



Welcome to Combwich

COMBWICH, OTTERHAMPTON
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Otter Tales

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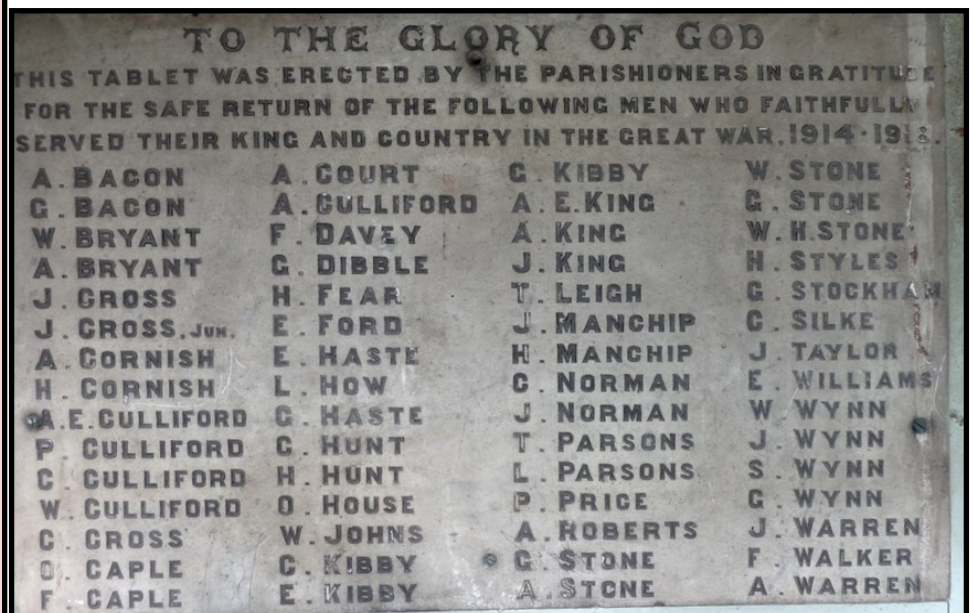
General Information



We remember those who went to war and lost their lives in the service of others. Including Brian Fear, Douglas Granter, and Kenneth MacGregor-Reid from WW2.



The parish commemorated the safe return of those who served King and Country and experiencing the trauma and horrors of the Great War, by erecting this tablet on the lychgate to St. Peter's Church



Otterhampton Parish Council

Otterhampton Offcuts
Snippets from our September and October 2022 activities

EDF Meeting – 14th September

EDF held a community meeting to discuss works at the wharf and addressed resident's concerns.

Allotments

EDF was asked if an area of land at the bottom of Wharf Road could be used for allotments. Unfortunately, due to ongoing work and use of the wharf at the moment this is not possible, but we were advised to ask again in the future when Hinkley C is up and running.

Trees in Comwich

The Parish Council is looking at replacing the tree that was felled on the green opposite the village hall. Consultation with the residents that may be affected will be carried out. We would also like to set up a tree strategy group to look at adding more trees to the village. If you are interested in joining, please contact the clerk as per the contact details below.

Brownie Copse

The Brownie Copse has become overgrown and suffered from vandalism. If you would like to offer your help to tidy up the area, please contact the clerk.

Parish Emergency Plan

Following the severe storms of February where a lot of residents in Comwich were without power for many hours, it was decided that a subgroup would be set up to update the emergency plan. If you are interested in joining this subgroup, please contact the clerk.

Wharf Road

Significant work is needed on Wharf Road with dangerous or diseased trees to be removed, foliage cut back and planting of new trees, shrubs and other plants. It is hoped that this work will start shortly. Volunteers will be needed for the ongoing upkeep, if you are interested, please contact the clerk.

Parish Council Meetings

The next parish council meetings will be on Thursday 1st December, Thursday 5th January and Thursday 2nd February starting 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 three 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 Comwich.org.uk website.

Contact for Clerk (Gina Mear)
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Gina Mear - Clerk

Contact details for the parish council

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Otterhampton Parish Recreation Association (OPRA)

Registered Charity Number 1124017

OPRA is gradually getting back to normal after the slowdown of activities due to the pandemic.

