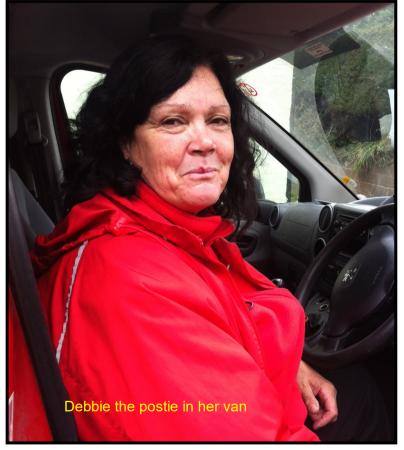
WELCOME TO COMBWICH

COMBWICH, OTTERHAMPTON AND **STEART NEWSLETTER**



Say Hello to Debbie

Debbie is the new postie for Combwich, Otterhampton and Steart. She says that Combwich is a lovely village and she really enjoys her



new postal round.

Debbie has worked for the Royal Mail as a postie for 24 years.

She is meeting more and more people as she goes about the villages and is starting to connect names to addresses and names and addresses to people.

Debbie says she had not been to Combwich before she started her new round. but often drove past on her way to Steart to go for a walk with her dogs.

When Debbie is not delivering, the postal round is covered by Sam.

Happy New Year to all our readers

("Inside this issue" on the back page)

Otterhampton Parish Council

Otterhampton Offcuts Snippets from our November and December 2022 meetings

Old Village Sign Post

The old post that remained after the sign came down in a storm has finally been removed at the entrance to the village.

Grittina

The village was in the grip of a deep freeze just before Christmas and the parish council would like to thank James. Charlie and Alexander for helping to put down some grit. If you can volunteer to help with gritting in the future, please contact the clerk.

Volunteers Still Needed

Following a disappointing response to the plea in the last Otter Tales, the Parish Council is still looking for volunteers to join the following: Tree Strategy Group Brownie Copse – tidying of and upkeep Parish Emergency Plan Subgroup Wharf Road – ongoing upkeep If you are interested, please contact the clerk on the email below.

Wharf Road Enhancements

Following a recent tree survey, work will soon be starting on removing trees and branches from Wharf Road. The report indicated some of the trees are infected with Ash Dieback and some have dangerous overhanging branches. The trees are to be replaced with native trees and trees that are more manageable. Conservation of the whole Wharf Road area is a high priority, and bird boxes and a bat box will be installed as well as areas of wildflowers.

Doa Foulina

Dog fouling is the offence of being in charge of a dog and failing to remove the dog mess from a public place. It is the responsibility of the dog owner to clean up after the dog if it fouls in a

public area. Failure to do so may incur a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75, or a criminal conviction in Court. To report instances of dog fouling in confidence, contact the dog warden via the Sedgemoor District Council website or call 01278 435294.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings have now been moved to the second Thursday of the month so the next parish council meetings will be on Thursday 12th



January, 9th February and 9th March 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 Combwich.org.uk website.

Contact details for the parish council

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Otterhampton Parish Recreation Association (OPRA) Registered Charity Number 1124017

We would like to wish everyone a happy new year, after losing too many of our friends and neighbours in the last couple of years it would be lovely to have a year of happy times and celebrations.

The senior's Christmas dinner was enjoyed by 47 people, numbers still not back to our pre-covid levels but still a very jovial evening. The entertainment as always was a great hit and this time Mike compered his own version of 'Play your cards right', Mel and his table made a clean sweep of all the prizes. Using the newly fitted digital projector and screen in the village hall, those present were able to enjoy photos of previous Christmas dinners which where displayed on a loop.

A very special thank you to Aly Prowse who kindly cooked the turkey and pigs in blankets and made the gravy and nut roast. The committee cooked all the vegetables and it all came together very well. There were plenty of favourable comments although apologies to those who missed out on the Christmas pudding, extra will be ordered for the next dinner. Thanks as always to Ray and Chris who worked hard in the kitchen, to all the committee for their hard work and to all those who provided raffle prizes. A final thanks to the village hall for the wonderful decorations.

