



Welcome to Combwich

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This lovely photo of a rainbow was taken on 16th February by Lorner Walker

URGENTLY REQUIRED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Needed for Otter Wheels

For more information please contact Elizabeth Marriott on
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Email to jorvik@talktalk.net

Otterhampton Parish Council

Otterhampton Offcuts

Snippets from your February 2022 and March 2022 Parish Council Meetings

Clerk/Chairman and Councillor resignations

Parish Council Clerk Mel Catchpole has recently tendered her resignation. We are therefore seeking a new clerk, Please see the advert in this edition of the Otter Tales. Chair Julie Evans and Councillor Marie Beckley have also tendered their resignations. Bob Birkenhead was elected as Chair with Rachel Perrett as Vice Chair at the March meeting. The Council wishes to record their thanks to Julie Evans, Marie Beckley and Mel Catchpole for their services to the council and the community.

Recent Storms

Once again, the local community rallied around during the storms and the community spirit was very much in evidence, especially as both power and internet were down. Many thanks to Western Power for their efforts in restoring the supply.

Combwich Wharf

Vicky Dingwall, Community Relations Manager EDF, and Alex Urrutia, Marine Operations Delivery Lead for EDF, attended the Parish Council meeting on 3rd February, they gave an update on the Combwich Wharf construction, what has been completed and any minor works which are outstanding. They also spoke about the Barge on Barge (B2) Concept, this will enable an 8-hour window on every tide rather than the usual 1 ½ window to unload at the wharf. An Open Day is being planned for local residents only in May or June 2022. There are going to be some heavy loads moved on the C182 during March details, can be found on a QR Code which is in the EDF newsletter and the Otter Tales.

Town and Parish Council Elections

These will now take place on the 5th May 2022. Notices have been posted on website and notice boards within the parish. Therefore, if you are interested in applying to become a councillor, please see the election notes in this Otter Tales.

Housing Needs Survey

This is now underway and is designed to assess the future affordable housing needs of people living in Otterhampton parish. This will help planners with their decisions on possible future housing needs.

Bicycle Stand at Crossways

These have now been installed and are used daily, we thank Councillor Bob Birkenhead for his involvement in obtaining this amenity for the village and also "Take a Stand" Life Cycle who provided the stands.

Phone Box Repairs

This was a casualty of the recent storms, a new door surround has been purchased and refitting is in progress.

Trees

There are some trees in the parish which are showing signs of ash dieback disease. The parish council are aware of the problem and are consulting experts to decide a way forward.

Playground Paths

The paths in and around the playground are deteriorating. The parish council is taking action to get them repaired.

Priorities

As the parish council has depleted numbers and is without a clerk, we will need to concentrate on our statutory duties and will not be able to take on any new projects until after the elections.

Parish Council Meetings

The next parish council meeting will be on Thursday 7 April 2022 and the May meeting is yet to be decided due to the election being held on May 5th the meeting starts at 7.00pm, in Otterhampton Village Hall.

Full details of the decisions taken at parish council meetings are contained within the minutes which are available on the 3 village notice boards (opposite the Post Office, opposite the Anchor Inn, by the play area and on the wall of Ferricies Farm, Steart) or the Combwich.org.uk website.

Contact details for the parish council

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Parish and County Elections 2022

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council (PC) elections will be taking place on **Thursday 5th May 2022**.

Parish councillors are members of the community who care about the parish they represent. It helps to be a good listener and to be approachable, sharing your views in a collaborative manner to bring about the best outcomes for all parts of the community.

The council needs people, who bring new ideas, feel comfortable about making decisions for the future of the parish and work well as part of a team.

If you would like to stand in the election to become a parish councillor, please speak to any of the current parish councillors.

To be able to stand for election, you need to be:

- aged over 18
- be a British or Commonwealth citizen
- a registered elector

and have

- been a resident for 12 months prior to the day before the elections, either in the parish or within 3 miles of its boundary, or
- occupied land or premises for 12 months, as owner or tenant, either in the parish or within 3 miles of its boundary, or
- had a principal place of work, either in the parish or within 3 miles of its boundary

To find out more information go to: newsomersetcouncil.org.uk/elections/ and scroll to the bottom of the page; *Could I become a councillor?*. You can also download nomination forms from here (or forms can be obtained from Tina Gardener - 01278 652642).