For the second year we have organised the charity cricket match in memory of Murray Lister. This took place on 17th September and although disappointingly not well attended, those that did attend were very generous and a staggering £530 was raised for The Brain Tumour Charity.

Once again thanks to Ray and his team on the BBQ, to our groundsman Mike and his able assistant Mel, to our umpire Ray Howard, to the OPRA committee for the refreshments and finally to the cricketers and spectators for their generosity.



Pictured right are the winning team captain Ian Rowland holding the trophy, and valiant runners up captain Ian Newberry.

Our annual general meeting was held in September when all the committee were re-elected with acclamation, with the exception of Felicity Ashworth who resigned due to other commitments and was thanked for her service. Her place was taken by the Rev Jan Church. Following the short meeting, wine and cheese was served complementing a lively discussion about future activities, including the

this year will be held on Saturday 3rd December. The Christmas tree lights will be switched on at 5pm Sunday 4th December.



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.

OPRA Committee

Tina Gardener (Chair)	652642
Carol Bradbury (Secretary)	652313
Sue Francis (Treasurer)	653663
Barry Leathwood (Vice Chair)	652399
Di Davie	652141
Mary Cornish	653868
Melvyn Fooks	322457
Paul Bradbury	652313
Connie Sanders	653307
Pete Sanders	653307
Rev Jan Church	07733 433526

Our programme of monthly Sunday walks continued with a walk in the Quantocks in beautiful weather to match the stunning views. Although few in number on this occasion (does this remind you of the last of the summer wine?) it was a memorable walk with, thanks to sharp eyed Mike, a sighting of several red deer, including a magnificent stag with a full set of antlers.



AGM

The Trustees held their AGM on Friday 28th October with 14 observers attending. Sue Barton delivered the Chair's report noting that the Trustees had arranged the Jubilee celebration in June and the Grand Opening in August. Both events were a great success and the Trustees were overwhelmed by the number of volunteers who helped. In addition, the hall refurbishment was referenced as having been an uphill struggle at times but well worth it as the Parish now has a refurbished, warm, comfortable and attractive hall

which is viable to run and easier to maintain. Pete Cashin (treasurer), reported that the refurbishment, apart from some final issues, is complete. The Hall finances are in a very healthy state, due to Government grants to help during Covid, and will enable the Trustees to set up a long-term building and maintenance plan so the Hall can be regularly maintained and updated.

As required by Charity Law the Charity Elected Trustees were agreed by the attendees, and the Appointed and Co-opted Trustees were elected by the Charity Elected Trustees. They are:

Charity Elected Trustees: Sue Barton, Pete Cashin, Marcus Ford, Helen Jowett, Lindsey Parsons and Nicola Rowland

Appointed Trustee: Steve Lang

Co-opted Trustees: Kate Narraway and Rachel Szurta

Amber Austin was a Charity Elected Trustee who has stepped down this year as she is moving from Combwich. Many thanks to Amber for all her hard work over the years particularly on the Fun Days.

An Evening of Ukrainian Food and Music - Saturday 26th November



The Somerset Ukranian Group has arranged a fund-raising event and the evening will consist of authentic Ukranian food and traditional music alongside a raffle, with all proceeds going to Somerset Aid for Ukraine. Please come along and help raise some much-needed funds. For more information about the group see their website www.somersetaidforukraine.org or their Facebook page - Somerset Aid for Ukraine.

The Trustees hope to arrange further events, such as a race night and an evening with the Stoggymen, early next year. But the Hall is for you to use so please contact a Trustee if you would like to hire the Hall.

Harbour View Bar Steve Lang, Chairman

Thank you to everyone that has supported the Harbour View Bar. Memberships are still up for renewal, £5.00 for a year from the 1st of September 2022 and if you bring a guest, it's still £1 each visit. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please ask.

Our monthly Quiz nights have been a great success, thanks to our brilliant Quiz master Richard Navoy, our next Quiz is the 12th November. All are welcome and if you didn't know it's £1.00 per player to enter. Our HVB darts team play on a Friday night we are still looking for more team players, so if you are interested in playing, then contact either me, Steve Lang, or leave your name behind the bar.

Opening times:

Friday 7pm - 11pm Sunday 2pm - 7pm.