The Christmas trees in Combwich and Steart look better each year and thanks to Mike, Mel, Barry, Tom, Robin and Simon. We were honoured this year to have the tree lights switched on by Yuliia from the Ukraine who is currently living in the village.

The 100 Club 2022 Christmas Draw winners were, 1^{st} prize of £124 to Barry Leathwood, 2^{nd} prize of £74 to Jan Church and 3^{rd} prize of £50 to David and Mandy Latham.

If one of your new year's resolutions is to get fit then perhaps you'd like to join us on our next walk which will be on Sunday 22nd January, meeting at 9.30am in the Anchor car park. Details of the walk to be published later.

If you would like to be on our email notification list, please contact Barry – <u>barry.leathwood@btinternet.com</u> 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 <u>www.combwich.org.uk</u>

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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
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Connie Sanders	653307
Pete Sanders	653307
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An Evening of Ukrainian Food and Music - Saturday 26th November

The evening organised by Somerset Aid for Ukraine was oversold and proved to be a great success. Everyone enjoyed the authentic Ukrainian food and entertainment by well known Ukrainian singer, pianist and guitarist/singer Tonya Matviyenko (pictured right). £836 was raised from ticket sales and a raffle in addition to a separate

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collection to fund much needed generators to take to the Ukraine. More money was raised by the Combwich and District WI, and by Liz Brown at the Christmas market.

Ukrainian Collection

In early December, the Hall was used as a collection point for urgently needed supplies to be sent to the Ukraine. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of Otterhampton residents. Two vans were fully loaded with supplies ranging from ex-army arctic gear to coats, hats, gloves, jumpers, food, medicines, torches, nappies, toiletries and a wheelchair. Everything desperately needed by the people of the Ukraine.

Another collection has been arranged for **Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th January** and the next lorry will be departing for Ukraine, from Taunton, on 21st January. Please bring any items along to the Hall lounge bar. Warm clothes for adults and children are still needed along with duvets, sleeping bags, medicines, food and toiletries. They also need crutches and walking frames and if you have a spare generator or two, they are desperately needed. See the full page about the collection appeal in this magazine for further information. If you are unable to drop off your donations in person, please contact Sue Barton on 01278 653531 or <u>suecbarton@gmail.com</u> and she will arrange for your items to be collected.

Additional information can be found in the following links and also further ways to support:

https://www.somersetaidforukraine.org https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/somerset-aid-for-ukraine/backers https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/4F2GV9T6QB3B

Warm Space Initiative

The trustees were successful in their bid for a grant to provide a warm space in the bar lounge and have received £800 from the Somerset Community Foundation. We aim to provide local people with a warm place to meet and watch TV, play cards/games or have a chat over tea and biscuits or lunch. Please keep an eye open for posters for the event and tell your friends and neighbours and if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Sue on 01278 653531 or suecbarton@gmail.com

Harbour View Bar Steve Lang, Chairman

Happy New Year to you all.

Thank you to everyone that has supported the Harbour View Bar in 2022, there are a few who have not renewed their memberships and new members are always welcome, its £5 till the end of August and £1 for guests per visit.

We are purchasing new neon opening signs, so if the signs are lit up, we are open so please come in.

The committee has decided still not to open on Saturdays, but are still opening for the monthly Quiz and other planned events. The quiz for Jan is on the 14th. We are still looking for new committee members and Bar staff so if you are interested in joining the team then just leave your details behind the bar.

Once again Happy New Year and hope to see you all in the future months.





News from St Peter's Church

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Our prayer is that it will be a year full of Love, Joy and Peace for everyone, despite the miserable news reports of political unrest and cost of living prices soaring.

The highlights for us this year have been the formation of the 'Bell Ringing Team' under the good guidance of Peter Sanders, the Team Leader. They were there to ring out joy and happiness in the celebration of Terry and Emma Linden's Wedding in July. (The Frying Scotsman)

They were also there to toll the bells and lead us through our mourning period and through the funeral service of our late Queen Elizabeth II.

They were there to ring out carols during our Christmas celebrations and it was an honour that the WI chose to celebrate their united Christmas carol service with us at St Peter's this year.

Looking forward, we have Sunday Services at 11.15am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and a new Praise and Worship evening service at 6.00pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. You are so very welcome to join us.

