

SHIRWELL COMMUNITY newsletter⁰⁶

Hello to all Shirwell residents!

This is the Feb / Mar 2023 edition. There may be info that doesn't get submitted in time for publishing and distributing so for those who have online access to Facebook do check

the Shirwell Community page and the Shirwell Village Hall page as there are reminders as well as new events announced on both pages.

As you may be aware, there is now provision of accommodation for refugees in Ilfracombe. It seems there are yet few resources in place to support them. The newly arrived refugees are in need of shoes and clothing, particularly the teenagers. Any spare items in reasonable condition can be left with Lesley. Please ring 07522 831736 to arrange donation. There has already been an amazingly generous donation of several pairs of new trainers for teenage boys but they still need changes

of clothes and jackets. We are told that nothing will go to waste.

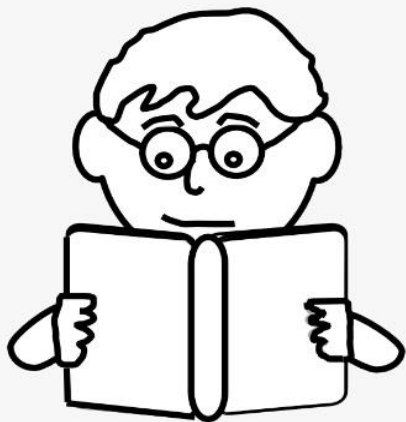
MARWOOD HILL GARDENS

Sundays & Wednesdays
From 12th February

SNOWDROP WALKS

See last page for details

If you have any Shirwell-related news that you would like to share please email, with your contact details, to lesleyaking@protonmail.com call 850068 or text 07522831736.



VILLAGE HALL DIARY

Soup Lunches	3 rd Weds of every month	From 1pm
200 Club Coffee Morning,	4 th Thursday every month	10:00-12:00 am
Parish Council Meeting	2 nd Thursday of every month	7:00-8:30 pm
Whist Drive	Fridays 10 th & 24 th February	7:45-10:00 pm
EARTHKIND	Mon 13 th February Mon 13 th March	7:30-9:00pm
Sewing	Thurs eves from 19 th Jan	7:00-8:30pm

SOUP LUNCHESES for the over 50s. Ring Amanda on 850661 for February and Sue on 580447 for March. The cost is £5 for soup, pudding and tea/coffee.

200 CLUB COFFEE MORNINGS started up again on January 26th. They run on the 4th Thursday morning of each month. Anybody is welcome to come for a hot drink and the usual delicious cake selection, for the cost of a donation.

WHIST DRIVES are on alternate Fridays. The proceeds are split between the village hall and the church. Everyone is welcome to come along for good company and to try to win prizes – which are always very good!

EARTHKIND meets at Shirwell Village Hall on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30pm. February's meeting will consist of a short presentation on natural skincare and the implications on the environment of chemical-based products. We will recharge our batteries with a nature-based meditation and have a chat about any New Year aims. For the March meeting we are hoping to organize making bird boxes, but this will be confirmed – or otherwise – in due course. Cost is £3 per evening plus there will sometimes be additional small costs for materials. It is open to anyone, not exclusively Shirwell residents. Call Lesley 07522 831736 or Sarah 850639.

SEWING with Patricia. This term we will be creating duvet covers which we would like to donate to *North Devon Against Domestic Abuse (NDADA)*, for (*cont.*)

ST PETER'S CHURCH SHIRWELL - FEBRUARY SERVICES

- 5th February 2023 9.30am Morning Prayer
- 12th February 2023 9.30am Holy Communion
- 19th February 2023 9.30am Morning Worship
- 22nd February 2023 7pm Ash Wednesday Service
with Holy Communion
- 26th February 2023 9.30am Holy Communion

(*from previous page*) children using their temporary refuge. These will be single bed size and cot size. We will learn basic patchwork skills and appliqué. Please give us your unwanted duvet covers (any size) if they are in good condition, as well as non-stretchy sheets and pillow cases. You can support this project by coming to sew, coming to help cut up material into patchwork or just coming to help make the tea and general organising and clearing up etc. Evenings cost £3 which goes to cover hall hire and expenses. Bring your own sewing machine and sewing tools, and please let us know if you are coming. Call or text Lesley on 07522 831736 or email lesleyaking@protonmail.com

LENT LUNCHEAS AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, BRATTON FLEMING: The four Mondays of March from 12pm - 2.30pm. Soup lunch and puddings with food for thought. These will be held in the Wesley Suite and there is no cost.

EASTER MARKET AT BRATTON FLEMING VILLAGE HALL: Saturday 25th March, 9.30-12.30. This is a craft and farmers market, selling handmade items by local artisans and locally produced foods. Stalls include locally produced wools, cards and gifts, plants, natural skincare products, bespoke canine apparel, hand knits, organic veg and eggs, local meats and dairy etc.

SHIRWELL CHOIR be reconvening in March after a post-Christmas break. Contact Julia Friend for more information 01271 850330.

VILLAGE HALL BINGO At present it is not known whether there will be any Bingo at the hall as there may not be enough people to run it. If it does go ahead, there will be an announcement on the Shirwell Community and Shirwell Village Hall Facebook pages. If you can help with the Bingo, or if you would be interested in how else you can get involved in helping things to happen at the hall please contact Debbie Lewis, secretary, on 07789 004485. There is a desperate shortage of help since Lynn Campbell left so any offers of support, however small, would be very welcome.

A message from Marwood Hill Gardens: “We are delighted to announce that we will be opening to the public for several days in February to take advantage of the beautiful snowdrops that will be in carpeting the ground. Wrap up warm, wash off your wellies and stroll through the gardens and enjoy the sight of the first snowdrops of 2023 poking their little noises up through the undergrowth.”

Marwood Hill Gardens and tearoom will be re-opening fully from the 1st March 2023. In the meantime, the gardens and tearoom will be opening for the Snowdrop Walks between 10am-3pm on the following dates:

Sunday 12th February

Wednesday 22nd February

Wednesday 15th February

Sunday 26th February

Sunday 19th February

The **Mobile Library** (operated by Devon County Council) comes to Shirwell Town every 4 weeks on a **Monday**. The next 2 months dates are February 6th and March 6th at **15:25 – 15:55**. If you are a Facebook user you can check for cancellation at www.facebook.com/devonmobilelibraries

A message from Bryony Lewis from Croyde:

“Hello! I'm a resident of Croyde, North Devon but I work for Guide Dogs and am a Volunteer Coordinator for the whole South West region, including North Devon. I want to share my plea for new volunteers to join and become Puppy Raisers. We have a real need for them in North Devon.” You can ring 0345 1430191 to find out more info or see this link:.....

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/how-you-can-help/volunteering-for-guide-dogs/>

The Deadline for anything to go in the next edition is Friday 24th Feb.