We only open Saturdays for Quiz nights and special events.

Monday 7pm - 11pm is league skittles, but all are welcome to use the bar

Christmas and New Year times TBC.



Thank you for your support

Profile - Sue and Bruce Barton

Sue and Bruce Barton were born and grew up in neighbouring areas of South London; Sue in Camberwell and Bruce in Brixton. Both played in the same park as children and Bruce believes Sue kicked sand in his face just as all the other children did in the sand pit. Sue has never denied this! Before moving to Somerset they lived in Herne Hill, close to their old primary schools. Sue's parents were from South Wales and she remains very proud of her roots despite 'friendly' banter with friends, particularly when Wales play England at rugby.



After leaving school both joined the Civil Service working in The Department for Education and Science, based in Elizabeth House, York Road, Waterloo. This is where they met but it was some years before their relationship began before marrying in 1987. The Department then moved to Great Smith Street, Westminster, around the corner from Westminster Abbey. Together they chalked up 54 years in the Department and both worked in Ministerial Private Offices, Sue in the late 70s for Ernest Armstrong MP, Joan Lester MP, and Margaret Jackson MP (now Margaret Beckett) all Parliamentary Under Secretaries of State for Schools, and Bruce in the late 80s for Bob Dunn MP, also Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools. These jobs in particular gave the opportunity to meet senior politicians and Royalty. They were invited to and attended, much to Bruce's disgust, a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace for services to education (if asked, Bruce will tell you exactly why). They kept well away from HM The Queen, having spent the previous couple of hours in a wine bar nearby. Sadly, no change there then. They did meet, however, the Bishop of Southwark and Richard Whiteley, he of Countdown fame. Before moving to Somerset in 1999 Sue was working in School Governance and Bruce was on loan to the Special Educational Needs Tribunal. He headed the South West Team and always had the clerks, returning from hearings in Somerset, bring back local newspapers in order to look at property for sale. A plan had been hatched.



Somerset had been the place for regular extended weekends away with friends. Among the accommodation stayed at was Clavelshay Farm, North Petherton and a B&B on Puriton Hill. A short break in Lynton and driving along and back down the A39 to the M5 convinced Bruce it was time to move out of London and start again. It took Sue a further six months to agree, after all, they had spent seven years renovating their home. However, move they did in September 1999 to rented accommodation in Westonzoyland. A very close friend said that they had made a mistake.

They then moved into Combwich on 1st December 1999 and did a teenage student thing of dropping out for a year. They were made to feel welcome from day one, and this continued with the occasional visit(s) to the Old Ship Inn, The Anchor and Village Hall Social Club. There's a bit of a theme here. Even the close friend from London said that he would love to move to the village!

Sue began temping and ended up full time with Somerset County Council ending her career as Facilities Manager for Mendip and then Bridgwater areas. Bruce temped for a while at the Argos Distribution Centre at Junction 24 before becoming a warehouse operative at the Exel Logistics run NHS Supply Chain warehouse on Bristol Road. Having been taken over by DHL he finished his career there as Operations Excellence Manager and taking early retirement on 31st December 2015. Sue retired at the end of March 2016. They both agree that Combwich is a fantastic place to live. They have met so many people and have made many great friends. Since moving here, Bruce has been a member of OPRA and Treasurer of the Harbour View Bar and Sue has been on the village hall committee for several years serving



Combwich Ringers 'On The Pull...'

Last month the Combwich bell ringers (*Sometimes known as 'The Combwich Clangers'*) were cordially invited to St. Mary's Church, Cannington where they were given a guided tour of the bell tower, watched the Cannington ringers and even invited to join in! Many thanks to all at Cannington, especially Mike who gave a great description of the tower, bells and listed workings of the ancient clock.



LEFT
Inside St Mary's Bell Tower

RIGHT Chatting about clangers!



ABOVE The listed clock workings



Animal & Plant Health Agency

Due to the increased risk of avian influenza from wild birds, an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) came into force across Great Britain from noon Monday 17 October.