We also have a special Family Reunite Service at 10.00am on Sunday 29th January 23. This service is for everyone who was Christened as a baby or Baptised as an adult at any church. At that point in your life, you became a member of the wider church family, and this is the opportunity for us all to reunite and catch up with one another and see what we can do to support you in your walk with God. Please come along and join us.

With Love from

Rev Alison Waters and Rev Jan Church.



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Birthday Bells by Steve Parker

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Birthday Bells were played for Mrs. Christine Wagland, Clementine Vaiders and Pete Sanders.



Christine has lived in Combwich all her life and was born on Church Hill. Christine is now confined to the house. Pete recorded the bells playing "Happy Birthday" and with the help of her neighbours Di and Sally, the recording was played to Christine for her birthday on the following Saturday.

She was delighted as it was extra special because Christine was married at St. Peter's Church in 1954.

Birthday Bells were played for Clementine Vaiders' very first birthday. Clementine was also born in the village on Church Hill at home. Clementine's Dad joined the bell ringers to play "Happy Birthday". Clemmie's mum said it was a very special way to finish the day off.

We also played Birthday Bells for Pete Sanders.

The bells in St. Peter's Church in Combwich are fairly unique in that they enable tunes to be played. Playing a tune on ordinary church bells is almost impossible and can only be done with great difficulty. Never-the-less it is still pretty tricky.

Ring For The King

The bells were rung when Queen Elizabeth II died, and for the proclamation of the King. The bell ringers needed to respond at short notice to guidance issued by the Palace

The bells will be ringing for the Coronation of King Charles III. The bell ringers would like to involve as many people as possible in this historical occasion.

To have "Happy Birthday" played, be involved in 'Ring for the King', or if you would just like to have a go at ringing the church bells email: <u>petersanders861@gmail.com</u>

If you are under sixteen you will need to bring along an adult, and they can have a go as well.

You will also need to be aware that the steeple steps up to the bell ropes are quite steep and narrow.



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Mrs Claire Luce Head Teacher

OFSTED Inspection

We had visitors for 2 days at the beginning of November and were delighted with the outcome which now confirms that OPS is a 'Good' school. The inspectors were impressed with all areas of the school's development since the last OFSTED inspection and commented that 'Leaders have galvanised the school community and created a culture of high expectations. For a copy of the full report: <u>https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/146243</u>





Christmas Nativity - 'Lights, Camel, Action!'

We were delighted to hold a whole school nativity this year which involved everyone (including Little Otters) in the retelling of the Christmas story. We were joined by many friends and families of OPS and it was a truly magical performance. The OPS Friends provided refreshments and mince pies and we raised over £88 for school funds. The friends also organised a raffle which raised £289!

Community Coffee morning

On Friday 16th December we opened up our doors and welcomed the community into school to watch the nativity. Over 40 members of the community attended to watch the performance and share a cup of tea and a mince pie. It was such a lovely way to end the term.

Bay/River Theatre Trip

Bay and River Class took a bus trip down to the Brewhouse Theatre on Wednesday 14th December to see a performance of 'The Little Prince'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.







Christmas lunch

Over 70 Christmas lunches were served on Tuesday 13th December. The biggest uptake yet! Turkey and all of the trimmings were served. Christmas crackers were kindly donated by Sharon and Dave Windsor and Aspens provided the napkins and table coverings. Thank you for your kindness!



Christmas jumper day

We raised an amazing £54 for 'Save the Children' on Friday 9th December in our wear a Christmas jumper Day. Well done everyone!

We are looking forward to a busy Spring term with lots of opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom.

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We are having fun

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By Steve Parker

Otterhampton Primary School mixed football team is made up of players from years four, five and six and they play football because it is fun.

George, (defence) says that playing football is really good fun because you get to be with your friends and Aiden (midfield) says there are lots of comedy moments. Mrs. Luce has signed up the football team to play lots of games and Taylor (midfield), says that is good because you get to see friends from other nearby schools such as Cannington, Spaxton, Enmore and Nether Stowey. The team especially likes to play against Enmore and Cannington.

Open-minded

Phoebe (midfield) explained that they are a new football team while other school teams have been playing together for longer. This means that the team has to think about new ways of playing and develop new tactics.