Acceptance for nomination forms start on **Tuesday 22nd March** and have to be completed and returned no later than **Tuesday April 5th** to Bridgwater House, Kings Square or several days earlier to any of the current parish councillors.

The Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC), is offering a free event for anyone who is interested in standing for election / becoming a councillor, but would like to know a little more.

For prospective new councillors, there is an opportunity to attend a SALC Forum - on March 21st, 2022 @ 6:00 pm. If you are interested in attending this, please email otterhamptonpcclerk@gmail.com and we will forward you the link.

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy For A Parish Clerk

Otterhampton Parish Council wish to appoint a parish clerk. Applicants need to have good communication skills and also administration with finance experience. IT skills in Word and Excel are essential. Expected workload will be 10 – 12 hours a week.

Please Contact Bob Birkenhead 07821884189 or any other parish councillor for further information.



Otterhampton Parish Recreation Association (OPRA)

Registered Charity Number 1124017

Our last OPRA walk was scheduled for Sunday 19th February but was cancelled due to Storm Eunice giving us a bit of a battering. We all lost our electricity, internet and landlines for a while. The loss of power lasted between four hours and three days for the unfortunate few.



Our next planned walks will be on Sunday 13th March and Sunday 24th April. If you are interested in joining us on these walks then please contact Barry to go on our email list or check the village website and Facebook page.



We will be holding our Easter Egg hunt this year on Friday 15th April and all children 16 and under are eligible to take part. We have been unable to hold the hunt in the last two years because of the COVID restrictions in place, instead everyone attending

Otterhampton Primary School and primary age children attending other schools were given an Easter egg.

The Easter quiz will be held on Sunday 17th April at 7.30pm in the Anchor Inn. Once again our quiz master will be Shaun Ryall assisted by his wife Mary.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations take place from 2nd to 5th June and OPRA will work with other organisations in the village to plan events in the village. The beacon which only comes out for the firework display will have a second outing this year and will be lit on 2nd June, as will many around the country to celebrate the Jubilee.

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

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



Combwich and District Farmers Association 6 ton Bedford truck.

Pictured top row are Harold Kibby, Tipper, the Manager, Secretary, Joe Kibby and Ronald Kibby. The persons in the lower row cannot be identified.

This site later became the Morgan Brush factory and is now Old Mill Close.

Picture and information from Otterhampton Parish 2000 produced for the parish council by Bill Johnson

Combwich Ponds Update

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

**THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT**

**The Somerset County Council
(No. 1) Modification Order, 2022**

Parishes of Otterhampton and Cannington

This Order is made by the Somerset County Council under section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the Act") because it appears to that authority that the County of Somerset Definitive Map and Statement require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in:

Section 53(3)(c)(i) namely, the discovery by the authority of evidence which (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows that a right of way, which is not shown in the map and statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the map relates, being a right of way such that the land over which the right subsists is a public path.

The authority has consulted with every local authority whose area includes the land to which the order relates. The Somerset County Council hereby order that:

1. For the purposes of this order the relevant date is 4 March 2022.
2. The County of Somerset Definitive Map and Statement shall be modified as described in Part I and Part II of the Schedule and shown on the map attached to the Order.
3. This order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as the Somerset County Council (No. 1) Modification Order, 2022.

Dated 4 March 2022

THE COMMON SEAL of the
COUNTY COUCIL OF SOMERSET
Was hereunto affixed in
The presence of:

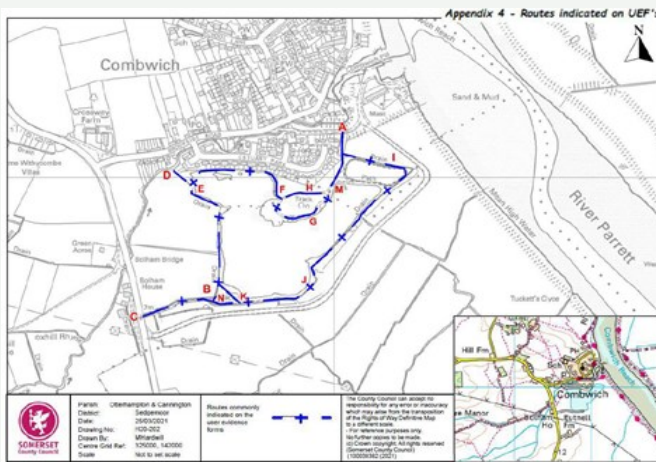
James
Authorised Officer

Number in Register **37660**

The reopening of the Combwich Ponds gets ever closer as the Order to modify the definitive map has been published (see right). Copies of the Order may be obtained from Somerset County Council [Rights of way public notices \(somerset.gov.uk\)](#). All the documents and maps relating to this are available on the same site.

However it is still possible for objection, stating the grounds for the objection, to be made until the 19th April 2022. If there are no objections to the Order Somerset County Council (SCC) instead of submitting to the Secretary of State, may it self confirm the Order. If written objections are made SCC will be required to submit them together with the Order to the Secretary of State

Once the Order has been confirmed there will be a legally enforceable right of way around the Combwich Ponds.





Spring is in the air and there is lots to look forward to in 2022!

Hopefully we are all starting to think about shaking off that grey winter feeling and looking forward to spring with the brighter days and lighter evenings. As per updates over the past twelve months, we are in the final stages of brightening up the village hall and there have been some great additions made during the final phase which have really helped to make the space more inviting and user friendly. Over the past few months, new windows and a feature wall have been installed in the Harbour View Bar, and issues with the acoustics have been rectified throughout the hall by fitting clouds to absorb background noise. In terms of accessibility, a disabled ramp has been fitted to the front entrance which is the final step in making the hall accessible to all after the stair lift to the upper floor was installed last year.



Saturday 4th June 2022 – save the date

The trustees are really keen to start planning all of the exciting events we can hold in the hall when the refurbishment is complete and there are numerous opportunities to bring parishioners together in the coming months. Everyone will be keen to make the most of the extended bank holiday weekend which we can all spend celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the OVH trustees and HVB committee are working with other parties to make sure we have a fun packed day to remember on Saturday 4th June. Plans are being finalised at the moment but will feature activities and entertainment for the whole family and provide a great environment to enjoy some food and drinks as a community. Updates will be posted on the Otterhampton Village Hall website which can be viewed via the following link - www.otterhamptonvillagehall.co.uk/queens-platinum-jubilee

We want to replicate the amazing time had when celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 and to get in the mood to celebrate, follow this link to look at the gallery of photos from that day: www.otterhamptonvillagehall.co.uk/diamond-jubilee



Prior to the Queen's Jubilee celebration we can look forward to the Easter break and we will be running an Easter raffle where you can win lots of exciting prizes including some stunning hampers, drinks to help celebrate and of course, copious amounts of chocolate! Tickets are a bargain at only £1 each and can be purchased from the Harbour View Bar, Village Market or from any OVH Trustee and HVB Committee Member.

Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!

Yvonne Bulman- Profile



Yvonne was born in Llwynpia hospital in the Rhonda, close to the home of her paternal grandparents. During the war years she and her mother spent their time in Warwickshire where home was but when bombing got too bad in Coventry and Birmingham they returned to Wales.

In 1947 Yvonne's brother Peter was born and life became a little less settled as work took them from one location to another and the children's education was fractured, eventually though the family settled in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Her first job was at racing stables but unfortunately this ended as she had to have surgery on her feet which prevented her working for three months and the job had to be filled. After recovery she gained a job at a local brewery as a relief telephonist/junior typist and started studying shorthand at night school. Soon the telephonist went off sick and she took over the role of telephonist. She also worked for a spell at the local newspaper and then an engineering company where she remained until she started to study speech and drama, eventually gaining her LLAM and once more on the job market.

