



OPRA Newsletter

May 2012

A sizzling summer to look forward to!

After a dismal April, the wettest on record, we hope for a sizzling summer with much to occupy us both nationally and locally. The Olympics, the Diamond Jubilee and of course the OPRA Fete to name but a few, but before that a word or two about recent events. Three interesting talks in the village hall with topics ranging from the archaeology finds service when residents were able to bring their finds to be identified, a talk about Viking Women and the Cannington Walled Gardens.



The Sunday walks have continued to be a success when even in April (above) we had a sunny day.

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt attracted 80 children who raced around the village looking for clues to earn their Easter egg.

Fete

Preparations are well underway for this years Fete which will be held on Saturday 7th July starting at 2pm. There will be a

range of activities and attractions: Cuthbert the Clown with his magic tricks and much more. The Nelson School of Dancing have been booked again by popular demand and a bouncy castle has been arranged. There will also be a fun Dog Show and we hope for a good attendance by our canine friends. Rosettes and prizes will be awarded in each class and the show will be judged by two experienced veterinary nurses from the Quantock Veterinary Hospital in Bridgewater. So spruce up your canine companions and come along. For more information contact Yvonne on 652713.

Various games, stalls, barbeque, ice cream, cream teas and a variety of activities are also promised to ensure a good time for all.

Raffle ticket sellers will be calling on you in the next few weeks to invite you to participate in the draw with a chance to win £100 or a number of other prizes.

Volunteers always needed to help with the draw or other aspects of the Fete. Please contact any committee member

Otterhampton Parish
Recreation Association

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1124017

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OPRA 100 CLUB

Interested in joining then contact Lyn on 653464 to support OPRA financially and a chance to win cash prizes in the weekly draw (drawn monthly) Results are displayed in the Post Office and the village notice board

Join the growing number of villagers contributing and benefiting from membership.



Street Party - Saturday 2nd June 2012, 2pm-late

Preparations are underway for a village street party to be held in Combwich to celebrate the Queen's 60-year reign. A traditional tea party complete with buntings, flags and crowns will be held outside the village hall together with an assortment of fun and activities for the whole family, including competitions, a tea dance, tug 'o war, good food and much more.

For the purposes of safety and to enable various events to take place, part of Riverside will be closed off between 12noon and 6pm, ie the section of road between the village hall and the entrance to The Anchor pub.

Any queries contact Lyn or Robert 653464

Parish Annual Assembly

Have your say at the Assembly
7pm Tuesday 22nd May in the Village Hall
All Parishioners Welcome

No Set Agenda
Its your Meeting

NB. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will follow which includes the election of officers etc.

Quantock Musical Theatre Company proudly present

Singing in the Reign

Wind back your radio dials to the 1950's and celebrate the jubilee with QMTCs latest show. Do you remember Children's Choice, Family Favourites or Down your way ?. Relive the nostalgia by coming along to a show that is filled with songs from the films, shows and radio of those times. You will be the audience to a "retro" radio show studio recording in true BBC style. With lots of fun something for all QMTC will sing you through memories of a the 50's so come along and join us.

This is a fundraising event for Otterhampton Village Hall at 7.30pm 25th May.

Tickets £ 5 each from Combwich Post Office or on the Door .

Tel. 01278 733121 for further details

A Fun Cycle Event

On Sunday 24th June
At 10am the Anchor

Raising funds for "Paralympics GB"

Three routes to suit all 14, 7.5 and 4 miles

Sponsorship forms from Carol Parcownik (School receptionist or Beverley Smith 652487

Stearth

Are you a newcomer to the area or do you consider yourself a local. Well we now know people lived in this area for thousands of years. During the preparatory work for the wetland habit creation scheme at Stearth evidence of iron age settlements have been found at a time when there were no sea defences and the peninsula was full of creeks and marshland. Later the Romans came, built sea defences and farmed the area and when they left in the 4th century AD, it reverted to marshland until in medieval times sea defences were rebuilt and farming resumed. Very soon the area will look as it must have done thousands of years ago. Archaeological finds relating to all these periods have recently been discovered.

Plant Sale

On Saturday 19th May a Plant Sale will be held in the grounds of St Peter's Church, or in the church if wet (proceeds to the church) from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm. So please come and make sure that your gardens are gorgeous for this jubilee year, we can assure you that there will be pretty perennials, audacious annuals and vigorous vegetables - not to mention a welcome of tea or coffee while you make your choices.

PS If you have any excess plants that need a good home they will be very welcome too. For further information contact Yvonne 652713

A Table Top Sale

Will be held in Otterhampton Village Hall on Saturday 19th May from 10am to 2.30pm. Small antiques, Stamps and postcards, Books, Bric a brac, Pictures, Jewellery, Toys and models. Enquiries or to book a table (£5) contact

C. WILLIAMS 01278 652998

Stallholders in place by 9.30am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15th May Whist Drive—Village Hall

19th May Church Plant Sale

19th May Table Top Sale Village Hall

22nd May Parish Assembly & Annual Meeting*

25th May "Singing in the Reign"

2nd June Diamond Jubilee

24th June Fun Cycle Event

7th July OPRA Fete

Walks third Sunday in the month*

* Check notice boards

About OPRA

OPRA is a local charity which works exclusively within the Otterhampton Parish. We organise activities directly, or support others, sometimes by making a grant or providing pump priming finance to get something going. If you have suggestions for future OPRA activities or want to become involved please get in touch with any trustee. (A warm welcome to Chris Hancock as a new committee member)