Asbjorn's, (International Star Player from Denmark, goal and midfield) tactic is to get back and stand on the goal line ready to clear the ball and when in goal he can scramble backwards to get the ball before it goes over the line. Pixie's (defense and midfield) tactic is to leap frog over an opposing player if they are bending over and Mason (goal and defence) thinks this can be made better, but that is a team secret.

Teamwork

Pixie says that interacting with your team mates and team work is really important. Charlie (attacking midfielder) is the team's top goal scorer. Charlie and Phoebe play up front supporting each other, and when Phoebe's shot hit the post, the ball bounced back and Charlie was able to get onto the ball and score the goal.

Thoughtfulness

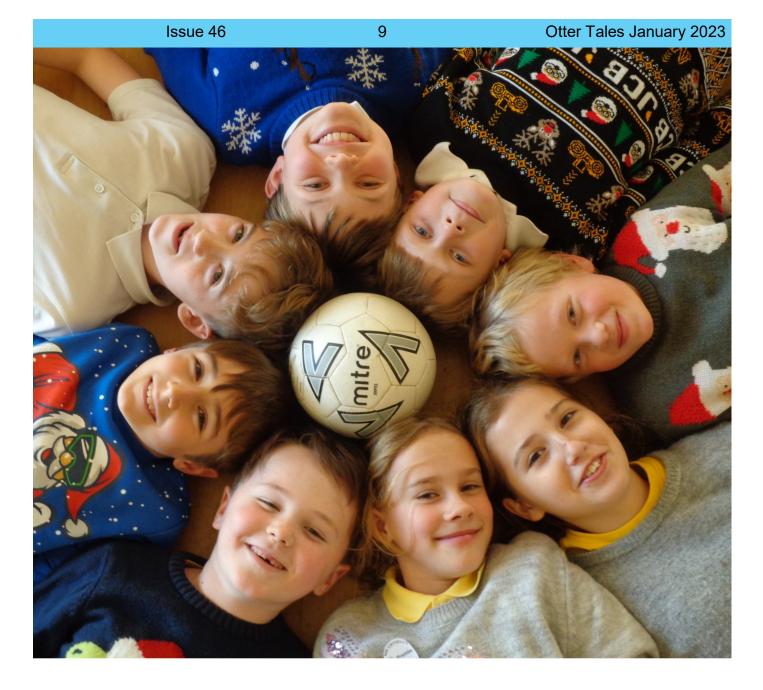
When not playing, the team cheers on other teams especially if they are struggling. Aiden (midfield) pointed out that it is important to be well behaved on the pitch and Taylor says it is important to be kind.

Match day is Thursday, and Mrs. Turnbull is the chief supporter. After a match Aiden's mum brings chocolate cookies, which cheer everyone up.

Excellence

Pixie explained that you get a good feeling from being competitive and doing your best.

Phoebe says the team is playing better now than ever before. Mason is trying to be the best goalie, Asbjorn nearly scored, but much to his amazement the ball curved and went wide and Aiden came close to scoring when he hit the top post. To practice George plays football with his friends.



Resilience

George says you have to be brave and keep on going, especially when the other team has bigger year six players.

When in goal Mason's fingers got bent right back, yet he managed an excellent save. Charlie has been hit in the face with the ball, Asbjorn has been pushed over, Phoebe fell over on her knees and Pixie has been pushed in the face and even stung by a bee before a match. When Aiden tackled a bigger player who fell over, their feet got tangled up and he fell over as well. Everybody gets kicked in the shins. Good job everyone has shin pads.

The team plays in a brilliant bright yellow kit. It is a great kit with hoodies and everything and everyone feels great when wearing it. The shorts come in one size and are way below Asbjorn's knees, which causes a bit of a problem. If you are a bit taller the shorts don't even reach your knees, and that causes even more problems. The boots are good because it is important to have good football boots. Pixie especially likes the clicking sound the studs make when walking on a hard floor. The only problem with the boots is if you lose one just before a match.

George, Asbjorn, Mason, Charlie, Taylor, Aiden, Pixie and Phoebe say you should never give up. It is all about having FUN!

