

WEMBWORTHY VILLAGE HALL & COMMUNITY NEWS: APRIL 2021

The clocks have gone forward, days are longer, some warmer weather is forecast and lambs are a welcome sight in the fields. Spring is well and truly here and brings with it the hope of a return to life that at present continues to be a distant memory! As we celebrate Easter this month, a little bit of Easter Egg trivia, answers overleaf:



1. In what year did Fry's of Bristol make the UK's first chocolate Easter Egg?
2. How many Cadbury's Crème Eggs are made each year?
3. The world's largest chocolate Easter egg, made in Italy in 2011, measured over 34 feet in length. How heavy was it?
4. The Faberge Big Egg Hunt was held as part of World Record London in 2012. How many people took part?

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Phil Thorne has sadly decided to step down from the Committee. He will be greatly missed and we would like to thank him for the time he has spent on the Committee, including as Vice Chair, and for all he has contributed to over the past four years and especially for the recent work in re-decorating the main hall. We are pleased that he has offered to continue to help out, including future hall decorating projects, and he will be supporting our events when he can.

With Covid restrictions gradually easing, we are watching with bated breath to see how this will affect what we are permitted to do in the coming months and how this will impact on our events for the rest of the year. The magical date of 21st June is not only the official start of summer, but also sees the potential lifting of all social distancing restrictions. We are, however, mindful that this date may change and will take this into consideration when we start discussing events at our next Committee meeting. Watch this space!

Duncan Howes has recently revamped the Village Hall noticeboard, which is now waterproof again, and with a step having been put into the bank by Phil Thorne, access to displaying our notices is much easier and safer. Thank you both.

COUNCIL NEWS

WEMBWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL: Devon County Council run a Road Warden scheme, whereby the Parish Council can appoint a Road Warden and Road Warden volunteer(s) to deliver minor works in or around the public highway, including pothole repairs that don't meet DCC intervention criteria. The scheme enables communities to carry out minor works that DCC is no longer able to resource and don't have a legal responsibility to carry out, but excludes safety repairs as this remains the responsibility of DCC. Appropriate free training is provided and DCC provide third party insurance for the works, with access to a store of tools to carry out the repairs.

The Parish Council is looking for a Road Warden to co-ordinate minor works in the Parish and a Road Warden volunteer to assist with carrying out the works. The Road Warden and the Road Warden volunteer can be the same person, with the majority of those already signed up to the scheme combining both roles. If you would like to find out more about either role, please contact Sarah Goody, Parish Clerk, on 01837 83829 / wembworthypc@btinternet.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

TONY TANCOCK: Out of respect to Tony, and in recognition of his contribution to the village over the years, including as a Parish Councillor and Church Warden, the village flag will be held at half-mast on the day of his funeral, which will be held at 12noon on **Wednesday 7th April**.

LITTLE RED HEN STUDIO AND POTTERY: A reminder that photos of craft activities made from the Spring/Easter bags should be uploaded onto the Little Red Hen Studio for judging by **Friday 9th April**. There are first and second prizes for adult and children's entries, kindly donated by Cut-n-Crafts (www.cut-n-crafts.co.uk) and Springers Cottage Soaps of Eggesford (<https://www.facebook.com/SpringersCottageSoaps/>)

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

WEMBWORTHY CHURCH: *'On Easter **Sunday 4th April**, you are all invited to an Easter Family Communion Service in St Michael and All Angels Church Wembworthy. We shall join together as a community to reflect on the past year and look forward to the coming times with hope. The half hour service will start at **9am** and be led by the Rector'.*

Chris Rogers 0333 006 4252 and Rob Perry 01837 680125.

EGGESFORD CHURCH: *'There will be a service of Holy Communion in All Saints on **Sunday 18th April at 6pm**. As before, it's best to check in advance because numbers have to be limited: merryman@waitrose.com. For those who wish to sit and reflect quietly, the church is open every Thursday and on Easter Sunday'.*

MOBILE LIBRARY: Libraries Unlimited are planning to resume their mobile library service from 12th April, initially offering book browsing on board for one bubble at a time. The library is scheduled to visit Wembworthy on **Thursday 15th April** and will be in the usual place (Little Meadow, near the Church) from **1.30 - 2pm**. Future dates are Thursdays 13th May, 10th June, 8th July, 5th August, 2nd September, 30th September, 28th October and 25th November.

