WEMBWORTHY VILLAGE HALL & COMMUNITY NEWS: JUNE 2021

Well, what a washout May was! So disappointing that as social restrictions eased, the weather imposed it's own restrictions on us. Let's hope that June proves to be more promising, especially as this month sees National Picnic Week from 19th - 27th June, an annual event to celebrate everything there is about the great tradition of picnicking. We are fortunate to have so many local options, where will you choose to picnic?



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Committee update: we are delighted to have received several enquiries about joining the committee and it looks as though our numbers will be increasing, which is fantastic. However, our Secretary will be stepping down from the Committee at the AGM and I have given 6 months' notice to step down as Chair but will remain on the Committee. Additional Committee members are still welcome, our next meeting is on **Thursday 17th June** if you would like to join us to find out more. A full list of Committee members will be updated after our AGM, which has been set for **Wednesday 21st July**. Further details of the AGM will be in the next newsletter.

Tea, Cake & Conversation: sessions start again from **Friday 4**th **June**, (2pm - 3.30pm), a drop-in session providing an opportunity to have a chat over a drink and piece of cake, all welcome. We don't charge for refreshments but donations to cover costs and support the hall are welcome. If the weather behaves, we will set tables and chairs outside to make this an outdoor event. We have been offered a selection of books for people to make use of, perhaps you'll find your next read?



Spring Clean: this will take place on **Wednesday 30th June** and we would ask that you join us if you can to help prepare the hall for the summer after months of inactivity. It would have been good to have run this as part of the Great British Spring Clean (28th May - 13th June) but in order to be covid safe we have chosen a date when we hope that social restrictions will have been fully removed. We will be starting at 1pm and

continue into the evening, providing an opportunity to help out in the afternoon and/or evening, and will provide tea/coffee and biscuits. We will have a list of internal and external tasks that need doing and it would really help us to plan if you could let us know in advance if you can help and what you would be prepared to help with. **Tasks include**: cleaning windows (inside and out), clearing and cleaning gutters, washing down internal walls, dusting and wiping

down internal beams, sweeping and mopping floors, washing crockery and cutlery, cleaning kitchen cupboards, the cooker and fridge freezer, wiping down tables and chairs, cleaning toilets, washing external hard standing areas and weeding. Please let me know if you can help.



Flower Show: we are pleased to confirm that the date for this will be Saturday 21st August. The schedule of classes is being distributed with this newsletter - if you haven't received a schedule and would like one please let me know. If you, or your children, would like to take part but will be away on the day of the Show, I am happy to hold adult craft and children's entries and take them to the hall on the day. If you would like to make use of this offer please let me know. New for this year: a suggestion has been made to ask people to share information about the things that have kept them going through lockdown, perhaps new skills or hobbies that have been taken up. Or perhaps you have completed an online course and gained a new qualification, or undertaken a personal challenge. If you have a photo you can share, or a write up about your activity, you are invited to bring it along to the hall on the day of the Show so that we can put together a display as a record of how Wembworthy, Eggesford and Brushford residents got through the coronavirus pandemic.

Scarecrow Competition: this will be held in conjunction with the Flower Show. We had several amazing creative entries last year and hope to receive even more this year. The theme is the letter 'M' - think Mr Men, mauve, magic, movies, music and beyond.....lots of options. Scarecrows will need to be in place by 9am on **Friday 20**th **August** for judging, with the winner announced at the Flower Show. Further details can be found in the Flower Show schedule.

Quiz Night: we are looking at September to hold a quiz when all social restrictions have hopefully long gone. Watch this space for further details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LITTLE RED HEN STUDIO AND POTTERY: 'The Little Red Hen has started to open its doors. There are 3 bubble groups attending now, led by a person from the group. If you wish to think about setting up a bubble please just contact me. At present, due to personal circumstances, the drop in, family craft and courses are still on hold but we hope to get back as

soon as possible. If you are in need of any craft bits please always ask. Charges remain the same at £4 per person per session, with a small charge for second firings of pottery. Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.' Susan.