Yvonne's office skills worked to her advantage when she applied for a job with ATV (Associated Television) as a Production Assistant. Technical skills in the control room were to be taught but there was also

administrative tasks involved with booking artists, liaising with relevant departments - costume, sets, make-up, musicians etc., all involved in a live show four times a week called Lunch Box. She remained with ATV until after she married and became pregnant with her eldest daughter when it was decided that a PA's job was not compatible with a young family. So reluctantly she became a stay-at-home mum. The first daughter was joined twenty months later by a second daughter and twelve months after that a son. By this time the family were living in Lutterworth, Leicestershire and with three young children and no playschool Yvonne decided to try and open one of her own. She approached the local Rugby Club as they had premises which stood empty during the day all through the week and suggested that she could rent the premises for four hours every morning, and the playschool was born and approved by the local council. The business grew until she was appointed as lecturer in 'A' level Theatre studies and drama classes for younger students after school. Students ages ranged from seven to seventy. But all good things come to an end and eventually cuts were made in staffing, and it was at this time that Yvonne decided she really liked teaching, so she decided to improve her chances of teaching in main stream education by gaining a Cert. Ed. (Certificate in Education). She applied and was accepted by St Paul's College, attached to the University of Leicester. Two years later she graduated and was available to teach in mainstream education.



Initially she was unable to gain a permanent post. There were still financial constraints and so a series of fixed term contracts were completed and again this experience proved beneficial as it gave her a wide experience of the demands of different students but now she was teaching secondary pupils and negotiating the changes from O levels and CSE's to GCSE's – a steep learning curve for all!

By this time Yvonne had remarried and again employment governed location and in 1987 the family moved to Somerset and Yvonne found herself once more teaching in Further Education before moving to Churchill School where she taught until she took early retirement, but continued as a supply teacher until 2011. By this time, she and Mick has moved to Combach (2004) but even then she did not stop working. She volunteered as secretary when the village were raising funds to support repairs to St Peter's, she applied for and was accepted as a Village Agent for Somerset Community Council which saw her become a familiar figure in many of our local villages – including the initiative for establishing car schemes for several but notably in Stogursey and Combach which have made such a difference to those who are unable to drive or have no transport.

Now, no longer working, she is a familiar figure in the village walking her dog or spending time in her garden or crafting and U3A activities.

Dramatic Rescue on Combwich Ponds - *by Christine Stockham*



Alan and I are lucky enough to live in Estuary Park with excellent views of the beautiful Combwich Ponds immediately behind our home.

On January 17th this year Alan noticed one of last years cygnets in distress in the water near the bank at the rear of our home, Alan kept a careful watch on it for a while and then was able to see there was some fishing tackle around one of its legs.

This prompted me to call Secret World who kindly sent out volunteer Graham Thompson (*pictured in the white protective suit*). He arrived and tried to capture it, but in using the rescue hook it dislodged the tackle only for the cygnet to swim off and then got caught up again in the reeds where as Graham was not able to gain access.

The next afternoon Graham came out again and brought with him a wonderful team from BARB (*Burnham Area Rescue Boat*), who with an inshore rescue boat taking Graham out to the cygnet who they then managed to rescue.

The cygnet was then taken to Secret World HQ and was assessed and received a check over by a vet, and a happy outcome was had when Graham brought it back six days later on the 23rd January and released back to its family.

We cannot express enough praise and thanks for the rescuers, Graham for the commitment and care, the BARB team for their time and respect for the pond environment.



There is a article on the BARB website relating to this. Two of these photos were taken on my phone and the third with the boat taken from the BARB website.



Harbour View Bar

Phase 2 has now been completed for the Bar, with the addition of Woolley clouds which absorb the sound and takes away the echo. Also, a feature wall has been added and new Bluetooth speakers and TV, Also being completed early March is the access ability ramp.

Everyone welcome to visit, membership is £5 until end of August 22, non-members £1.



Opening times are 7-11pm Friday/Saturday and 2-7pm Sundays (we do open earlier on some Saturdays for Rugby or Football) hope to see you all soon.

Chair : Steve Lang.

Friday Coffee Morning

More and more people are turning out to the Friday morning coffee club in the village hall between 10am and 12 noon. Please join us, 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 importantly, it is a chance to meet friends and neighbours in convivial surroundings.

