



Welcome to Combwich

Otter Tales

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General information



All is not doom and gloom, at least for the 45 over 65s residents of the parish who enjoyed the OPRA Annual Christmas Dinner in the village hall last month.

It was a chance to forget about the covid restrictions we have all been living with for almost 2 years.

Happy New Year

May 2022 bring back some semblance of normality, to meet friends and family and eat out and plan for the holidays we have all missed recently.

Otterhampton Parish Council

Otterhampton Offcuts

Snippets from your December 2021 and January 2022 Parish Council Meetings

New Parish Clerk Mel Catchpole

Hello to all residents of Otterhampton Parish, just a brief introduction of myself as your new clerk.

I live in Coultings with my partner Clive, and our dog Benny, we share 2 Daughters and 6 Grandchildren. My late parents Sylvia and Pat Langley lived in Estuary Park for over 30 years, so I know the Parish and surrounding areas very well. I am Clerk to Crowcombe Parish Council, and until recently was assistant Clerk to Nether Stowey Parish Council for the last 6 years.



On behalf of the Parish Council, we would like to thank Mrs Aly Prowse for all her hard work within the parish over the last 7 years, she will be sadly missed and we wish her well for the future.

Now to the report: -

Trees Planting in the Parish

Two trees have been planted at Crossways, an Oak tree donated by the Women's Institute (WI) along with a Cherry Tree donated by Sedgemoor District Council. Sedgemoor also supplied a Crab apple tree for Steart Church. Many thanks to Robin Prowse for planting these trees.

It has been brought to our attention that a couple of Ash trees have ash die back. Following formal confirmation of this, we will need to fell them and new trees will be planted to replace them. We will update and consult with residents as and when we have further information.

Environment Agency (EA) Ground investigation works on the common (flood banks)

Bridgwater Tidal Barrier scheme the (EA) will carry out ground investigation surveys to check the integrity of the flood banks this is opposite the Children's Play area. It is planned to carry out this work on or after 4th January 2022. If you require further information, please contact the Clerk

Combwich Wharf

Vicky Dingwall Community Relations Manager EDF and Alex Urrutia Marine Operations Delivery Lead for EDF attended the Parish Council meeting on 6th January, The Wharf is now in its final stage of construction, the pills and fenders are due to be removed. Movement of heavy loads are due to start in March, notice of which will be given in the EDF newsletters.

Highways

Dame Withycombe Hill

The County Highways department has agreed to erect safety signage at Dame Withycombe Hill. This will be "Warning pedestrians crossing" signage. A meeting will be held with the appropriate agencies to agree and determine the best location for them.

Contact details for the parish council

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We have requested the disabled parking bay by the children's play area be re-lined. Highways has advised this will be included within its work schedule request at April 2022, so if it is approved, hopefully the work will be carried out during the 2022/23 financial year.

Re-routed Public Right of Way (BW25/14 at Lower Hill Farm Otterhampton)

This was approved on the 3rd December 2021 as per map placed on the notice boards and on the Combwich.org.uk website.

Avian Flu Alert

Information has been received from the Animal Plant & Health Agency (APHA) advising of new housing measures to protect poultry and captive birds from avian influenza across the UK. It is a legal requirement from the 29th November 2021 for all bird keepers to keep their birds indoors and follow strict biosecurity measures in order to limit the spread and to eradicate the disease.

Changes to Local Government (Town and Parish Council Elections)

With the recent formation of 'New Somerset Council' it has now been agreed to bring forward the Town and Parish Council elections by one year to May 2022 to align with the Somerset County Council elections. Therefore, if you are interest in applying to become a councillor, please contact the clerk for more information.

We NEED you!!!

Welcome Packs

Just a reminder that we produce welcome packs for newcomers to the parish. These contain the 2019 Community Plan, an emergency plan and an information sheet detailing local businesses and useful numbers. It would be helpful if residents could advise us when new neighbours move in so that we can deliver a pack, or alternatively, if you have recently moved to the parish and would like one, please contact the Clerk.

