

WEMBORTHY VILLAGE HALL & COMMUNITY NEWS: MARCH 2021



As I sit and write this newsletter, the sun is shining, the birds are singing and snowdrops and daffodils have brought some colour to the garden. Life seems a little brighter and more positive than it has been in recent months. The Diary Dates section of the newsletter continues to be short on entries but with covid vaccinations providing protection against infection and the number of new cases and deaths continuing to decline, there is hope that the planned lifting of social restrictions will be able to take place and local businesses and community groups will be able to resume activities in the not too distant future.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

- Thank you to Alison Gordon for putting us in touch with the Access 2 Justice Clinic at Exeter University, who have been supporting us with advice to vest with the Official Custodian. We're not there yet but once completed, it will mean that we are up-to-date and compliant with our charity governance requirements.
- Thank you to Tim King who kindly tested all our electrical appliances prior to Christmas, enabling us to have annual tests undertaken for all appliances at the Hall at the same time going forward. In line with our Health and Safety Policy and Hire Agreement, only electrical items that have an up-to-date PAT can be used at the Hall. All hirers of the Hall will need to advise of any electrical items that will be used and evidence that they meet PAT requirements, once covid restrictions allow us to use the Hall again for social activities.
- Following receipt of a condition report for the Hall, Committee members have been reading through the lengthy and detailed content and will be meeting this month to prioritise actions and to start looking at a refurbishment plan. Having received business rate grant funding during the pandemic, we have been able to set up a designated capital fund and will be looking at ways to increase this fund to allow us to carry out the essential repairs that the Hall needs to ensure its future for the local community. With the setting up of this fund, we are now in a position to seriously start looking at major refurbishment, more on this in due course but in the meantime, a plea for help:
- **PROJECT LEAD WANTED:** the Committee would appreciate the support of someone to guide us through a refurbishment programme, someone with experience of a build project, planning and/or building regulation requirements, liaising with builders, obtaining quotes and ensuring any works are kept on track. If you, or someone you know, are able to help us with this voluntary role, please let me know. We know it's a big ask but are hoping that there is someone locally who will be able to help. Fingers crossed!
- Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) has set up an online Village Halls Domesday Book, a record of the good things village halls are doing: *'It is a unique opportunity for village halls up and down the country to help us create a public record of the good things they have been doing, and the difference they make to local people as we celebrate a centenary of rural community action. We very much hope the Domesday Book will serve as a reminder of how valuable these buildings are at a time when many have been forced to close their doors due to the national lockdown'*. We will be signing up to make sure that Wembworthy Village Hall is included in this record.

COMMUNITY NEWS



GEORGE MARKOU: a message from Doreen: *'Myself and my family would like to thank all our neighbours and friends who turned out on Monday 15th February to say farewell to George as he passed through the village on his journey. It was very heart warming and touching to see how much George was respected and loved by everyone. We have been overwhelmed by the support, kindness and care we have received. Thank you all for the many flowers, cards and generous donations. It has meant a lot at a very difficult time.*

George loved to sit on a bench and watch the world go by. As you probably know, we are aiming to purchase a memorial bench for George to be sited on a seating area within the village he loved so much. If you haven't already done so and would like to contribute we have a Just Giving page set up for the bench and the link is https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bench-for-george?utm_id=2&utm_term=DZJJJKJd.'

LITTLE RED HEN STUDIO AND POTTERY: 'With the latest guidelines extending how long people need to shield it does not look as though we will be up and running much before Easter. In order to keep you all crafting and happy and following on from the success of the Christmas Wreath bags, I will be making up some Spring/Easter bags.