We look forward to seeing you.



Engagement by Nicole Turnbull

We are now nearing the end of our year of Green Recovery funded habitat improvement works at Stearth Marshes and I am pleased to say that we have managed to close fewer paths than originally expected. The contractors are able to complete the final stages using a banksman to see any walkers through the areas where they will be working. As well as the scrapes and culverts which I have described previously, we will soon be building up the surface of the wiggly path through the reeds beyond the viewing platform.

Stockland Marsh will also be benefitting from new screening (pictured above) to help minimise wildlife disturbance. This can be caused inadvertently by walkers going past, especially those with dogs. The willow screen is a temporary structure until the newly planted hedge gets established. It will help to prevent disturbance of feeding, nesting and wintering birds on Stockland Marsh. Disturbance is detrimental to bird populations because every time they take to the air in fright they are using vital energy supplies which can mean the difference between life and death. Disturbance also affects their breeding success rate, and with wader numbers falling drastically, areas like Stockland are vital as safe havens.



Spindle



Guelder rose berries

You may have spotted our wardens and volunteers out planting hedging whips recently which will eventually replace the screen with a selection of beautiful native species such as spindle, guelder rose, hazel and hawthorn. These have been specifically chosen as they are high seed-bearing species, so very good for the wildlife.

Elsewhere we have had recent sightings of a group of otters close to GRCF improved ponds and scrapes. We have also had good snipe numbers counted this month. A marsh marigold has already been spotted in flower, and keep a look out for the avocets starting to return to Otterhampton Marsh as we move into the breeding season and plumage comes into its best.

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

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Green Recovery Challenge Fund



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National Lottery
Heritage Fund



Environment
Agency



Combwich and District WI

I am very pleased to be able to report that at long last the Combwich and District W.I. met again in February, having had to cancel the December and January meetings due to Covid. As expected the turnout was fairly low as

people are still cautious about mixing in a confined space, but those brave enough to attend had a good old get together and natter. It was great to see old friends again.



theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

We didn't have a speaker but after the official business, we played the Christmas games that we missed out on in December and there was a lot of chatter and laughter. Brenda and Vanessa had brought some cakes and biscuits which went down well along with the usual tea and coffee.

Lunch until we see how the Covid numbers are going later in the Spring. Watch this space. Our speaker for the meeting on 17th March will be Brian Wright who is going to talk about West Country Witchcraft which I for one, will be eager to hear.

In March we hope to be in full swing again, although we have decided against starting the Craft Club and the Ladies

We start at 7 p.m. Stockland Club and we hope all our members will be able to attend. It's that time of the year when subs are due, so if we could all bring our cheque books, that would be great! As usual, we welcome any new ladies that would like to come and see what our thriving W.I. has to offer.

Wendy Durant

Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C.

Apprenticeships: Build the future In February Hinkley Point C celebrated National Apprenticeship week with this years theme: 'build the future'. The week celebrated the 874 apprentices that work on the project and took the time to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships have on the project at HPC, to the individuals and to the local economy. Apprentices at HPC shared their experiences of what it is like to be an apprentice, dispelled some 'apprenticeship myths' around pay, job prospects and the age ranges of those working as apprentices and attended sessions focussed on career development and wellbeing.



Apprentices form a key part of the workforce at HPC supporting construction while developing UK and regional engineering and nuclear expertise. HPC has an ambition to create 1,000 apprenticeships during the construction phase and remains on track to meet this target.



Hinkley vaccine centre opens- Hinkley Point C has become the first construction project in the UK to open its own vaccination centre. Workers are now having their coronavirus jabs on site, by NHS trained nurses. More than 100 vaccines have been given out so far, reducing the pressure on local health services. The clinics are held twice a week in the Hinkley Health Centre, which is staffed by GPs and nurses. The team have been trained in administering doses of the Pfizer vaccine, including the booster jab. The project has now officially joined

the government's vaccine programme, after being given approval by the UK Health Security Agency and the NHS. The vaccine centre is part of a series of covid measures in place at Hinkley Point C.

