map below shows an example of what can be found on the website. The dotted blue line is the parish boundary. You can also get an aerial picture of the parish as it was in 1946.



Otterhampton Primary School.

Head Teacher, Claire Luce

Otterhampton Primary School -- Highlights from Autumn 2

What a busy half term it has been! Here are a few of the highlights!

- Brook Class receive a visit from staff at Rodway Farm
- Bay Class visit the Haynes Motor museum
- Specialist gymnastics coaching from Mel Bax at Haygrove
- Parents' evenings
- Sportshall athletics event at Robert Blake
- OPS Christmas Fayre
- Violin/recorder lessons
- STEM festival at the Cannington Centre
- Christmas Movie night
- Visit to the Church
- Trip to the Brewhouse to watch 'The Wizard of Oz'
- Nativities/Concerts
- Save the Children Christmas jumper day



- Christmas stay and play for parents
- Carymoor recycling morning
- Hobgoblin Theatre (A Christmas Carol)
- Christmas disco
- Christmas lunch
- The children continue to work hard both inside and outside of the classroom.

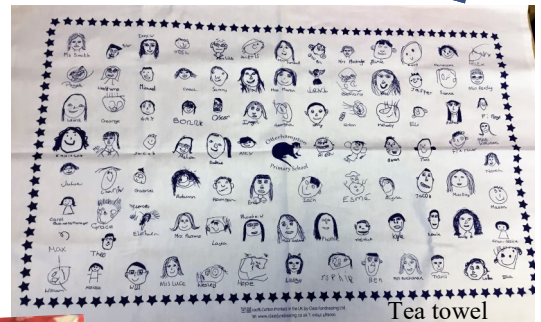


I would like to thank staff, parents and members of the Community for their continued support.

Date for the diary:

Every Thursday 9.15 Toddler group at Otterhampton Primary School

We still have tea towels available (photo attached). £4 each. Available from the School Office.





Somerset Wildlife Trust

www.somersetwildlife.org

Your Somerset Wildlife Trust contact is
Mark Ward, please contact him by:
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Telephone: 01823 652415

SOMERSET'S BRILLIANT COAST PROJECT SUMMARY

Project length: 3 years (Aug 2018 to Aug 2021)

Main funding: Hinkley Community Impact Mitigation Fund

Additional funding: Somerset Wildlife Trust and National Trust

AIM: To develop and deliver novel and exciting community engagement, education and volunteering initiatives across the Somerset coast that celebrate our fabulous coastal wildlife and landscapes, encourage exploration and support local communities and volunteers to help look after and value it. These initiatives will not only benefit the local environment but will also benefit people's health and wellbeing through nature connection and active participation.

THREE STRANDS

Curious Coast: A programme of events to inspire local people to learn about Somerset's Brilliant Coast and become involved in its conservation.

Parish Shores: A staged, participatory approach to engaging the community through Parish Councils enabling them to guide Somerset Wildlife Trust in the best way to engender a sense of local ownership and a solid legacy for coastal appreciation and protection.

Wild Beach: Work with local schools and youth groups to develop and deliver outdoor learning opportunities, which use the coast to give children a connection with nature and provide them with valuable personal experiences.

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FIND OUT MORE ON OUR WEBSITE:

https://www.somersetwildlife.org/Somersets_Brilliant_Coast.html

Protecting the species you love
in the county where you live



Combwich Boat Club Gig Section

The success of the Combwich Boat Club Gig Section continues to grow, with a new boat on order, the club's first medal and two members taking part in an international event.

Thanks to support from the parish council and a further grant from the Hinkley Point Community Fund, the club has been able to place an order for a brand new traditional wooden gig which is being built in Cornwall. It should be delivered in time for the 2019 regatta season.

As spring approaches the club will be running taster sessions for potential rowers to have a go. Contact club secretary Trevor Reason on 07918703422.

The club took part in its first official regatta late last year entering ladies' and men's super vet teams in the Swanage event. All acquitted themselves well and Mike Iles joined a Barbarian crew which won to give Combwich its first medal. He had only been rowing for six weeks.