Once more they will be free of charge! There are different options to choose from so let me know which you would like:

- **Bag A:** Sewing and 'sticking' bag (adult) - a small embroidery ring, embroidery silks and needles; decoupage items, including a polystyrene shape, range of paper and embellishments; card and envelope and embellishments
- **Bag B:** Sewing and 'sticking' bag (child) - a strip of Binca fabric, embroidery silk and needles; card and envelopes and embellishments; MDF shape to paint and decorate

- **Bag C:** Journal Bag (adult) - books, embellishments, papers and card to begin to create a journal
- **Bag D:** Scrapbook (child) - pictures, embellishments, paper and card to begin to create a scrapbook

Each bag will also contain miscellaneous other bits as available. Please let me know if scissors or brushes and/or paint or other equipment are needed.

Cut-n-Crafts (www.cut-n-crafts.co.uk) are donating a £25 voucher to spend on their website for the person who makes the best of the materials provided and a £10 voucher to the best entry from a child under the age of 12. Finished projects should be uploaded onto the Little Red Hen Facebook page by 9th April to be considered for judging.

Susan: 01837 682688; <http://littleredhenstudio.weebly.com/>; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1537485626537591/>

WEMBWORTHY CHURCH: *‘Wembworthy’s church of St Michael and All Angels will welcome you to a Lenten service on Sunday 7th March at 9.30am. The service will be led by the Wardens, as we remain in lockdown and our Clergy are hosting services online or limited in their reach. The church will be as Covid-safe as we can make it, and as we head towards Easter we’ll take our words from the traditional Book of Common Prayer. It’s good if we know in advance that you’re coming so we can socially distance, but we’ll find room for you either way. Chris Rogers 0333 006 4252 and Rob Perry 01837 680125’.*

KERNOW FISHERIES: Darren will be in Wembworthy on Fridays 5th and 19th March, 10.15am near the Church at Little Meadow (07826 059777)

WEMBWORTHY, EGGESFORD AND BRUSHFORD NEWS DESK GROUP: a recently set up Facebook group for local residents to share relevant news items and going on’s in the surrounding area, also useful for requests.

GENERAL INFORMATION

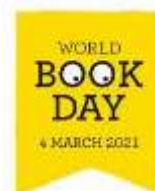
CENSUS 2021: The census must be completed by law, with packs being sent in the post to show how to complete it. The census will gather vital information to help plan services such as transport, education and healthcare. Answers provided are protected by law and will be kept confidential. More information at: www.census.gov.uk.

BIG KNIT FOR AGE UK: *‘Every year, an army of woolly warriors take up their knitting needles and crochet hooks as part of the Big Knit for Age UK. And we want YOU to join us! The Big Knit is our partnership with innocent drinks. We’ve been working together since 2003, asking the country’s crafters to knit little hats for the tops of innocent smoothie bottles. Every hat knitted raises 25p to help Age UK provide much-needed services and support to older people. But it takes a lot of little hats to make a really big difference - that’s why we need as many people as possible to get knitting’.*

For further details and a range of patterns, including a pineapple, unicorn, dinosaur and a lion, visit: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/the-big-knit/>



WORLD BOOK DAY: visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/> for lots of ideas and resources relating to World Book Day on Thursday 4th March, including a range of children’s audiobooks, challenges and activities for all the family.



WANTED

1 or 2 bedroom property for long term rental in or around Wembworthy or surrounding area.
Must have a garden, or at least a courtyard. Contact Alison on 01837 83262

DIARY DATES

4 th March (Thurs)	World Book Day		
5 th March (Fri)	Kernow Fisheries	Wembworthy, near the Church	10.15am
7 th March (Sun)	Lenten Service	Wembworthy Church	9.30am
11 th March (Thurs)	Parish Council Meeting	Via telephone conference	7.30pm
14 th March (Sun)	Mothers Day		
19 th March (Fri)	Kernow Fisheries	Wembworthy, near the Church	10.15am
21 st March (Sun)	Census Day		

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

Jo Hunt Chair, Wembworthy Village Hall Committee (Tel: 01837 682938 / wembworthyvillagehall@btinternet.com)

(Information within the newsletter is correct, to the best of our knowledge, at the time of going to print; no responsibility will be taken for any changes made after this or for incorrect details)