Precept

Councillors unanimously agreed to retain the Precept at £26000 for 2022/23. This will be submitted to Sedgemoor District Council 21.1.22.

Bicycle Stand at Crossways

Following on from the report in November Otter Tales, this scheme will now go ahead. There will be 4 stands erected alongside the bus shelter. It is hoped the work will be carried out during February/ March. A licence has been requested from Highways to erect the stands as the land belongs to them. The stands will be provided and installed by "Take a Stand" Life Cycle UK.

Allotments

Following the article in the November Otter Tales, a resident offered the use of his rear garden for use as an allotment. Please contact the Clerk for details. However, this arrangement would need to be agreed between any person who may wish to use the garden for this purpose and the householder.

Parish Council Meetings

The next parish council meetings will be on Thursday 3 February 2022 and Thursday 3 March 2022y2022 starting at 7.00pm, in Otterhampton Village Hall.

At time of going to print, and subject to Government guidelines, we are hoping to continue with physical meetings at the Village Hall. This will be subject to safe distancing rules as issued by the village hall.



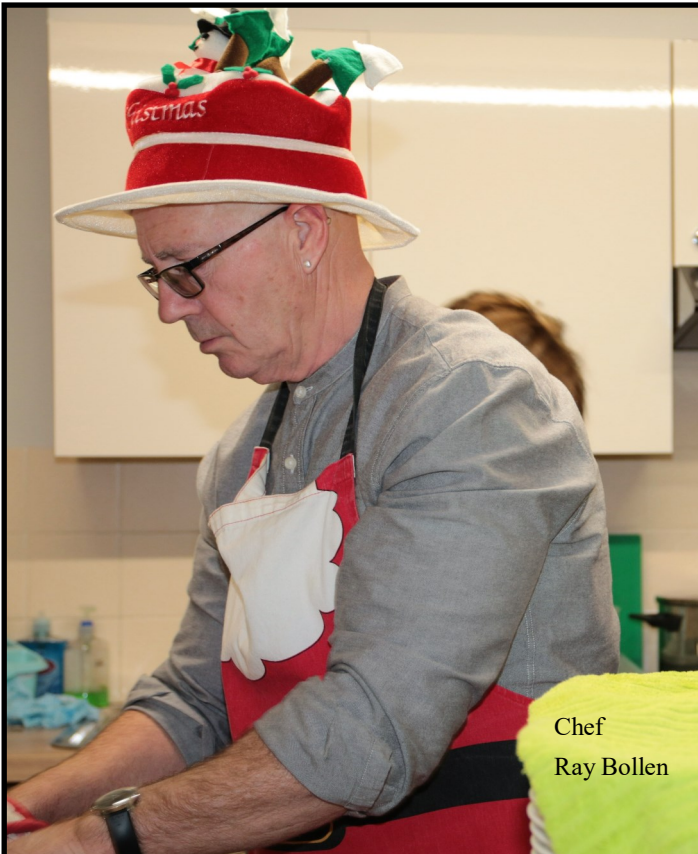


Otterhampton Parish Recreation Association (OPRA)

Registered Charity Number 1124017



Mike, Nick and Jan



Chef
Ray Bollen

Happy New Year to everyone. Let us hope that 2022 proves to be a healthier and happier new year for us all.

Our seniors Christmas dinner took place on 4th December and was enjoyed by 45 people, the numbers were much lower than previous years but it was great to be back after having to cancel our dinner in 2020. It was also nice to welcome some new faces to our dinner. Our guests of honour this year were Lynn Carter and Rev Alison Waters (accompanied by their husbands). They along with Helen Jowett (who was unable to attend) were awarded the Somerset Medal for going above and beyond during the COVID pandemic.

This dinner was the 21st put on by OPRA and to mark this amazing milestone we toasted the success with prosecco.

As always, we give special thanks; to our chef Ray Bollen and his very able assistant Chris Stockham, who have been a magnificent duo in the kitchen for a number of years, to Robert at the Post Office for his generosity to OPRA and to Matt at the Anchor, who once again cooked the turkey and vegetables for us.