Two more members, Basil Stow and Verity Jones, represented the club in a regatta in Bermuda - spreading the name of Combwich far and wide.



Tunnel boring machines mounted on a barge arriving at Combwich Wharf on Friday 23rd November as part of their journey to HPC. The barge, supported by two tug boats, was manoeuvred to the entrance of the wharf and waited until the tidal conditions, were just right before gently and expertly pushing it in to the wharf.

OTTERHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

News from the Otterhampton Village Hall Committee

Many thanks to everyone who attended the December Christmas market where we also displayed the plans for the refurbished hall and asked for comments. About 50 people viewed the plans and made comments – which were overwhelmingly positive.

Agreement for the external work on the building has been granted by Sedgemoor District Council so we can go ahead with the plans to install new double glazing throughout, velux windows in the bowls room and solar heating. The only objection was to the colour of the proposed cladding which we're now reconsidering. We should soon be in a position to finalise the internal design, seek tenders for the proposed work and submit our bids to the Hinkley Point C Community Fund and other grant organisations. Thankfully we have been offered some additional funding to receive support from a local organisation who can assist us with formulating a business plan and applying for funding. If you have any queries about the refurbishment please don't hesitate to contact the Village Hall Committee; write to us at the hall, email me on bartonbs@btinternet.com or phone me on 01278 653531.

Due to the success in 2018, the Village Hall Committee has agreed to run the 2019 Combwich Fun Day. This will be held on the Common on Saturday 6th July so make sure you keep the date free! If you have any ideas for attractions or would like to be involved in running the Fun Day please contact me (details above). *We need all the help we can get!*



Future



Harbour View Social Club

The Club is open Fridays and Saturdays from 7pm to midnight, Sundays between 2 and 6pm, and Monday evenings during the winter skittles season 7 till 12pm. Annual membership is only £2.50 and new members are welcome; £1 is charged for visitors so why not come along? The Club has a fully stocked bar including Real Ale (on a handpump); a darts area and skittle alley are available for social events.

The Christmas raffle was held on Saturday 22nd December and congratulations to all the winners especially Dave Simkins who won the first prize, a £100 hamper.

The New Year party was a great success with everyone dressed up to the nines eating canapes and sipping cocktails created and served by Richard Navoy. At midnight we welcomed in 2019 with a rendering of Auld Lang Syne and continued dancing till 1pm.

Dates for your diary include:

First Saturday of each month brings the monthly quiz with a cash prize for the winner and various prizes for each round. Cost is £1 per person and starts at 8.30pm. Come along and test your brainpower.

Look out for the blackboards and posters for details of the next event and come along.

How to write your name in basic Egyptian Hieroglyphs

By Paul Bradbury, Comwich 2018

Today's mobile phone texts - "c u l8tr" for example - would make perfect sense to an Egyptian from 4,000 years ago because this is very similar to how hieroglyphs worked in ancient Egypt!

Hieroglyphs stand for *sound sections* within a word, so to write a name in hieroglyphs it has to be written as it *sounds*, not as it's spelt - "Thomas" would be written as Tomas because the 'h' is not pronounced and therefore unnecessary:

t-o-m-a-s (no capitals were used).

Any single letter 'e' in a word was simply omitted because everyone knew the missing vowel was an 'e' - in the same way that the name "Ben" would become "Bn" in a text message today.

If the name is Sheila or Lee or Neil, etc. then the hieroglyph for 'y' would be used in the names, as this is the closest to the *sound* of 'ee'. If the name uses a soft 'c' as in "Celia" then the hieroglyph for 's' would be used; likewise a hard 'c' like "Colin" would be a 'k'.