Sign up to receive notifications of movements along the

C182- Combwich Wharf has now moved into its operational phase and will soon be ready to take delivery of the pieces of equipment needed for Hinkley Point C that are too wide, heavy or tall to be split into pieces and transported separately. These deliveries will then be transported from Combwich Wharf northbound along the C182 to our site. The transportation of these pieces of equipment will be managed via a 'rolling roadblock' which is something we have been practising and running training sessions on for quite some time.

These movements will be limited to daylight hours and wherever possible will take place at the quietest times of the week to avoid disruption as much as possible. We do however appreciate that this may impact those of you living closest and using the road most often and would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. We would like to keep you informed of when these movements will be happening. **Please scan the QR code above or type in the web address to sign up to email and / or text notifications of these movements.**

Scan to sign up



<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XQY9VDP>

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News Release

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Date: 3 March, 2022

Otterhampton and Combwich 2022 Housing Need Survey

Launched last week, Sedgemoor District Council's Housing Development Team is conducting a local housing need survey in Otterhampton and Combwich.

The Housing Needs Survey will assess the future housing requirements and needs for people with a local connection with Otterhampton and Combwich.

The team would encourage responses from local people if any of the following statements apply to them:

§ Are you looking for somewhere to live in Otterhampton and Combwich, but are struggling to find somewhere because of high rents or unaffordable house prices?

§ Are you someone who moved away from the village to find somewhere more affordable to live, but would like to move back to the village if suitably priced housing was available?

§ Do you work in the Otterhampton and Combwich, but are struggling to find somewhere because of high rents or unaffordable house prices?

Do you feel you need help find some form of specialist home (associated with health issues for example) such as single level or adapted housing, but are struggling to find a suitable property in the village?

It is easy to respond and will take less than 10 minutes to do so.

The survey can be completed online. via the link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OHMPTNCMBWH/> .

Claire Faun

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Combwich Boat Club Gig Section

Combwich boat club gig section recently competed in a regatta hosted by Burnham on Sea with five others clubs, Clevedon, Porlock, Portishead, Burnham, and Bristol.

It was a great event and much improvement was seen with our continued training, with Combwich rowers gaining a win for the Mixed Supervets and Combwich ladies B and a second place for Combwich ladies A.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and have our next event in March, at the Three Rivers, Caradon, Saltash, a 7 mile race.

If you are interested in finding out about gig rowing, why not come along and have a trial session. We have welcomed several new joiners over the last few months and look forward to seeing some more.

Contact Marie Beckley 07748 154395 for further details.



Mixed Supervets



Combwich Ladies B

New Species Discovered!

Back in the days,
When our boys were quite young,
And dinner time came for the four of us,
One family treat was Chinese Crispy Duck...
And our cat would reject feeling somnolous.

He'd wait for his share,
Quite patiently there,
With never a "Yow!" nor a hissy fuss.
When his turn came around, with one agile bound,
He'd eat 'til his belly was pendulous.

And when he was done,
He'd turn on his tum,
To saunter away looking globulous.
"Oh, look!" Carol laughed as he waddled along,
"It's Gizmo - the Duck-filled Fattypuss!"

Paul Bradbury

Welcome to The Anchor

Live Music on Sundays

Watch out for the dates

Monday and Tuesday night
pizza and pint only £10.99

Tuesday night quiz free to play
prizes to win 7.30 start all welcome



Matt writes 'This is the start of my 16th year of looking after the Anchor and I am looking forward to a year with no more lockdowns and to enjoy the pub after the extensive refurbishment. If you have not been in since the remodelling pop in and meet the team. You will receive a warm welcome.'

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 Roast 12 to 2pm

See you soon



Older Combwich residents will remember this on the site of What is now Harbour Court

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits Comwich and Stockland every four weeks on a Thursday morning. The next visit is 19th May.

Combwich Harbour TA5 2QU 10.15 – 11.00

Combwich Post Office TA5 2QW 11.05 – 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

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- Off Licence
- Cards & Stationery
- Post Office

Family Business
Established 20 Yrs

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www.comwich.org.uk or visit
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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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