



National Trust

Firstly, may I apologise for missing last month's newsletter. May was a hectic month to say the least. On a routine inspection of the mares up at Wembury Point on 13th May a second spotty foal had been born. Roly, Pongo's half brother, was found to be quite premature and was unable to stand and to suckle. The Ranger team stepped in and bottle fed the young foal around the clock for 3 days until his owners had returned to the country from their holiday. Happily, he returned to Dartmoor so that his progress can be monitored and he continues to grow bigger and stronger everyday. When they are a little older, their owners are hoping to be able to show Pongo and Roly as a pair pulling a trap. They should look magnificent.

Wembury school year 6 are the guardians of Mill Meadow, the area behind Wembury beach. They have been out working alongside the ranger team undertaking tasks such as bamboo cutting, and stream sampling. They have also had a lot of fun den building. Come and have a walk around the site and see the dens which the students have built.

The Overnight Under The Stars event, held in Wembury woods on 21 and 22 May, was enjoyed by children and parents alike. The tranquil campsite was surrounded by bluebells and immersed in wildlife. A late night walk proved the local bats to be quite illusive and campfire stories and marshmallows before bed were welcomed by everyone. There will hopefully be more events like this - so keep your eyes peeled!

EVENTS

On Saturday 10 July a Farm Cook Out Open Day is happening at New Barton Farm from 10am to 4pm. This event includes an introduction to butchery talk and demonstration at 11.15am and 2.45pm by a local award winning butcher. During the day chef Richard Mcgeown will be running an open kitchen, see him cook and serve up delicious meals from local vegetables and meats. Explore more of the farm on a tractor/trailer tour of the farm at 10am and 1.30pm along with lots more fun activities. Keep an eye out for posters giving further information about this event and then come along and taste some of their delicious produce. Cost of £2 adult, £1 child.