Thanks also go to Mike Gardener who always organises the entertainment and this year he didn't let us down with his version of 'Blankety Blank' Everyone took part and there were some hilarious answers, not all printable! The eventual winner was Jan Howard who fought off Nick Carter in the final to win a bottle of wine. This is certainly a game we will repeat in the future, I mustn't forget to mention Amy who helped her dad with the questions.

Also, a special thank you to Alec and Will for doing the raffle and all the committee members for their hard work in organising and putting on the dinner.

We would be unable to continue with the Christmas dinner and all our other activities without our wonderful 100 Club members. We do have some numbers available if anyone would like to join or have another number. Please contact any committee member or download an application form from the OPRA page of the village website www.combwich.org.uk. It only costs £1 per week of which 55 pence is given back in prizes.

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Combwich Christmas switched on by Rev Jan Church

The 100 Club Christmas draw took place at the dinner and the 1st prize of £120 went to Roger Nicholls, the second prize of £80 went to Dave and Mandy Latham and the third prize of £51 went to Bob Birkenhead.

This year's Christmas trees were magnificent and thanks to Mike Gardener and his crew of Melvyn Fookes, Barry Leathwood, Ray Howard, Brian Hutchings and Tom Jacobs for putting up the tree in Combwich. The tree was officially switched on by Rev Jan Church. Thanks also to Robin Prowse and Simon Darch for erecting the tree in Steart.

If one of your New Years resolutions is to get fit then why not join us on our monthly walks. The next walk is planned for Sunday 16th January meeting at the Anchor car park at 9.30am. Most of us partake in Sunday lunch at the Anchor afterwards!! At least we don't feel guilty consuming all the Calories.



Steart Christmas Tree

OPRA Committee

Tina Gardener (Chair)	652642
Carol Bradbury (Secretary)	652313
Sue Francis (Treasurer)	653663
Barry Leathwood	652399
Di Davie	652141
Mary Cornish	653868
Melvyn Fooks	322459
Felicity Ashworth	653633
Paul Bradbury	652313
Connie Sanders	653307
Pete Sanders	353307



Brian Mel Mike Ray Barry Tom

The 100 Club draw usually takes place every month at the Coffee Morning in Otterhampton Village Hall, although on occasions it has been necessary for the numbers to be drawn and witnessed by an independent observer by a video link. The winning numbers are displayed in the Post Office and the parish website www.combwich.org.uk

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.



Happy 2022 from all of the trustees of the Otterhampton Village Hall Committee!

2021 was a year of change for the lots of us but also for our village hall. Phase 1 of the refurbishment saw many improvements made to our community asset to make it a more inviting and accessible building, modernising the space and offering improved facilities for parishioners and visitors to utilise and enjoy.

Phase 2 will start on 10th Jan with a view to completing the works over the course of six weeks, dependent on building supplies. Various additional improvements will be made externally, including the installation of a disabled ramp to the front entrance, installation of new windows to the Harbour View Bar and the stonework to the front elevation will be repointed.

Internally, we will be addressing feedback regarding the quality of the acoustics in the bar, main hall and skittle alley where panels will be fitted to absorb background noise. The bar will also have a feature wall installed and various other works to improve the overall finish and ambiance. Lastly, new stage lighting will be installed in the main hall.

When the works are complete, we will be ready for our exciting grand re-opening which will be well advertised around the local area, via social media and on our website at <https://www.otterhamptonvillagehall.co.uk>.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – Thank you to everyone that took part in the Christmas Raffle where £350 was raised. Many thanks to everyone that was involved in organising and selling tickets, thanks also to Linda Ingram, Hilary Mills, Barry Ingram, Steve & Bev Lang, Jan Cashin, Sue Barton, Lindsey Parsons for the donation of prizes. There was a vast array of food and drink items, hampers and other treats won just in time to enjoy over the festive season. A list of lucky winners is below:



Xmas 2021 Raffle Winners

PRIZE	TICKET NUMBER	NAME
Winter Warmer Hamper	509	Allison Parsons
Gin Box	206	Dave Smith
Chicken Dinner Hamper	62	Nicky Rowlands
Christmas Hamper 1	154	Gina Mear
Christmas Hamper 2	204	Dave Smith
Christmas Food Hamper 1	180	Elaine Howe
Christmas Food Hamper 2	534	Hedley Trout
Bottle of Vodka	94	Peter Austin
Bottle of Red Wine	378	David ?
Bottle of White Wine	160	Debbie Stimpson
Bottle of Bubbly	389	Rachel Perrot
Basket of Red Wine and Glasses	345	Warren Cornish
Local Handmade Cushion	614	Bruce Barton
Box of Celebrations	454	Hedley Trout
Box of Heroes	538	Hedley Trout
Box of Biscuits	143	Joan Langlois
Turkish Delights 1	5	Jan Cashin
Turkish Delights 2	490	Jase (Skittles)
Scarf	3	Jan Cashin
Organiser and Pen	485	Ros (Skittles)
Ladies' Dove Set	173	Richard Navoy
Wrapping Paper 1	42	David Ford
Wrapping Paper 2	255	Matt Lang
Monkey Selection Box	303	Yvonne Bulman
Mens' Nivea Set	637	Nick Carter
Christmas Cake 1	632	Lynn Carter
Christmas Cake 2	460	Linda Ingram
Box of Ferrero Rocher	286	Pete Ingram
McVities Moments Biscuits	193	Maggie Leyton
Liqueur Chocolates	469	Linda Ingram
Cheese and Biscuits Basket	282	Pete Ingram
Fruit Hamper 1	376	David ?
Fruit Hamper 2	181	Steve Lang

We look forward to updating on the grand re-opening plans and future events being held at the village hall shortly, but in the meantime, please view our website for information on all of the events/classes running over the next few months.



Otterhampton Primary School.

Summer highlights

Head Teacher, Claire Luce



Happy New Year!

OPS Carols by Candlelight

We were delighted to hold our outdoor carols and nativity event this year. The whole school (including Little Otters) were involved in the re-telling of the Christmas story. We were joined by many friends and families of OPS and it was a truly magical evening. The OPS Friends provided hot chocolates and mince pies and we raised over £90 for school funds.



Bay/River Theatre Trip

Bay and River Class took a bus trip down to the Brewhouse Theatre on Wednesday 15th December to see a performance of 'The Wind in the Willows'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.



Christmas lunch

Over 80 Christmas lunches were served on Tuesday 14th December. The biggest uptake yet! Turkey and all of the trimmings were served. Christmas crackers were kindly donated by Sharon and Dave Windsor and table coverings from Di Davey. Thank you for your kindness!

Christmas jumper day

We raised an amazing £74 for 'Save the Children' on Friday 10th December in our wear a Christmas jumper Day. Well done everyone!



Swimming

Bay Class had a brilliant term of swimming lessons at 1610 (Chilton Trinity School). They worked really hard to improve their swimming strokes and their water safety skills. They ended the term with some fun and games in the water. River Class will be attending in the Spring term.

We are all looking forward to a busy Spring term.

Mrs Luce

Carol Bradbury—Profile

“Carol, a quiet unassuming woman, has lived with husband Paul in Combrich since 2000, most of that time working as an IT project manager for FirstGroup and Atos, which meant she travelled around 40,000 miles a year throughout the UK.

In September 2021, together with Paul she attended the OPRA AGM and was promptly elected to the vacant post of secretary and Paul was also elected to the committee. Since then, she has been actively involved with helping to organise the annual fireworks display and the seniors’ Christmas dinner. No doubt we will see much more of her in the future.

