

WEMBORTHY VILLAGE HALL & COMMUNITY NEWS: MAY 2021



The sun continues to shine and there definitely appears to be a more positive atmosphere than that of recent months. Life in rural Devon provides us with many lovely local walks and areas to explore, perfect for National Walking Month. With woodland, river, coast and moorland options, where will you be heading to enjoy the great British outdoors this month?

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We are pleased to confirm that the Tea, Cake & Conversation sessions will start again from **Friday 4th June**, (2pm - 3.30pm), subject to further easing of Covid restrictions as per the planned Government roadmap. Keep your fingers crossed! We will shortly be looking at plans for future events, including an AGM in June/July and a Flower Show and Scarecrow Competition in August and will provide an update in the June newsletter.

Many hands make light work – we would ask that you consider the following to help support YOUR Village Hall:

- As the Hall has been unused for such a long time, both the internal and external areas are in need of a jolly good Spring Clean. We will be setting a date for this soon and will be looking for volunteers to help spruce up the Hall ready to resume a calendar of social events.
- We are fortunate to have several people that we can call on to help at events and are very grateful for this support. However, in order to maintain the Hall and provide a varied calendar of events and activities for the local community, we need to increase our small Committee, currently just 5 of us. If you are interested in joining the Committee, or would like to know more, please feel free to send me an email or give me a call.

WEMBORTHY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Polling Day is on **Thursday 6th May**. The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Thursday 27th May**, starting at **7pm**, and will include the Parish Council AGM. Please observe social distancing at the Village Hall, wear face masks and sanitise your hands on the way in and out of the Hall.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM TOBY TANCOCK: *'A huge thank you for all the cards, flowers and messages of sympathy I received following the passing of dear Tony. It was a huge comfort also to see so many people outside of the Church on the day of his funeral. Thank you.'*



LITTLE RED HEN STUDIO AND POTTERY: *'The range of pieces produced from the Spring bags was magnificent. I would again like to thank Springers Cottage Soaps and Cut n Craft for all the lovely prizes. I hope to do a summer bag, look out for more info later in the year. Hopefully we will be opening in June with things a little different. If you would like to preside over a small group at the Studio please let me know as I am planning the new look drop-ins over the next few weeks. I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the sun and look forward to seeing you all soon.'* Susan.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1537485626537591/>

WEMBORTHY CHURCH: *'May's service in Wembworthy Church is on **Sunday 2nd**. As last month, the half hour Morning Prayer service will start at the earlier time of **9am** and be led by the Rector. We are very pleased to announce that St Michael and All Angels Church, Wembworthy, is now open every Sunday and Wednesday from 9am to 5pm for private prayer, meditation, peace and quiet or just a look around.'* Chris Rogers 0333 006 4252 and Rob Perry 01837 680125

EGGESFORD CHURCH: *'There will be Evening Prayer in All Saints Eggesford at **6pm** on **Sunday 16th May**. It helps Michael Downward, the Churchwarden, if people contact him in advance if they wish to come as he has to ensure safe distances are maintained.'* merryman@waitrose.com / 01837 83307

MOBILE LIBRARY: *'Customers will be able to come on board the library van, individually or in their household bubbles, to choose books and other items. To make sure that there are enough books to go around we will be limiting borrowing to 5 items per person for the time being. Face masks to be worn, everyone to use the hand sanitiser and observe social distancing rules when using the mobile library. Returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours. The return of the mobile library service is subject to the Government's roadmap going forward.'* The mobile library will next be in Wembworthy on **Thursday 13th May**. Visit devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/mobilelibraries for a full 2021 timetable or email for enquiries torrington.mobile@librariesunlimited.org.uk

THE LYMINGTON ARMS: *'We will be reopening on **Monday 17th May** at **6pm** for drinks and meals inside and out. If the weather is looking good then we will reopen on the weekend before for outside drinks and meals. We will put something on the board outside and on our facebook page if this will be the case. There will still be restrictions in place:*