From this date, it will be a legal requirement for all bird keepers to follow strict biosecurity measures, as failure to do so could result in more cases. This applies to all bird keepers in England, Scotland and Wales, whether birds are kept commercially or as pets, regardless of whatever type or size. These measures include cleansing and disinfecting clothing, footwear and equipment, reducing the movement of people to and from areas, and preventing access by poultry to ponds and watercourses.

More information is available in the press release on GOV. UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-prevention-zone-declared-across-great-britain>

OTTER KIDS PAGE

Dear All,

A couple of items this month for the 'OTTER KIDS' page...

As a young otter is called a 'pup' we can call it
OTTER TALES PUPS PAGE and yes, we are all still kids at heart...

Someone who wished to remain anonymous asked me to include a couple of their 'Knock Knock' jokes...

**KNOCK KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
PEE CAB
PEE CAB WHO?
OH, THERE YOU ARE – YOU SCARED
ME!**

**KNOCK KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
TISH
TISH WHO?
I CAN'T FIND A TISSUE, USE YOUR
SLEEVE!**

If you have any more, please let us know...

Some of you may have seen BBC's COUNTRYFILE on Sunday.
Featured around the Quantocks and celebrating the anniversary of Samuel Taylor Coleridge.
Some local young people were also featured including SOPHIE ASHWORTH who is eleven years old.

This is Sophie's lovely poem, which I think is brilliant
(And remember, creative writing is what YOU want to write and HOW you want to write it... So please don't be scared to have a go)

Red is the colour of a freshly ploughed field,
Orange is the colour of a soily shield,
Yellow is the colour of the long spiky grass,
Green is the colour of the trees faraway,
Blue is the colour of the sky up and away,
Purple is the colour of the pretty flowers,
Pink is the colour of the nature's powers,
All the colours of the moor,
Everything in the poets law.

Sophie Ashworth age 11.

Country File is available on the BBC I-PLAYER

*Sophie wins £5 for the best
contribution to this page.
Congratulations Sophie*

Send your contributions for the January Otter
Tales to chrisponkaplays@gmail.co.uk



A lovely photo by Chris Tweedale



Otterhampton Primary School.

Head Teacher, Claire Luce



Highlights Autumn

PGL Camp - Torquay

At the beginning of October we took our KS2 children to PGL in Torquay for 3 days. The children absolutely loved the activities they took part in: Buggy building, archery, trapeze, fencing, canoeing, vertical challenge, rifle shooting, zip wire, a campfire and a disco. A great experience that they will never forget!



Halloween Disco

The OPS Friends held their annual Halloween disco and it was enjoyed by all that attended. An amazing £165 was raised for school funds.



Carnival mask

The theme for the large carnival mask this year was 'Jubilation'. Our mask will form part of the carnival mask trail around Bridgwater town centre over half term. We look forward to spotting it in one of the Town Centre shop windows!

Football

Super proud of our OPS football team.

We played 5 games against other schools in a small schools tournament. Nether Stowey, Cannington, Enmore, North Newt on and Kingsmoor. All of which had teams of Year 6 children! We had Year 4, 5 and some Year 6s!



We didn't win a game but the team played with resilience and a smile!

Harvest service

We held our annual Harvest service at St Peter's Church in Combwich. All classes attended and donations were given to the Foodbank. Each class shared a poem, a song and some harvest facts. Many parents joined us and an enjoyable morning was had by all. Thanks to Alison Waters who led proceedings.





1st Combwich Brownies

Brownies started back in September with a few girls leaving us and some new girls joining. We are manging to maintain our numbers around 12 but would really like a few more girls to come and join us.

The girls have fun whilst learning a variety of life skills under different headings and gain badges along the way.

Highlights of the first half of this term have been a trip to Bridgwater for gymnastics and trampolining, earning two interest badges in a day (aviation and inventing) and most recently a sleepover at Bridgwater Town Hall with other Brownies, Rainbows and Guides in the District.

The next half of the term will be just as exciting as we are having a mass trip to the brand new Scott Cinema in Bridgwater for a special Girl Guiding showing of Matilda which will be watched simultaneously by Brownies, Guides and Rainbows all over the country.