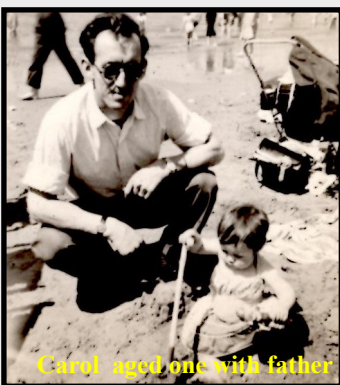


Paul and Carol

Born in Oldham, Lancashire in 1956 to an English mother and German father who owned a watch and jewellery shop, behind which the family lived. Starting her education at St Anne’s Catholic Primary School, she moved to the brand-new St Albans Comprehensive School in the year the 11-plus examination was abolished. After her ‘O’ levels she left school to work in the local branch of Barclays Bank and was paid the princely sum of £56 per month. Within 6 months the Equal Pay Act 1970 was enacted, and her pay increased to £84 per month – a massive increase. Until that point, she had no idea that men were paid so much more!

Carol had an unusual upbringing, with a German father, an English mother and an Irish grandmother she was taught to treat everyone with respect and as equals irrespective of their background or status. Her father, Hans Paul Westphal (always called Paul by friends and family) was forcibly conscripted into the German army as soon as he was 16, by which time the war was already in progress. Each regiment had a Gestapo unit attached and he soon learned to despise them when a friend was shot dead for objecting to the actions of one of their officers. As soon as possible he transferred to the Luftwaffe to escape the Gestapo presence. The outlook was quite dim for pilots and, sure enough, he was shot down over North Africa soon after joining. He managed to land by parachute after being shot through the chest and was rescued by US Army officers and given emergency medical treatment before being transferred to the US as prisoner of war. He was hospitalised for 10 months before being transferred to Camp Gruber in Oklahoma. At the end of the war he was given the choice of remaining in the USA, going back to Germany or moving to the UK. He chose the latter and moved to a prisoner of war camp in Oldham where, as a trustee, he was allowed to collect groceries for the camp from a local shop; there he met Carol’s mum, Mary Thorpe. He was released from the camp to work in Kew Gardens in September 1947 and kept in touch with Mary every day by letter. He could not claim naturalisation immediately on release, but was given permission to marry Mary in 1952. He was still required to report any changes in status to the police until the release of the Aliens Order 1960, which came into effect in January 1961.

Carol and Paul married when she was eighteen and by the age of twenty she had two sons Lee and Justin. As the children approached school age, Carol wanted to pursue a career and, as Paul hated the 9 – 5 working life, a role reversal was the



Carol aged one with father

answer and Paul (who was always more creative, says Carol) looked after the house and the children whilst Carol went to work for the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive in their accounts department, working her way up to senior accountant, qualifying as a certified Accountant in 1996. Soon after Deregulation, the bus company was acquired by FirstGroup which was headquartered in Weston-Super-Mare, providing the opportunity for a move to Somerset and work in IT which had always been her interest. Initially working to install Finance systems to defeat the ‘Y2K bug’ across the Group she then left to work briefly for an IT company before being poached back to FirstGroup as a Project Manager in charge of all Financial systems across the Group.



Carol’s father

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In 2010 Atos took over IT for FirstGroup and Carol 'TUPE'd' there then dealt with multiple organisations in the UK.

In 2020 during the Covid 19 crisis she was offered redundancy and as her mother was quite ill and needed support she decided to accept. Tragically her mother died last year followed a few weeks later by her brother.

Now with time to spare, she looks forward to spending more time in the lovely community of Comwich which has been her home for many years."

Harbour View Bar

Happy New Year to all and hoping 2022 is a good one (fingers crossed).

A Huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our fund raiser for Dementia UK, over Xmas and the New Year we raised a brilliant £176. Thank you to Geoff, Audrey, Lisa & Bev for the food.

Our opening times will be changing from now until end of March So Friday and Saturday will now be 7--11pm and Sunday will remain 2--7pm.



