



Wembury Review for October

Well, this month's weather has had its nice days and then some down right awful wet ones. We've been busy running events and activities throughout the summer holidays. One of those awful wet weather days was Saturday 21 August, the allotment cookout event. 25 people braved the elements to watch chef Richard McGeown rustle up some beautiful plates of food and demonstrate how to de-bone and prepare a chicken ensuring that every last morsel of meat would be used. All who came said they had a great time and were amazed with how the allotments have all changed since last year.

Another of our summer events was our 'Art Attack' event which took place at Wembury Point on Tuesday 17 August. Children and parents alike enjoyed getting inspiration from the beautiful landscape and items they collected from the fields and beach, which they then used to create some stunning paintings, sketches and collages. On Thursday 26 August, 30 people including children, parents and grandparents came on our 'butterflies and blennies'; a wildlife walk and rockpool ramble adventure which started at Wembury car park with a walk to Wembury Point looking for butterflies, beetles, plants and anything else of interest. We found some beautiful bloody nosed beetles just ambling along the sides of the path and lots of fabulous magpie moths hiding in the hedgerows. Arriving at the Point it was a quick stop for lunch which was followed by rockpooling led by the Wembury Marine Centre team. The day finished with a walk back along the strandline looking for interesting things which had been washed in by the tide.

The beginning of October sees Elburton Year 6 return to be 'Guardians of Wembury Woods'. The group will be going on a discovery walk which will include identifying trees and minibeasts; coppicing hazel to be used in our charcoal kiln; and den building. All these activities will be increasing their understanding of these beautiful woods and helping us with our management of the woodland. Why not go for a walk and see what the group have been doing.

Some of our upcoming events are:

Saturday 2 October - Star gazing on the shore at South Milton Sands. 8pm start.

Turn your gaze skywards to see the glittering array of stars & planets in our dark skies with astronomer Chris Proctor. Whilst looking out to sea through powerful telescopes Chris will explore the night sky explaining how we can identify and remember the main stars and planets, including the Milky Way, Jupiter and Neptune. We'll also stroll along the shore to discover the night time activities of shoreline winkles, limpets and more. Joint event with the South Hams Area of Outstanding Beauty. A few tickets still left!

Saturday 16 October - Wild food forage and cook out at East Soar farm near Salcombe. 10am and 1.30pm start.

Join Dave Hamilton, co-author of The Self Sufficient-ish Bible to discover food for free that can be found on our doorstep. Take a walk with Dave exploring the hedgerows, meadows and woodland and finish with an outdoor cook out.

Thursday 21 and Friday 22 October. 2 Day Charcoal making at Wembury woods.

Spend two days in new Trust owned woodlands making charcoal from start to finish to take home. Learn and join in with chopping wood, loading, burning, grading and bagging the charcoal. There will also be the opportunity to try other woodland skills including coppicing and cleaving.

Booking is essential for all these events. For more information and to book a place please contact south.devon@nationaltrust.org.uk or telephone 01752 346585.

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