

FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT OTHONA

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER

£8.50 WITH FREE BBQ. Vine School Trust Children Free

6.30pm Doors open

7.45pm Show starts

The Programme for November continues with an **Art Therapy Workshop** Mon 7th to Fri 11th.

Winter Watch – birdwatching and wildlife watching runs Mon 14th to Thur 17th November.

Advent weekend 25/27th – share the hope of Advent, Candlelit Service in the Chapel on 26th.

Look forward to **Community Christmas** Fri 23rd to Tue 27th Dec., **New Year** Fri 30th to 2nd Jan.

Local people are welcome to book a meal or a day at any of these residential events.

Looking back over the last month at Othona, the Autumn Retreat, led by Bishop John Perumbalath was a great opportunity to share some time with our Bishop, and to learn from his insights into the Old Testament viewed as a journey through time and ideology; and see the Psalms as a work of Praise, however downhearted or uncertain the psalmist might feel.

October Half –Term is our usual lively event, as youngsters – and their parents, grandparents and anyone who wants to join in – have fun and make new friends as the youngsters gently learn the lessons of community living, which give an important foundation for later life. In the quieter times outside of our traditionally open School Holidays, Othona holds Retreats and Events with leaders who volunteer their time. We also host private bookings – such as the large and lively wedding last month, with all the cooking and catering by, again, volunteers: great fun, great teamwork, give it a try! If you think Othona is the place for your family celebration, be it Wedding, Christening, Birthday or Anniversary contact **Wardens Debbie and Richard Sanders**.

Othona is not just a place for events on site – it is a Community of people who share that sense of Christian engagement and joy across the world, as visitors and volunteers move on. Closer to home, the Othona Community led the Harvest Festival Thanksgiving service on 9th October at St Thomas Church, sharing with the local congregation before hosting the Harvest supper at Othona later in the month. As the psalmist says in Psalm 100: “Shout for joy to the Lord all the Earth.” At Othona we face reality in discussions and concern for the world – but keep praising!

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