- Wear facemasks inside when not seated
- Use hand sanitiser on entry

- Scan our QR code or leave contact details for EVERY member of your party who is over 16
- Rule of 6
- Table service

We really look forward to seeing you all in May. Take care'. Kate and Bob

CHULMLEIGH MEN'S SHED: 'Sheds provide a friendly, enjoyable and safe place for 'Shedders' to socialise, create and learn new skills e.g. woodworking, welding, electronics, repairing and restoring and model building. We're looking for people (men and women) who'd like to be involved in setting up, running and using the Shed, which could include a kitchen and an allotment. If you're interested, please message Wallingbrook Health Centre via the suggestion form on the practice website.' www.wallingbrook.co.uk

MEDICINE BLISTER PACK RECYCLING: Wallingbrook Surgery is registered as a collection point to recycle empty medicine blister strips, which will be converted into reusable raw materials by Terracycle, saving the packs from ending up in landfill. The Dispensary in Chulmleigh is collecting empty packs, they are hoping to introduce in the Winkleigh Surgery in the future.

LITTER PICK: 'On Easter Sunday, Lilia, mum, Dad, Sue, Robert and I did a local litter pick and we filled 4 black bags full of litter (8.5kg). As we walked down the lane we found an old owl patterned China plate and a cafeteria without the glass. As we took ourselves on the busy road to Heywood we found lots of chocolate wrappers, crisp packets etc. Even a massive bottle full of brown vinegar looking liquid. As we turned the bend to FlashDown wood we found a hole in the hedge where recently a car drove and we found several car bits. Going past the footpath entrance we found a wrapped box of celebration chocolates. As we went along the road to Eggesford House we found many Redbull cans and even two patches of cracked glass, which is very dangerous. We even found a wine bottle or two and lots of cartons and tins. Please keep your litter to yourself and take it home Thank you! What annoys me the most is how people throw rubbish wherever they please and ruin our lovely country village. It should go home with them or in a bin. Please if you have a dog pick up it's poop as it's not fun stepping on it. It takes years to rot down as there is no Dog Poop Fairy!!!!' Sophie



GENERAL INFORMATION

COUNTRYSIDE CODE: Natural England has launched a new version of the Countryside Code. This update, the first in over a decade, has been shaped by responses to an online survey, which sought views on best practices for visiting the countryside and protecting the natural environment. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code>

CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST INCREDIBLE HIKE: 'From this May (National Walking Month), we're asking people to get out, grab some fresh air and take on a hike of their choice to raise a few pounds for Children's Hospice South West. As it's the charity's 30th anniversary this year, we've lined up 30 stunning routes across Devon, Cornwall and Somerset for people to choose from ...or pick one of your own and 'Hike as you like'! It's free to register to take part and if you raise more than £30 in sponsorship you'll receive a commemorative CHSW 30th anniversary medal. Just visit the CHSW website to register, pick your route and start your Incredible Hike adventure'. chsw.org.uk/hike

DIARY DATES

2 nd May (Sun)	Morning Prayer	Wembworthy Church	9am
6 th May (Thurs)	Polling Day	Wembworthy Village Hall	7am - 10pm
13 th May (Thurs)	Mobile Library	Near the Church, Wembworthy	1.30pm - 2pm
14 th May (Fri)	Kernow Fisheries	Wembworthy, near the Church	10.15am
16 th May (Sun)	Evening Prayer	Eggesford Church	6pm
17 th May (Mon)	The Lymington Arms re-opens		6pm
21 st May (Fri)	Deadline for June newsletter entries		
27 th May (Thurs)	Parish Council Meeting & AGM	Wembworthy Village Hall	7pm
28 th May (Fri)	Kernow Fisheries	Wembworthy, near the Church	10.15am
4 th June (Fri)	Tea, Cake & Conversation	Wembworthy Village Hall	2 - 3.30pm

June newsletter: if you have something that you would like included in the June newsletter, please drop me an email or call me by 21st May.

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