We will also be doing our Christmas Good Turn which this year is for Bridgwater Food Bank. This involves raising money by doing good turns, then going together to buy suitable food and other items and then lastly delivering it to the food bank and helping to make up food parcels. We want to provide as much as we can but with only 12 Brownies we will be rather restricted. If anyone feels they would like to help us, there is a box in the village hall for contributions of suitable items of tinned and packaged food and toiletries. This will be out on a Friday morning during the coffee morning session. If this is inconvenient then contact Liz Brown 01278 652687.

We will be taking new Brownies from January 2023. Girls rising seven to nine are welcome to come along for two free taster sessions but must let us know in advance. We meet on Mondays in term time 5.45 – 7.30 p.m. Further information from Liz Brown 652687 or Karen Barton 652673.

Message from Mrs Pamela Young of Estuary Park

*Due to my husband's long illness, I have been grateful to use
Otter Wheels*

*I would like to thank you all past and present for all your help,
giving up your time to allow me to make regular visits to him, it
is much appreciated.*

*Also, I wish to thank my neighbours for all their help in my hour
of need and the cards from so many thank you*

Thank You

Pamela Young

Seasonal Craft Fair in Stockland Bristol



All welcome. A fine range of
good quality handmade gifts, crafts
and pamper products. Refreshments
available.

Stockland Sports and Social Club
Stockland Bristol TA5 2PY

Saturday 26 November 2022 13.30
to 16.00hrs

Phone Hilya on 07471098689 for
details



New!

Combwich Gardening Club meeting in the New Year.

Club Tip: Stake up your Sprouts. They do not like it wobbly.

Combwich & District WI - Elizabeth Marriott



Our last meeting was Thursday 20th October when we had the incredible Pauline Kidner, founder of Secret World come and give us a talk, they started in 1986 converting their farm to what it is today, and during 2021 despite the pandemic throughout the year they cared for some 3.500 animals.

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

They now have a charity shop on Burnham High Street and they hold regular fundraising events, the latest being a 15,000ft Sky Dive. During her informative fun talk Pauline showed us some amazing photographs and video on the wonderful hall screen.

On Monday 17th October we returned to our long awaited monthly lunch outings, our first in two years,

we had an amazingly delicious meal at The Malt Shovel, Blackmore Lane, there was lots of laughter and plenty of eating.

Our next meal out will be Monday 21st November at the Maypole Inn, and our next WI meeting will be Thursday 17th November when we have Jenny Barnham giving us a demonstration of flower arranging and Christmas wreaths. At our meeting on 15th December we will create our own fun entertainment with a secret Santa gift swap.

If you are interested in joining our happy band do come along to our next meeting, 7pm for

The UnderStairs play The Anchor - Steve Parker

Wiveliscombe-based band paid their second visit to The Anchor on Saturday 22nd October.

They return to The Anchor after a summer of festival gigs including Watchet, Porlock Weir, and Minehead Blenheim Garden Summer Concerts, Burnham, and Glastonbury Calling. They are still waiting for the phone call.

The UnderStairs, who claim to be "Big in Combwich", are Gerry, (lead guitar) John, (Vocals, Rhythm Guitar) Jason (Bass) and Bryan (the best drummer in the South West). They played their set of original accessible songs that are a mixture of punk and rhythm and blues about love and every day life, (Seduction, the 33rd Floor), technology (Last of the Pre I.T.), politics (Second Amendment Blues) social issues (Hunger Cafe) and Hinkley Point. "Fall Out Baby" being about a girl who works at Hinkley C, who basks in radiation, has skin that glows, hair that shines and who lights up the room.



Their latest singles "Yesterday's Sweetheart" & "The Damage Is Done" are available on

EDF use of village roads - by Tim Jones and Paul Gripton



HPC has given a public undertaking not to use the village's access road to get to Combach Wharf - except in "exceptional circumstances."

But the company has refused to completely give up use of the parish owned Wharf Road even though that was a condition when its own haul road was built more than 20 years ago. At that time the new haul road was not operational requiring users of the wharf to open and close six gates to get there. Temporary permission was given for use of the Wharf Road with the ultimate condition that it should eventually be closed.