THE FOGEY'S LAMENT

Remember the days, before all this 'tech' when we spoke to each other or wrote out a cheque? Counted out cash and checked on our change? And digits were fingers, not binary range. Now Big Brother's watching whilst hiding from sight. And your fone nose much better than *ewe*what to rite. And your money's all safely packed onto that card (with access becoming increasingly hard).

Well...

All it'll take is just one solar flare to knock out the satellites spinning up there: the whole stack of cards will come tumbling down and swiping and texting will raise just a frown.

Whilst updating circles are spinning all night, those feathering fingers just can't make it right. "Your stuff is quite safe, it's way up in the Cloud!" But access is cut off, no longer allowed.

Each snippet, each secret, each penny, each pound: it's raining your info back down to the ground to be swept up by others, who know where to look.

Paul Bradbury

Stories, articles reports, events and other items for publication in the next edition of Otter Tales need to be received by Thursday 23rd February 2023. E mail The Editor: otter.tales@aol.com

Feedback

Emails, comments, feedback, and suggestions to the editor Barry Leathwood at otter.tales@aol.com

Feedback and Comments:

What a wonderful story from Claire Luce in the November Edition of Otter Tales about the School Football Team. Claire described how the team play with resilience and a smile.

What Stars. Steven Parker



I really like the idea of Birthday Bells. It is my neighbour's birthday coming up. It would be wonderful to have happy birthday played for her. Sally Horne

Do you recognise this watercolour?

It was found in a charity shop in Bridgwater.

Email the Editor: otter.tales@aol.com



Combwich & District WI - Elizabeth Marriott

Our last meeting of the year was on Thursday 15th December when we thoroughly enjoyed a game of Santa Beetle, we had a best wrapped secret Santa gift competition with everyone taking home a surprise gift. We all took our favourite nibbles to share and enjoyed a glass or two of mulled wine or shloer, a good time was had by all.



On Friday 2nd December it was Combwich & District WI's turn to hold the group Carol Service at St Peter's Church. We provided refreshments after the service which was well attended and our collection was to be donated towards generators for Ukraine. A wonderful total of £165 was raised and handed to Sue Tyler-Moore.



December's lunch outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all at The Tudor in Bridgwater. Our next meal outing will be Blackmore Farm for our Christmas meal on 16th January.

Our next WI meeting at Combwich Village Hall will be Thursday 19th January. We have Philip Hoyland giving us a talk on "Benefits of Brass memorabilia" and the competition is a Theatre Programme. February's meeting is on the 16th and we have Richard Raynsford giving a talk on Glastonbury Festival. The competition is a handmade Valentines card. Both speakers will be using the lovely hall screen to show photographs.

If you are interested in joining our happy band do come along to our next meeting, 7pm for 7.30pm, you will be sure of a warm welcome.

NOTES to a not-so-sleepy village (Four) by Chris Ponka

When did you last climb a tree? I don't mean if you're a tree surgeon... or a squirrel... I mean when did you last climb a tree for the fun of it?

The other day I thought now being of a certain age; I might never get to climb a tree again. *(Sad face)*

As a kid I loved climbing trees. We all did. It's what kids did... We'd build tree houses. Some more substantial than others, sometimes just a few planks of wood tied to a branch...

No computer games or Facebook in those days. We played outside in the fresh air.

And scrumping! Anyone remember scrumping? That's what we called it anyway; it might have been called something else in Somerset. It was essentially stealing apples. Not from Tesco or Lidl you understand. I mean from apple trees. *(Where apples come from)* But you wouldn't just steal them. You'd ask *permission* to steal them!

Knock, knock, knock! Yes, can I help you? Is it okay if we scrump some of your apples mister? Yes of course but only the windfalls, don't pick them off the tree – they might not be ripe yet. Okay, thanks!

Can you imagine that? Asking permission to steal things?

Excuse me mate – is it okay if I steal your Lamborghini? Is it alright if I steal your credit card? Is it okay if I steal your missus?

Of course, it wasn't really stealing. There were plenty of apples to go around and it was always much better than just letting them rot and go to waste. You'd go home with a big carrier bag full of apples and your mum would make a crumble.

(Or if you were lucky, your Dad!)

