

Permaculture Week Monday 17th -Friday 21st Aug

The aim is to have live presentations and videos with question and answer sessions at the end. Talks will start at 7:30pm and the sessions will be roughly an hour long.

- Monday 17th **General introduction to Permaculture** – Overview presented by Graham Burnett, author of “Permaculture: A Beginners Guide”. Graham has been involved with Permaculture for decades, we are delighted that he is available to present this talk. Like his book, this talk promises to be accessible and informative.
- Tuesday 18th **Gardening Ideas for making the most of a small space** – Presented by Susanne Kelly, regular Othona visitor and tree hugger. Using her own garden as a starting point she will explore ways that you can make your garden work harder for you as you work towards a more sustainable lifestyle.
- Wednesday 19th **The Othona Bradwell Energy Project** – Chaired by Susanne Kelly, and featuring an interview with Othona Bradwell’s centre manager Tim Fox, and a video guided tour of the new biomass boiler and electricity installations. There will be further information about some of the technical aspects, with a Q&A session with Richard Sanders at the end.
- Thursday 20th **Walking About with Jonney Aldridge** – Ever wanted to know what Jonney Aldridge is up to in the Lower Field at Othona Bradwell? Well now is your chance to find out without having to put your boots on! Discover some hidden treasures you may never have known about and find out how the reed bed sewerage treatment system works.
- Friday 21st **Community Gardens: Growing Together: Community Gardens** – Presented by Matt King. Growing Together is a therapeutic community garden project and Trust Links has set up four in Westcliff, Shoeburyness, Thundersley and Rochford. Using organic methods, Trust Links has transformed overgrown and abandoned areas of land in urban areas into productive and award-winning community gardens. Growing Together provides horticultural training, positive activities, keyworker support and a chance for people to meet others, helping those with a range of mental health problems and mild Learning Disabilities. There will be short videos of the project and discussion about the alignment with Permaculture ethics and principles.