THE LYMINGTON ARMS: 'We will be reopening on **17th May** with the possibility of the weekend before if the weather looks promising. So difficult to make plans based around the weather!'

KERNOW FISHERIES: Darren will be in Wembworthy on Fridays **16th and 30th April**, 10.15am near the Church at Little Meadow (07826 059777). Please note that Darren won't be delivering on 2nd April (Good Friday).

EGGESFORD CROSSING CAFÉ: 'In collaboration with the opening of The Plant Shed & Farm Shop next to the cafe we are pleased to announce will be open from **Friday 2nd April** for takeaways! We will be open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday serving freshly ground coffee, homemade cakes and a selection of homemade pasties, pies and sausage rolls. Days and offerings will be increasing as demand does.... Cash would be preferable as we do have a minimum card payment of £10.00 in place. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular updates!'

<https://www.facebook.com/eggesfordcrossing/> 01769 581427

THE PLANT SHED: 'We are very excited to be opening at Eggesford Station Yard. We will be open on **Friday 2nd April** - not just Good Friday, but **BEST FRIDAY EVER!** For those of you who don't know us, The Plant Shed is your new local farm shop, bursting with fresh and local fruit and veg, cheeses, milk, yoghurts, meats, fish, bread and pastries. As much as possible this is grown or made locally; some of which you won't find for sale anywhere else. Of course, to provide a good array year-round, we rely on sourcing more widely too. We also stock store-cupboard ingredients – herbs and spices, flours, pulses, oils and all sorts of interesting tasty treats. Not forgetting **PLANTS!** See you soon'. <https://www.facebook.com/ThePlantShedEggesford/>



647 BUS, WEMBORTHY TO EXETER VIA CREDITON: just in case you weren't aware, there is a regular Friday bus (excluding Public Holidays) from the outskirts of Wembworthy to Exeter, via Crediton, picking up at The Lymington Arms.



Lymington Arms 9.38am – Crediton High Street 10.13am – Exeter Bus Station 10.33am

Exeter Bus Station 1.55pm – Crediton High Street 2.15pm – Lymington Arms 2.50pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE PHOTO COMPETITION: Calling all 8 to 18 year olds! The 'Plough the Future' Photo Competition is now open and this year's theme is #unmasked. The prizes are: 1st prize of £200, 2nd prize of £100 and 3rd prize of £50! To submit your entries upload your photo to Instagram using the hashtags #unmasked #theploughartscentre and #ploughthefuture Alternatively, email your entries to sophie@theploughartscentre.org.uk. Entries will be shared each week on Instagram. Closing date for entries is 30th April 2021, with the winners being announced on 7th May 2021.

DIARY DATES

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| 2 nd April (Fri) | Eggesford Crossing Café and The Plant Shed opening | | |
| 4 th April (Sun) | Easter Family Communion | Wembworthy Church | 9am |
| 7 th April (Wed) | Funeral of Tony Tancock | Wembworthy Church | 12noon |
| 9 th April (Fri) | Little Red Hen Studio – last date to upload Spring craft activity images for judging | | |
| 15 th April (Thurs) | Mobile Library | Near the Church, Wembworthy | 1.30pm - 2pm |
| 16 th April (Fri) | Kernow Fisheries | Wembworthy, near the Church | 10.15am |
| 18 th April (Sun) | Holy Communion Service | Eggesford Church | 6pm |
| 30 th April (Fri) | Kernow Fisheries | Wembworthy, near the Church | 10.15am |
| 30 th April (Fri) | Plough Arts Centre – Photo Competition closing date | | |

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

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)

Easter Egg Trivia Answers: 1. 1873 2. Over 500 million 3. 15,873 lbs (7,200kg) 4. 12,773