



April has been an eventful month to say the least. The wonderfully warm spell at the middle of the month meant for a busy Easter break for our new team of car park rangers at Wembury beach. Many people became a member of the National Trust, enabling their membership money to be used in the local area for such work as improving footpaths, repairing fences, hedges and renewing information boards to name but a few.

April also saw the arrival of the first Dartmoor pony foals up at Wembury Point. Pongo, a Dartmoor cross British native spotted pony was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> April. His unusual markings were met with much interest and surprise from the public and press alike. Several more mares are due to foal in the coming weeks, so keep your eyes peeled for other new arrivals.



The Yealm estuary played host to several intrepid explorers through the Up the Yealm – Canoe adventure on 13<sup>th</sup> April. All of us set out in our Canadian canoes to paddle up the estuary to gain some stunning views of the shores and woodlands as well as getting close to some of the bird life as we paddled quietly on by. A beautiful low-tide secluded beach was a prime spot for bonfire baked potatoes and a reinvigorating cuppa. Everyone fully enjoyed themselves and the weather could not have been kinder to us.

Children from Elburton primary school, who are guardians of Wembury woods have been out in April undertaking some coppicing work to the mass of hazel we are starting to manage. The hazel will then be used to produce charcoal in the newly installed kiln situated in the wood itself. The pupils also partook in den building which proved to be a very popular activity causing a good healthy air of competition and artistry, although none of the dens were completely water tight!

Now for some up and coming events in May:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 10am – 1pm - Bluebell walk through Wembury woods**

Join the National Trust warden for a stroll through the woodland path through Wembury woods and enjoy the sights and sounds of Spring. Starting from Wembury Village car park, behind Wembury primary school SX528 496. Adult £3.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 11am – 1pm Asparagus and Sea air event** at Worswell farm Noss Mayo. Come along and learn more about the cultivation of a delicious spring time veg, which includes a tour of the asparagus fields and cooking demonstration. Veg boxes will also be on sale. Booking essential. Adults £3 Child £1

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 7pm– Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 8am – Overnight and under the stars – a wildlife adventure for families.**

Set up a wild camp and after sunset enjoy some bat watching and star gazing. Round the camp fire enjoy hot spuds and some nighttime storytelling. Then its heads down because they'll be an early start to catch the dawn chorus (5am). The adventure finishes with a bacon roll, juice and a coffee. Adult £15, Child £5. Booking essential.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – 10.30am – 3pm - Discover butterflies and blennies  
A family wildlife adventure.**

From countryside to coast, discover amazing bugs, unusual plants, fascinating trees, and curious sea creatures. Spend a whole day with a National Trust Warden and Wembury Marine Centre staff exploring the woods, wetlands and rock pools. £3 Adult, £1 child. Booking essential

For further information about any of these events please look on the National Trust website or call the South and East Devon Countryside office on 01752 346585

Finally a big Thank you to any of you who took part in the Wembury beach clean and survey on the 27<sup>th</sup> March. All the data was passed onto the Marine Conservation society who will collaborate it with nationwide surveys.

Please stop and have a chat to the team if you see us out working or if you have any comments about the work of the National Trust. For further information please call Lorna Sherriff on 01548 810197 or email [lornasherriff@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:lornasherriff@nationaltrust.org.uk)