We also want to start up a Darts team to represent the Village, so all you ladies and Gentleman dig out those darts that have been put away and come and join us, hopefully we can get enough players to make up a team ready to start for next season. (Aug/Sept 2022) There is a league that plays on a Tuesday and a League that plays on a Friday. Thank you

Chair Steve Lang

Friday Coffee Morning

Need to get out after being cooped up for so long, why not pop along to the Friday morning coffee club in the village hall between 10am and 12 noon. You will be assured of a hearty welcome by Helen Jowett and her team of volunteers.



Tea, coffee and biscuits (and often much more) are available for just £1 donation. But more important it is a chance to meet friends and neighbours in convivial surroundings.

I look forward to seeing you.



Engagement by Nicole Turnbull

Hello and Happy New Year to you all, I hope you enjoyed a healthy and relaxed festive season!

As we start the New Year the Green Recovery funded grounds works on Stockland Marsh are due to recommence. New scrapes and culverts are being added to improve the habitat for a whole range of wildlife including ditch invertebrates and water voles. This does mean that there will be some footpath closures and diversions in place for a few weeks. The works are moveable depending on ground conditions, weather and availability of the machinery, so please follow signage on site.

You may have seen Stearth Marshes on the television over the Christmas period? We have a lot of media interest in the research around carbon storage on the saltmarsh. This is a very topical story related to climate change and I'm pleased to say we have BBC Points West and ITV national news filming here this week (mid-December as I write this). We also have a lot of Stearth stories appearing in The Times as WWT are one of their chosen charities for the Christmas fundraising appeal.

Keep an eye out on our Twitter and Facebook accounts, and website wwt.org.uk/stearth for news of events and campaigns over the coming year. Thank you to everyone who supports us and we look forward to seeing you on site in 2022.

Please contact us if you have any questions or comments about Stearth Marshes.

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Site Manager: Alys Laver 07717 505966 alys.laver@wwt.org.uk

Engagement Officer: Nicole Turnbull 07717 342061 nicole.turnbull@wwt.org.uk to seeing you on site in 2022.

Green Recovery Challenge Fund



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

The
National Lottery
Heritage Fund



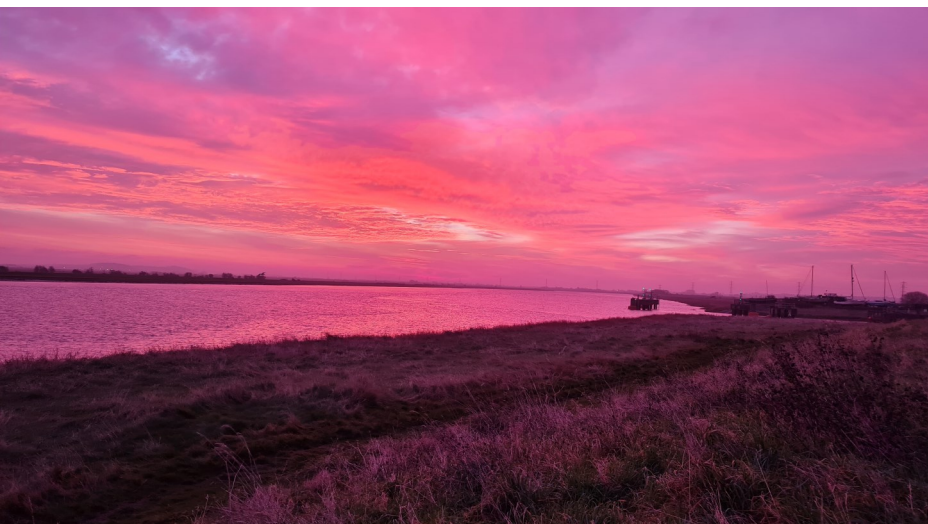
Environment
Agency



Readers Photographs



*Two new trees for the village entrance, the WI (Women's Institute) Oak tree in honour of the Queens Platinum Jubilee is in the foreground and the parish council cherry tree further back. Both trees were planted by Robin Prowse.
Photo Bob Birkenhead.*



*Red River Sunrise by Bob
Birkenhead*

1st Combwich Brownies

The logo for the Brownies unit, featuring the word "Brownies" in a yellow, rounded font with a small star above the 'i', all enclosed in a yellow rounded rectangle.

