

# Dear Friends



*Welcome to our new Othona newsletter*

Another year has gone by and, even though we didn't start as well as we hoped due to the COVID-19 situation, restrictions have eased and we've been able to enjoy community life again.

A lot has happened in the past few months here at Othona; fundraising for our new wind turbine, a new set of ESC volunteers, as well as our usual groups, program and hard work. But here's the big news:

it's time for celebration as our beloved Richard and Debbie are becoming centre managers

*Our esc volunteers*



# Year in Review



## Activities

The year has been full of new adventures and friends. In the summer, we enjoyed a great variety of activities and learned new things, as we had different weeks dedicated to permaculture, art, music and even sports with the Olympics week. We also enjoyed the sea and said goodbye to the summer on a very musical note thanks to the group "Dirty old Country Folkers".

But things never stop at Othona and once the summer was over, we started preparing for the event of the season, after two years we couldn't wait for Fireworks weekend. It was lovely to see so many of you again.

## Animals

During the year, our cute and lovely chicks have become big hens and really enjoy sunbathing during warm days, as well as eating and running around.

Sadly, not everything is good news and we had to say goodbye to our owl Sandra, that passed away this month.

## Thank you

Year after year the Othona Community has been a place for all of us to get together, learn, meet new people, work, worship and many more things, but none of them would be possible without you. Therefore, we wanted to give a very special thanks to all of the people that come here and give a little part of themselves. Thank you to all the volunteers that came and helped out during our working weeks, contributed to the wind turbine fundraising and made very generous donations.

## Coming up

*We're expecting great things for 2022, so be ready for the Essex Green weekend, half term and even the long awaited summer season.*

*But sadly, we'll have to say goodbye to our dear Tim after six years so don't miss Fox's Festival.*

*As always, you'll find all the information on our website. We're waiting for you !*