Unfortunately it appears that situation was never reviewed and as a result HPC is able to take advantage of a "loophole" or easement which allows them continued access, although this is disputed and subject to challenge. Vehicular access to the Wharf for EDF 'tenants' and users, such as Combach laboratory workers, members of CMBSC and Wessex Water, was created under planning consent for (and along) the new access road from the C182, once the new road was bought into use (approximately 1995) and remains relevant under planning Condition 4 of the permission.

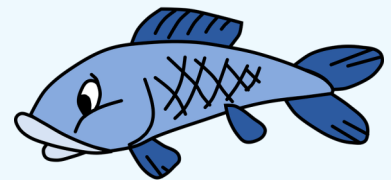
Fears were raised about increased traffic through the village when the loads pictured were parked for several days along the company's haul road. Gates at either end of the convoy were closed blocking off the road and for a time forcing wharf traffic including contractors to drive through the village and along the Wharf Road.

At a public meeting in the village hall, the company said it was constructing a new by-pass track to allow its vehicles to still use its haul road if extra large loads are parked there. It would only use the village's Wharf Road "in extremis" and none of its HGVs would use it. But unless the wharf was operational, work was going on there or there was a pre-arranged need, access from the C182 would not be used and the gates would be locked. At the meeting HPC stated: "upgrade to access

A fishy story - Tim Jones

EDF has been told it cannot drop plans for an acoustic fish deterrent (AFD) on the new water intakes for HPC which have been installed in the Bristol Channel. It was among measures originally suggested by the company to help prevent huge numbers of fish being sucked into the pipes more than three kilometres off the coast.

In asking for the requirement to be removed, EDF said other measures to protect fish would be sufficient and that installing and maintaining AFDs in the channel would be dangerous - although such issues were known about when the company originally sought planning permission.



The Environment Agency had still been considering the request to remove the condition when EDF took the matter to appeal and a public inquiry was held last year. The Bristol Channel is recognised as an important "nursery" for a number of fish species and there were numerous objections from national and international conservation bodies, other organisations and individuals - including myself - to the condition being removed. The Secretary of State has now upheld the Inquiry Inspector's recommendation that the requirement to install Acoustic Fish Deterrents cannot be removed. There is no appeal against the decision although EDF could seek a judicial review.

Warden's updates

By Alice Beaney

In autumn we complete a water vole survey across the site, with the help of our volunteers. We cover the ditches across most of the reserve to monitor the extent of the water vole population. This allows us to identify any changes in their distribution around the site. We are pleased that so far the water voles are doing well at Steart Marshes and making use of the whole reserve.



By Ronan Conn

Long stretches of hedges were planted when Steart Marshes was developed into a nature reserve. These hedges are getting to the right size and maturity for us to start laying them, taking up a lot of time for the volunteers and staff this autumn and winter. The practice of laying hedges has been done for hundreds of years and stops the hedge becoming leggy and hollow. Instead it creates a dense thick barrier, great for nesting and feeding birds.

Engagement update by Nicole Turnbull

Sunday Refreshments - We are in the process of planning a small trial of catering at Steart, with Kay from LiveFreeKitchen at Hill House setting up in our main car park Sundays 30 Oct to 27 Nov from 11am to 3pm.

One of the most common questions we get asked is why people can't buy a hot drink here. This trial will provide an opportunity to work with a known small business that is already embedded in the local community to provide a range of drinks, soups and cakes. The impact will be under constant review, as our aim is *not* to encourage more people to the area, but to enhance the experience of those already visiting. We will be promoting this trial on Facebook to target our existing followers who come to the reserve on a regular basis.

Christmas gifts - We will be selling a range of products on the dates above to raise income to help fund the upkeep of Steart Marshes. This will include WWT Christmas cards, pens/pencils, badges, wooden products crafted from wood harvested on the reserve, and willow wreaths which you can take away and decorate at home. Not a lot of people realise that we are self-funding at Steart and have an increasing need to raise revenue for the site. Again this is only a trial and will be under review to see how it goes.

We also offer a range of bespoke guided walks, night walks, survey training and 4x4 tours which can be booked by contacting me in the office and letting me know your interests. We can provide a voucher if you would like to buy an experience as a gift.

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Engagement and Learning Manager: Nicole Turnbull 07717 342061 nicole.turnbull@wwt.org.uk



Volunteer to be an Independent Visitor or Advocate for children in Somerset.

