

Hello to all Shirwell residents!

This is the edition for February and March, and it seems like it was only a couple of weeks ago that the December - January edition went out! The Christmas events all went

well, and we'd like to say a big thank you to Kay for guiding the wreath-making day so brilliantly! The December Pop-Up Pub night was well attended, and in case this newsletter goes out in time this is a reminder that there is another Pop-Up Pub this Saturday (27th Jan.) There'll be a food van outside which anyone can come and buy from. You don't have to come to the pub night to get your take-away food, but of course we'd love as many people as possible to join us as it really is a case of the more the merrier! If

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.

Marwood Hill Gardens

SNOWDROP DAYS



Wednesdays & Sundays
Throughout February

Gardens and Tea Room open
10am to 3pm

you're planning to drive, don't forget the road is closed by the bottom of Strawberry Lane.



VILLAGE HALL DIARY

PopUp Pub	Saturday 27 th January	7:00-10:30 pm
Earthkind	2 nd Monday of every month	7:30-9:00 pm
Hatha Yoga	Tuesdays	11:00-12:00 am
Soup Lunches	3 rd Weds of every month	From 1pm
Parish Council Meeting	2 nd Thursday of every month	7:00-8:30 pm
200 Club Coffee Morning,	4 th Thursday every month	10:00-12:00 am
Whist Drive	Alternate Fridays	7:45-10:00 pm
PopUp Pub	Saturday 24 th February	7:00-10:30 pm
PopUp Pub	Saturday 30 th March	7:00-10:30 pm

POP-UP PUB This Saturday. Drinks cost £3 per glass or £2 for non-alcoholic. Drinks include lager, a selection of ales, cider, wine, Prosecco, gin, vodka and whisky. We also have non- alcoholic lager, coke, J20, and lemonade. The bar is cash only. Max and Mike's food van will be serving a delicious Thai menu including a vegetarian option. They can take cash or card.

24th Feb: the food van will be Loose Belt Catering with a Mexican inspired menu.

30th March: the Whiddon Fryer food van providing all the normal food you would get from a Fish and Chip shop.

EARTHKIND The next meeting at Shirwell Village Hall will be Monday 8th February at 7.30pm. Earthkind covers a range of topics all centred around living in a way that is considerate of our planet. The aim is to meet with like-minded people, for discussion, sharing, education, outings, hands-on activities and creative makes. We are a small, friendly group that welcomes new members. The baseline fee per evening is £3 and there are sometimes small, additional costs for materials etc. February's meeting will be a social event with drinks and snacks, where we will pool ideas for the subjects that we'd like to cover in 2024. Please email Lesley at lesleyaking@protonmail.com or ring/text 07522831736 for further information.

FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES, SHIRWELL

- February 4th - 9.30am Morning Prayer Lay Led
- February 11th - 9.30am Holy Communion
- February 14th Ash Wednesday – 7pm Holy Communion
at **Bratton Fleming** church
- February 18th - 9.30am Morning worship
- February 25th - 9.30am Morning service, details to
be confirmed.

YOGA Friendly Hatha/Hatha Flow Yoga classes, suitable for everyone, every Tuesday morning from 11am. Run by Sarah Stratton-Hine who is a Yoga Alliance Experienced Teacher & Reiki Energy Healing Master Practitioner. Cost £9 per class. Contact Sarah with any enquiries 07842 863543 sarahmax73@gmail.com
www.sarahstrattonhine.com

SOUP LUNCHESES for the over 50s. Ring Sue on 850447 for February and Averil on 850537 for March. The cost is £5 for soup, pudding and tea/coffee.

THE PARISH COUNCIL (consisting of 7 elected residents), meets monthly on the second Thursday in the month in the village hall, to work through and raise issues concerning Shirwell and its parishioners. Meetings are open to any members of the public. Comments and questions can be posed at the beginning of the meeting. Some of the main issues dealt with at Council meetings are local planning, highways, traffic, community safety, housing, street lighting, community centres, litter, shelters, and rights of way. The parish Councillors encourage communication with parishioners either at these meetings or personally at any time. The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th February at 7pm.

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 DRIVE: after the 26th January the next whist drive will be the 9th February and fortnightly from then.

SHIRWELL CHOIR will be meeting again in March at 7.30 on Thursday evenings. The choir is open to anyone who enjoys singing (and cake!) Contact Julia Friend for more information: 01271 850330

OTHER:

BEAVERS AND CUBS. The nearest groups are in Marwood. They have vacancies. Call 07742 529140 or email gsl.1stmarwood@gmail.com with any queries.

THE GARDENERS COLLECTIVE has come to Home Farm at Arlington Court. They are a not-for-profit organisation who run various groups including Little Buds toddler group; The Lady Gardeners club; Family Gardening sessions and The Mini Gardeners club. They will be holding an Open Day on 15th February 10.00-2.00, with free activities, information and a tour of the gardens as well as a pop up at Arlington Court. Also a Volunteers Day, 24th February 10.00-15.00 drop in - no need to book. There will also be Locals Week at Arlington Court, 26th February - 3rd March, free entry for those with EX postcodes. The Gardeners Co will be hosting a range of activities throughout the week that you can get involved with. Contact is via email or Instagram: hello@thegardenerscollective.co.uk or @thegardenersco

Contact Debbie Lewis 07789 004485 or Sally Pine on 850405 or email lesleyaking@protonmail.com if you would like to volunteer for anything, or if you have any other ideas or suggestions of activities that you'd like to see happening at the hall.

The Deadline for the next Newsletter is **25th March**. We don't do advertising as such but are happy to spotlight local enterprises as a means of information sharing so that as residents we can support local small businesses. If you have anything you'd like shared please email leslevaking@protonmail.com

There is a
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situated in the
old porch
at the village hall.