The letters 'a' and 's' in the list below have a choice of two *different* signs because the artistic composition of the hieroglyphs was very important, so a name written in hieroglyphs like

looks neater when written with the upright hieroglyph for 's' and the horizontal 'a' like this:

but both are correct. Can you translate this name from the list?

a = (vulture) OR (arm with hand): b = (leg with foot): NO c so use k or s sound instead:

d = (hand with thumb): NO e (just miss it out): f = (horned snake): g = (kilt front):

h = (house from above): i = (feathered reed): j (sound of 'dj') = (swimming snake):

k (or hard c) = (basket with handle): l = (lion): m = (owl): n = (water):

o = (lasso): p = (mat): q = (hill slope): r = (lips):

s (or soft c) = (chair back) OR (door bolt): sh (sound) = (lake): t = (small loaf):

u or w (sound of 'oo') = (quail chick): NO v, so use w instead: NO x, so use k+s instead:

y (sound of 'ee') = (two feathered reeds): NO z, so use s instead.

The above text is a very basic way of writing names: Tutankhamen's name (simplified) could be written

thus: 't-oo-t-ankh-i-mn'. The looped cross was pronounced 'ankh' and the final symbol 'men' (adding the missing 'e' as mentioned above).



Wildlife



During the snipe count that took place this month a Lesser Yellowlegs was spotted out on Stockland Marsh. Lesser Yellowlegs is an American wader species that migrates from North America to South America and would have been caught up in a storm that took it across the Atlantic to the UK, where you would expect to see one in Somerset every Autumn/Winter. **Written by Sam Wall (WWT Reserve Warden)**

Lesser Yellow legs - Sam Wall

Management

We have been doing some additional cleaning out of the waterbodies within the wetland walkway. This allows anyone visiting the site to feel connected to the freshwater wetland habitat whilst providing important open areas for birds. It also means that come the spring the water plants that are easily outcompeted have a chance to take root which in turn improves the diversity for all wildlife using the reserve. **Written by Alys Laver (WWT Site Manager)**



*Photos by
Alys Laver WWT*



Engagement

In December we had our Christmas outing to thank our dedicated team of volunteers for all their time and hard work. We had a very interesting walk around Gotherney farm led by farmer Fred Price. He explained his work to return to a more natural method of farming, reducing chemical input and increasing the variety of plants grown to help improve the soil. A highlight of the visit was meeting the beautiful Tamworth piglets!

After warming up by the wood burner, we enjoyed an amazing buffet of delicious local produce. Jackie Harris from Slimbridge gave a fascinating talk about Sir Peter Scott, founder of WWT and all-round incredible man. Did you know that he was not only son of the fated Antarctic explorer, but also Olympic medal winner, war hero, artist, and most incredibly, named after Peter Pan ... yes, it's true! **Written by Nicole Turnbull Wigley (WWT Engagement Officer)**

WWT Steart Marshes continued

Photos by Brian Winter WWT Volunteer



Please come and talk to me if you have any questions or comments about Steart Marshes. I can be contacted on 01278 651090 / 07717 342061 or email at nicole.wigley@wwt.org.uk

Any further queries please don't hesitate to contact the Site Manager, Alys Laver on 01278 651090 / 07717 505966 or email on alys.laver@wwt.org.uk

Harbour-View Players Proudly Present Their 5th Annual

PANTOMIME

Aladdin

and His Wonderful Lamp

Thursday 17th to Saturday 19th January
7.30pm - Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm

Tickets on Sale
Combwich Post Office

COMBWICH VILLAGE HALL TA5 2QZ



Combwich Coffee Club

The reception and year 1 class of the Otterhampton Primary School came to the Coffee morning on Friday and delighted everyone with their Christmas songs and carols. They were an absolute delight to watch and listen to and a great credit to their teachers.

If you haven't tried it yet, the Coffee Club meets in the village hall every Friday morning between 10am and 12 noon for tea or coffee and biscuits, all for £1 no matter how many cups of tea you drink or biscuits you scoff. It's a chance to wind down and chat with your neighbours and friends so please come and join us.

Advance Notice!

Family Fun Day

COMBWICH



Save the Date!!!
Saturday 6th July 2019

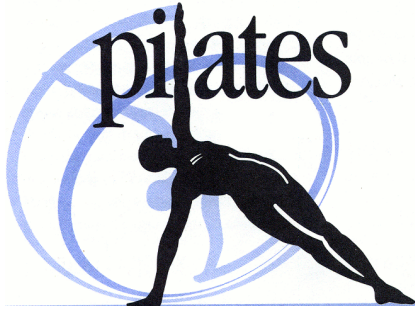
2:00 p.m.