These are fascinating and inspiring opportunities, which can bring real benefits to vulnerable children and young people. (Travel and reasonable expenses are reimbursed.)

You can help children and young people understand their rights and ensure that their views, wishes and feelings are heard.

What is an Independent Visitor?

Independent Visitors are volunteers who befriend and spend time with a child or young person who is in the care of the Local Authority. By law all local authorities have to provide an Independent Visitor service.

In Somerset our intention is to encourage the relationship between the Independent Visitor and young person to continue beyond care. This way the care leavers continue to benefit from support, while making the transition to young adulthood. Independent Visitors are highly valued by the young people as they may be the only person involved in their lives who is not paid to be there.



What is an Advocate?

An Advocate is an independent person who can offer one-to-one support to children and young people to have their voice heard when meetings are taking place concerning their wellbeing. It's the role of the Advocate to speak up for the young person, make them aware of their rights, listen to them and represent their views, wishes and feelings. Why not join our bank of advocates? You chose when you're available.

Your volunteering can be arranged to suit your availability. Your life experience will be highly valued and you will be trained and supported in developing key skills.

Please contact us and we will arrange a short visit or call to explain more and discuss your options.



For more information, visit our website at

www.route1advocacy.co.uk

Route1businesssupportadmin@somerset.gov.uk

01749 822801

Follow us on social media:   



Birthday Bells - Steve Parker

Combwich Bellringers are able to play "Happy Birthday" for that special occasion.

To request "Happy Birthday" to be played email: petersanders861@gmail.com.

We will ring out "Happy Birthday" at the beginning of Bell Ringing Practice.

Bell Ringing Practice is at 6.30. on the Friday evening before the Sunday morning Service. So listen out for your request.

We look forward to playing "Happy Birthday" to you!

One of the Church bells which was presented to the St. Peter's Church in 1873 upon which Happy Birthday will be played.

Christmas

at Combwich & Stockland Churches



Christingle Service at Combwich

Sunday 4th December 4.00pm
followed by turning on of Christmas Lights

Carols by Candlelight at Stockland

Sunday 11th December 6.00pm

Eucharist on Christmas Night at Combwich

Christmas Eve 9.30pm

Family Celebration at Stockland

Christmas Day 11.00am

*Bring a toy to show Revd Alison what
Father Christmas has brought you*



St Mary Magdalene Church, Stockland &
St Peter's Church, Combwich

Praise and Worship Service

at

St Peter's Church, Combwich

On the

Second Sunday in the Month

@ 6.00pm

Sunday 13th November 22

Is the next one

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Live Music

Check Anchor Facebook page for details of live music events

No room hire fee for party bookings and meetings. Outside catering welcome for events

Talk to Charlotte to book parties or events

Matt writes 'This is my 17th 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.'

**New pool table
and dart board**

Open Monday to
Thursday from 4pm

Friday from 2pm

Saturday and



Otter Wheels



Your volunteer car scheme is here for you.

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

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

This not for profit car scheme has been running for several years with well over 1,200 trips completed. If you haven't tried us give us a go. Door to door service with friendly experienced drivers, all DBS checked and happy to help. Typical return journey prices are: -

	With bus pass	Without bus pass
Cannington Health Centre	£1.25	£2.50
Bridgwater Bus Station	£3.50	£7.00
Musgrove Hospital Taunton	£9.25	£18.50

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

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits Combwich and Stockland every four weeks on a Thursday morning. The next visit is 1st December.

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.

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



**Proceeds to the
Bridgwater Food Bank**

Ring Liz on 01278 652687

Defibrillators can save your life.

We have two in Combwich, one in the telephone box, another at the Anchor/Ship Lane wall. Another is in Steart on the wall of the old chapel (signposted).

These are simple to use - dial 999 to call for an ambulance then follow the simple instructions.



**COMBWICH P.O.
& STORES**

- Groceries
- Off Licence
- Cards & Stationery
- Post Office

**Family Business
Established 20 Yrs**

**To keep up to date with all that is happening in the parish check
the village noticeboards, log on to our own website,
www.combwich.org.uk or visit "All Things Combwich"**

Facebook Group

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

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