It has been a strange two years for the 1st Combwich Brownies. This time two years ago we had 17 Brownies, although only two were from Combwich. We were a thriving unit and felt that the next couple of years would be secure. Then in March COVID struck, and on 16th March 2020 with much regret we had to announce we were stopping meetings. Many other Brownie units around the country immediately started meeting on zoom, and we were given a lot of guidance from Girl Guiding UK on how to do this. However we decided that the girls would have enough to contend with doing their school work on zoom during the lockdown, so we had a complete break. We had no meetings through April, May and June and really started getting quite used to having free Monday evenings. When July came round we decided if we didn't do something soon all the girls would be losing interest. Girl Guiding was offering free zoom hours to units and we managed to secure some so that we wouldn't have to be cut off after 45 minutes.

It wasn't easy but we ran seven weekly zoom sessions through July and August with 13 girls registered and an average weekly attendance of 8. The topics we managed to cover ranged from making pizza and armpit fudge to a keep fit session and aviation badge.

We took a well earned break for a couple of weeks and then resumed in September with only one girl from the previous term deciding not to carry on. We had learned a lot from the previous term and became a bit more adventurous tackling such things as building lifts, making large scale monuments and creating mini crazy golf courses as well as baking cakes in mugs and tackling the mindfulness badge. We even managed a virtual sleepover with Mermaids and Unicorns as our theme. The girls were challenged to create a den decorated using our theme to sleep in overnight, we created our own bedtime story over hot chocolate with unicorn and mermaid sprinkles and met up again over Zoom for breakfast, crafts and games. Full credit to parents for participating in these activities.

By the time January 2021 arrived we found we were left with 7 most conscientious girls, everyone else seemed to be suffering from zoom weariness. However we carried on regardless with such things as a ballet session, making hedgehog homes, making worry dolls, and lemonade scones, completing several badges along the way.

We resumed in June with 6 Brownies for five meetings with poor attendance, so we decided to try a few outdoor face to face meetings to rekindle enthusiasm but even this proved difficult.

Breaking for the summer we had long discussions about the possibility of going back to proper Monday evening face to face meetings in September. Our main problem was we were now left with 5 Brownies (including the two original Combwich Brownies) who were mostly rising 10 years old and would be leaving in less than a year. Every previous attempt to recruit new Brownies had proved fruitless. Should we just spend the autumn term getting these last few faithful Brownies through their last badges and then close the unit? Maybe!

We tried recruiting again in Otter Tales but it was also displayed as a colourful recruitment post on the Combwich Facebook page.

As the time for the first meeting in September approached we had a few enquiries from interested parents and we told them to bring the girls along to the first meeting to try it. Imagine our surprise when 6 new girls turned up. The following week another 5, taking the total to 17. We set a limit at that 17 until after half term when another 4 joined and one left leaving the grand total of 20, including 7 girls from Combwich.

We are absolutely delighted with all our new girls from local villages, having a variety of personalities and a big age range. It has taken several weeks for us to settle down into a proper Brownie unit but we are now almost there and return this month with renewed enthusiasm looking forward to steering all our Brownies in a positive direction to enjoy all the benefits that Girl Guiding brings to the current generation of 7-10 year olds.

We now have a waiting list for any girls up to 9 years old and would be glad to receive names from anyone interested in joining this vibrant, fun loving group of girls. We would also be interested in hearing from any adults who might be interested in coming forward to help us – it is very rewarding and satisfying voluntary work.

Further information : Liz Brown 652687 Karen Barton 652673



KEEP YOUR BIRDS SAFE

Avian Influenza (bird flu) is a notifiable poultry disease. To prevent it spreading, government has put in place a Prevention Zone (including a housing order) that applies to **ALL** poultry.

Keep your birds safe by following our tips...