WEMBWORTHY CHURCH: 'June's Morning Prayer service is on **Sunday 6**th **June** and returns to our more usual time of **9.30am.** The Wardens will lead the service once more. With the Government's restrictions due to end later in June, this could be the last of this form of service, certainly the last lead by the Wardens for a while. You are all most welcome to join us. The Church continues to be open every Sunday and Wednesday from 9am to 5pm for private prayer, or following the service on Sunday 6th June.' Chris Rogers 0333 006 4252 and Rob Perry 01837 680125

WEMBWORTHY CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL: 'After such a long time we are resuming our Sunday services, starting on **30**th **May** at 3pm, and are hoping to continue with services on the 1st and 5th Sundays and a short Prayer Meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month, all at 3pm. If anyone would like to attend please book in with Bev & Jenny Robins on 07775 795308 or 07879 078717'

EGGESFORD CHURCH: 'The service at All Saints on **Sunday 20**th **June** will be evening prayer. It's one day before the next relaxation of Covid rules and so we'll not be able to sing, unless we move outside. If the weather is lovely, we may. Voices need to be back in use: "Let all the world in every corner sing...."

THE LYMINGTON ARMS: 'At the time of writing this we have only been open one week but it has been fantastic to see so many of you back in the pub, especially on Tuesday evening for the music! The Winkleigh Morris Dancers will be here in the evening of **Tuesday 8th June**, your support for them would be great. We are hoping, if restrictions lift on 21st June, to host the Vintage Vehicles and

Vehicles of Interest again on the first Wednesday in July, so fingers crossed! Here's hoping for a fantastic Bank Holiday! All the best and stay safe, Kate and Bob.'

EGGESFORD CROSSING CAFÉ: New opening hours from 27th May: 'Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9am to 2pm. Breakfast menu served until 12.30pm, homemade quiches, pies, sausage rolls and pasties available until close. Message or call to book a table (01769 581427). Friday evenings resuming in June.'

THE PLANT SHED: Now offering 'a multi-purpose blend of Devon topsoil and composted organic matter. Bring your own old plastic sack or use ours. £7.50 for approx. 20 litres.' (01769 581318)

OPEN AIR THEATRE IN EGGESFORD & BRUSHFORD: part of The Plough Arts Centre Open-Air Music and Theatre Festival this summer, with 54 events in 15 venues, including Brushford Barton (BB) and The Lodge, Eggesford (E), 7pm start Saturday 17th July (BB): 'She Ventures and He Wins' - 'A hilarious Restoration romp jam-packed with gags and innuendo' Friday 23rd July (BB): 'Romeo and Juliet' - 'Live music, uproarious comedy and heartbreak'

Thursday 5th August (E): 'HMS Pinafore' a Gilbert and Sullivan opera, mocking Great British institutions

<u>Thursday 26th August</u> (BB): '**A Midsummer Night's Dream'** 'a dream world of fairies, mistaken identities and love triangles.' Further details at www.theploughartscentre.org.uk; booking online or on 01805 624624, tickets from £10.00

DIARY DATES

4 th June (Fri)	Tea, Cake & Conversation	Wembworthy Village Hall	2 - 3.30pm
6 th June (Sun)	Morning Prayer	Wembworthy Church	9.30am
6 th June (Sun)	Chapel Service	Wembworthy Congregational Chapel	3pm
8 th June (Tues)	Winkleigh Morris Dancers	The Lymington Arms	8pm
10 th June (Thurs)	Mobile Library	Near the Church, Wembworthy	1.30pm - 2pm
11 th June (Fri)	Kernow Fisheries	Wembworthy, near the Church	10.15am
17 th June (Thurs)	Village Hall Committee Meeting	g Wembworthy Village Hall	7.30pm
20 th June (Sun)	Prayer Meeting	Wembworthy Congregational Chapel	3pm
20 th June (Sun)	Evening Prayer	Eggesford Church	6pm
21 st June (Mon)	Deadline for July newsletter entries		
25 th June (Fri)	Kernow Fisheries	Wembworthy, near the Church	10.15am
30 th June (Wed)	Spring Clean	Wembworthy Village Hall	From 1pm

July newsletter: entries for the July newsletter to be received by 21st June please.