Fun for ALL the family:
BBQ, Skittles, Bowls, Bar , stalls,
prizes and more!!!

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& STORES**

- Groceries
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Otterhampton Village Hall will be holding Pilates classes for all ages and abilities every Tuesday evening from 6.30-7.30pm.

Pilates is a gentle paced class, mainly floor based and helps improve core

stability, muscle tone, strength, posture and balance. All of which we require our bodies to have to stay healthy, whatever our age!

Classes are taught by a qualified and experienced Instructor and cost £5 per session. You are welcome to attend and see if it suits you before you commit and then payment will be required in advance for that term. For anymore information please contact Cally on

Tel: 07555302145/651214

And email: callystephens18@icloud.com.



Cumbwitch Short Mat Bowls Club

(Established 1987)

First floor Otterhampton Village Hall Combwich.

**New members welcome
why not come and give it a try**

Mon:7.15pm for 7.30 > 9.30

Tel:Brian:01278 652747

Otter Wheels

Your local car scheme always there for You

Is lack of transport a problem?

Can't get to the dentist, doctor, hospital, shopping, visit a friend?

Ring - Otter Wheels on: 07925 154 216 - but please try to give us 48 hours notice

This not-for-profit car scheme has been running over two years now, with over 300 journeys to date. If you haven't tried us why not give us a go? Door to door service with friendly experienced drivers all, DBS checked and happy to help. **Though this is mainly a week day service, we will do our utmost to provide a driver at weekends, especially for hospital visits.**

The rates are reasonable and are per car, not per person and those with a bus pass travel half price.

Typical return journey prices are: -

	With bus pass	Without bus pass
Cannington Health Centre	£2.25	£3.50
Bridgwater Bus station	£4.50	£8.00
Musgrove Hospital Taunton	£10.25	£19.50

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

Ring Otter Wheels 07925 154 216 for more information and to book a journey

The success of the scheme means we need additional drivers. If you are interested please ring 07925 154216. Expenses are paid



MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits Combwich and Stockland every four weeks on a Thursday morning . Next visit 6th December.

(2019 timetable not yet available)

Otterhampton School TA5 2QS	10.05 - 10.40
Harbour TA5 2QU	10.55 - 11.15
Combwich Post Office TA5 2QW	11.10 - 11.30
Stockland Bristol Captains TA5 2PY	11.50 - 12.05

Visits on Thursdays - every 4 weeks

2019	2019	2019
17 Jan	9 May	29 Aug
14 Feb	6 Jun	26 Sep
14 Mar	4 Jul	24 Oct
11 Apr	1 Aug	21 Nov
		19 Dec

Please make use of this facility if you can. We have the advantage in Combwich of the school using the mobile library which helps us to retain the service.

If you have an interesting hobby, or interest which you would like to share in these pages, please contact the editor.

And if you would like to receive Otter Tales by email as well as hard copy please email
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DIARY OF EVENTS (Otterhampton Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday	Art Club Brownies Short Mat Bowls	2pm - 4pm 5.45pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm	
Tuesday	Aerobics Pilates Gentle movement to music	9.30am - 10.30am 10.45 am - 11.45am 6.30pm - 7.30pm 12.15pm - 1pm	
Tuesday (2nd of month)	Police Surgery	10am - 12 noon	
Wednesday	Combwich Crafters Short Mat Bowls	10am - 12 noon 7.30pm - 9.30pm	
Thursday (1 st of month)	Parish Council	7pm	Starts with public session
Thursday (2 nd & 4 th of month)	Choir	7pm - 8pm	
Thursday (3 rd of month)	Combwich & District WI	7.30pm	Stockland Sports & Social Club
Friday	Coffee morning	10am - 12 noon	
Saturday (2 nd of month)	Combwich Market	10am - 12 noon	

FUTURE EVENTS

Thursday 7th February	Parish Council Meeting	Note 6.45pm start	Village Hall. Public welcome - tea and biscuits provided
Thursday 7th March	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Village Hall. Public welcome - tea and biscuits provided
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