HOUSE YOUR BIRDS

or at least separate them from wild birds



DETER WILD BIRDS

Give your birds more space by using a fine mesh to create a run



FEED AND WATER

your birds in an area which wild birds can't access



OCCUPY YOUR BIRDS

by giving them something to peck and play with like a straw bale or cardboard



MITES, WORMS ETC.

Keep an eye out and treat if necessary



RODENT CONTROL

is essential



WATER SOURCES

Avoid sharing with wild birds



KEEP YOURSELF CLEAN

boots, clothes, hands etc



CALL YOUR VET

if you're worried about the health or welfare of your birds



NON-COMPLIANCE

may be an offence

More information on Avian Influenza can be found at [NFUONLINE.COM/AIHUB](https://www.nfuonline.com/aihub)



Get ready for Recycle More



SCAN ME

Coming to Sedgemoor and West Somerset from the end of February 2022

Recycle more
from your kerbside
every week →



Plastic pots,
tubs and trays



Food and drink
cartons and Tetra Pak



Small electrical items
such as kettles or toasters



Small household
batteries



Because you can recycle more,
your rubbish bin will be collected
every three weeks.

somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more

Look out for
your Bright
Blue Bag

 Somerset recycles

 Somerset
Waste
Partnership

Kitchen Team at the Anchor



Head chef Tom with over 20 years experience following training at Yeovil College is working with new up and coming chef Brendon from Comwich who recently finished 3 years at college. The pair are looking forward to cooking special dinner evenings and some summer pig roasts and bbqs for the village.

The kitchen is open from

Monday 5.30pm to 8.30

Tuesday 5.30pm to 8.30

Wednesday 5pm to 8.30

Thursday 5pm to 8.30

Friday 12 to 2 and 5pm to 8.30

Saturday 12 to 2 and 5 pm to 8.30

Sunday 12 to 2pm



Otter Wheels

Your volunteer car scheme



Otter Wheels volunteer car scheme provides the residents of Comwich, Otterhampton, Steart and Stockland Bristol who do not have access to a car, the opportunity to get to a medical appointment, shopping or visit a friend at low cost.

Covid restrictions have meant the service has been limited to urgent medical appointments recently, but we are doing our best to meet other passenger needs. If you need to make a journey ring **07925 154216**.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED

For residents who have NO ACCESS TO A CAR, Covid restrictions have meant the service has been limited to medical appointments only and with fewer drivers, due to various reasons over the last two years there are occasional journeys that we are unable to undertake. We would like to offer a wider service as per pre Covid with trips to hairdressers, shopping, railway and bus station.

If you are interested in joining the lively bunch of volunteer drivers operating this scheme and have a 4-door car, please contact Elizabeth on 01278 653308 or email jorvik@talktalk.net for more information.

Expenses are paid in the form of a mileage allowance, full support is provided and there are occasional meetings when we are able to get together socially.

We look forward to welcoming new drivers to this very worthwhile and much appreciated local service.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits Comwich and Stockland every four weeks on a Thursday morning. The next visit is 27th January

Comwich Harbour TA5 2QU 10.15 – 11.00

Comwich Post Office TA5 2QW 10.05 – 11.30

Stockland Bristol Captains TA5 2PY 11.40 – 11.55

For information about this service, contact Somerset Direct 0300 1232224 or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries.

Please support this service - use it or lose it!

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



Proceeds to the Bridgwater
Food Bank

Ring Liz on 01278 652687

Post Office and Shop

Masks must be worn at all times by all customers until further notice.

Opening hours may vary during these difficult times, and please remember we are a small shop and cannot stock the range of the Supermarkets.

Thank you for your custom

COMBICH P.O.
& STORES

- Groceries
- Off Licence
- Cards & Stationery
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Thursday 3rd February 2022

Otter Wheels



We are sorry we cannot offer the normal service to our passengers due to the Covid 19 restrictions, but as soon as we are able we will resume normal service.

Thank you for your understanding

However

Essential journeys for medical appointments will be undertaken when no alternative transport is available

Ring 07925 154216

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