Maybe I'm not *quite* yet too old to climb a tree. I hope not.

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Garden

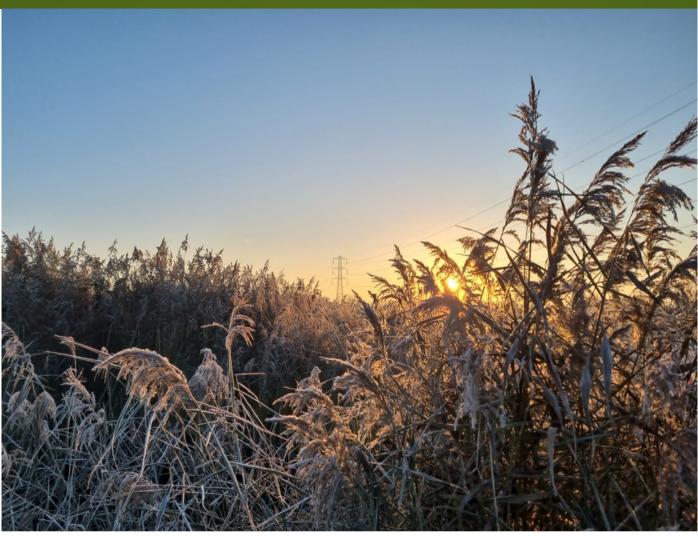
Time : 7.30 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Date : Wednesday 8th February 2023 **Venue: The Anchor** Tea, Coffee & Orange squash provided & Grand Competition Announcement

For more information text 07895 239878



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A big 'Happy New Year' from the team at WWT Steart Marshes!

Thank you for all the help and support we receive from the local community. If you have any feedback then our Steart survey is still open at <u>wwt.org.uk/steart-survey</u> – you can add comments at the end.

Keep an eye out on Twitter, Facebook, and wwt.org.uk/steart for news and events over the coming year.

We look forward to seeing you out on the reserve in 2023!

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OTTERHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

UKRAINE AID APPEAL

MEDICAL Medicines, dressings, mobility aids etc

PERSONAL Soap, toothpaste, nappies, tampons etc

EQUIPMENT Generator, torches, sleeping bags etc

URGENTLY NEEDED

CLOTHES Warm clothing adult & children

FOOD Dried, canned, non-perishable etc





Please bring donations to the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th January 4pm - 7pm or Thursday 19th January 10.30am - 12 noon or call Sue 01278 653531

To make a financial donation go to - www.somersetaidforukraine.org Email: otter.tales@aol.com www.combwich.org.uk.org/about-otterhampton/otter-tales

Welcome to The Anchor

First off we would like to thank all our customers for their support during 2022 and wish everyone a Happy New Year. The Christmas festivities started off on a musical note with the return of the popular singer Andy Doran, with an evening of acoustic covers and his incredible guitar skills. We really hope to welcome Andy back in the future,



Otter Tales January 2023

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing day were a great success and it was incredible to see some many people out celebrating. Christmas Eve was the draw for the yearly Christmas raffle. Congratulations to all our winners, we still have a few unclaimed prizes so check your tickets.

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Matt is hoping to be back cooking in the kitchen in early February once a new floor has been laid and the electric cooking equipment changed to gas. A new menu has been created around cooking in an energy efficient way to make it viable to reopen with a new menu. The opening night will be announced soon and will mark the start of Matthew's 17 years of hosting at the Anchor and hope lots of villagers will come and try out the new menu and check out the refurbished Anchor including a dartboard and pool table.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be the meeting place for the new Garden Club, with the first meeting taking place on Wednesday 8th of February.

Live Music: Check the 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

Open Monday to Thursday from 4pm Friday from 2pm Saturday and Sunday from 1pm We hope to see you all soon

The Anchor Team.





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. <u>You will need to register (if you have not already done so) on this number before you</u> 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 note, when you renew your bus pass you must let us have your new number.

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Defibrillators can save your life.

There are two defibrillators in Combwich.

One is in the telephone box, the other at the Anchor/Ship Lane wall. Steart has one defibrillator. It is on the wall of the old chapel (signposted). Dial 999 to call for an ambulance then follow the simple instructions.