

The Othona Community in Autumn 2023.

September at the Othona Community, Bradwell on Sea, started with an ending - the last day of **A Time to Simply Be**, a relaxing week enjoyed by many, "at the end of the summer." But it was not the end of the summer, it was the end of a rather damp and chilly season and the start of more summery weather. This made for a very cheerful and fruitful **Harvest Working Weekend** from 8-10 September, always our most popular working weekend, with delicious homemade meals from home-harvested fruit and vegetables, with jams and apple juice prepared for the winter.

Coming up next for your diary is:

Greening our Souls Retreat from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th October, led by Imogen Nay, if you prefer a gentler and more reflective time at Othona.

The word became flesh and dwelt among us, Retreat, Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd October, led by Sister Hilda Mary Baumburg, is currently fully booked but you are welcome to stay at this time, as a **Time to Simply Be**.

October Half Term Monday 23- Friday 27 October invites you to join us for a fun family week - singles, couples, families, all included!

We are giving Fireworks a break this year, how do you feel? We may have something different for our local community in 2024.

Art and Soul Retreat Monday 6th - Friday 10th November, explore through art with Genevieve Collier.

Have you seen our Art Room yet? It is part of the Education Building, one of our oldest buildings, in the Old Field down behind the sea wall, where all the Community's buildings and activities were located until the mid-1960s. This building was recently renovated through donations, notably the Essex Community Foundation, and a skilled volunteer workforce. As well as offering a beautiful space for Art and Creative Activities, there are rooms for Schools Educational Activities, or additional accommodation with its showers and toilets, and currently it houses the Bradwell Bay Airfield Museum. To come and visit, or book the space, find out about other Community options for your own group activity, or book for one of our events, you are welcome to contact Debbie and Richard.

"No year goes by without some people from every type of background writing in or testifying personally of some new or renewed experience that has come into their lives as a result of participation with us." (Much Ado About Something, a History of The Othona Community by our founder Norman Motley.)

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