

SHIRWELL COMMUNITY newsletter⁰⁷

Hello to all Shirwell residents!

This edition covers Apr / May 2023 and as this includes the Easter period it is quite a busy time. With Easter rapidly approaching and the first day of spring already passed in March,

many of us are appreciating the extra daylight and the new shoots and signs of life and nature re-emerging. A nature-themed event took place at the Village Hall on the 13th March when Jack Wolfenden from the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere gave a talk about the Biosphere and its aims. Did you know the North Devon Biosphere was the first place in the UK to get UNESCO designation? Just one more reason to feel lucky about where we live and to take care of the nature that is around us. The Biosphere has a Nature Recovery Plan. As part of its contribution to tackling the ecological emergency here in north Devon. It is asking for local people to make a “pledge for nature”, which can be something as simple as installing a bird

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.

COFFEE MORNING & BOOK SALE

Easter Saturday
8th April 10 – 12am
at the Village Hall.

SEASONAL CAKES
inc. gluten-free

(Can you come and lend a hand or help with cake or book donations?)

nesting box in the garden, or bigger scale like coming together to create a community project. More info is available on their website

www.northdevonbiosphere.org.uk



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	7:45-10:00 pm
EARTHKIND	Dates TBC as clashes with Easter and Coronation	
Sewing	Thurs eves	7:00-8:30pm
Coffee morning/book sale	Sat 8 th April	10:00-12:00 am
Easter Supper Club	Sat 15 th April	7.00 for 7.30 pm
Plant sale	Date TBC	10:00-12:00 am

SOUP LUNCHES The Soup lunch in April will be on Wednesday 19th April at 12.45 for 1 o'clock. Anyone wishing to come along who lives in the village and is over 50 please phone Marian on 614339 by Friday 15th as this helps catering arrangements. Ring Averil on 850537 for May (17th). The cost is £5 for soup, pudding and tea/coffee.

200 CLUB COFFEE MORNINGS 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, usually on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Cost is £3 per evening plus there are sometimes additional small costs for materials. It is open to anyone, not exclusively Shirwell residents. April and May dates are different to normal to avoid clashing with Easter and the coronation. Ring Lesley 07522 831736.

SEWING with Patricia. We are progressing well with our duvet covers and quilted

ST PETER'S CHURCH SHIRWELL - FEBRUARY SERVICES

- Maundy Thurs 6th April 7pm Agape Supper at Bratton Fleming
- Good Friday 7th April 2pm Service with Lay led reflections
- Easter Sunday 9th April 9.30am Family Communion service
- 16th April 2023 9.30am Morning Worship
- 23rd April 2023 9.30am Morning Worship
- 30th April 2023 11.00am Joint Mission Community service

wraps / mats for donating to *North Devon Against Domestic Abuse* (NDADA), surprising ourselves with what we find we are able to create! Nobody here is expert. Come along and join in with sewing or supportive tasks. The group meets every week, Thursdays from 7 – 8.30. Cost is £3 towards hall hire plus a hot drink. We are still happy to receive donations of unwanted duvet covers in good condition, for using as backing or cutting up for patchwork. Ring Lesley on 07522 831736 or email lesleyaking@protonmail.com

COFFEE MORNING / BOOK SALE on Easter Saturday morning 10-12. The Village Hall currently has quite a large number of books in its cupboard. It would be good to bring these out into the light and offer them to people as well as bring in some fresh reading material, including any audiobooks you may be able to donate. If you have any books collecting dust that could go to a new home please bring them along. The usual quality refreshments will be available (for the price of a donation), this time with an Easter theme. They will include some gluten-free options. If anyone can donate a cake please let us know in advance. Books will generally be £1 each. All proceeds will go towards Village Hall funds.

EASTER SUPPER CLUB: Friday 14th April, 7pm for 7.30pm £25.00. Starter: Pear and stilton and walnut salad. Main: Roast Lamb with, Mint stuffing, Mint Tartlet, Roast Potato, Seasonal Vegetables. Pudding: Lemon Posset with Macaroon,

followed by coffee and mini egg. Bring your own drink. Tickets £25 each please call Debbie on 07789004485 to book. Tickets are strictly limited to 25.

PLANT SALE Bring and buy: Date to be confirmed – watch this space! Notices will be put on the village noticeboards. Please bring any plants to donate on the day.

SHIRWELL CHOIR meets on Thursday evenings at Shirwell Church, 7.30pm. We are currently learning pieces to celebrate Easter and also for the coronation. Contact Julia Friend for more information 01271 850330.

A future date for your diary: 5th August will be the Shirwell Show.

BEAR HUNT! People are being invited to ‘go on a bear hunt’ in North Devon this spring. A public art trail featuring 25 life-sized bears, all individually painted by local artists, is open until the end of May, with a series of mini art trails in and around Barnstaple, Bideford, Torrington and Ilfracombe. The Bear Hunt art trail is being held to help raise awareness and funds for Children’s Hospice South West (CHSW), which runs the Little Bridge House children’s hospice in Fremington. A special mobile app is available to download on Android and Apple phones to help people to track down all the bears, find out more about the artists, and create their very own virtual bear collection! They will also be able to use the app make a donation to CHSW, which provides vital care and support to local children and young people with life-limiting conditions and their families. For more info and to download the app see

www.chswbearhunt.org

The **Mobile Library** (operated by Devon County Council) comes to Shirwell Town every 4 weeks. The next 2 months dates are April 3rd and May 5th at **15:25 – 15:55**. If you are a Facebook user you can check for cancellation at www.facebook.com/devonmobilelibraries

If you would like more things to happen in our community and you feel you could be able to get involved in any way no matter how small, please contact Debbie Lewis, secretary of the Village Hall Committee, on 07789 004485. Any new ideas for events or activities are always welcome.

The Deadline for anything to go in the next edition is Wednesday 24th May. If you are a Facebook user, don’t forget to check the Shirwell pages for last minute events that don’t make it into the Newsletter.