

Chedhams Yard **Supporters Newsletter – May 2017**



Welcome to the May edition of Chedham's Supporters Newsletter the first for 2017.

Here we are at the start of another year at Chedham's Yard. We have an exciting programme of events planned, including a few new ones.

Planning for 2017

We are aware that there have been some problems with the web site but we have been working to update it, and will be updating it continuously throughout the season.

New for 2017 are the two enclosed displays of Bill Chedham's wood carvings to make it clear that they are part of the heritage of the Yard and not for sale. Bill's picture and other items he made are now in one area and easily seen. Later in the year on Heritage Open Day the theme will be Bill Chedham when we will be displaying many other of his items.

Over the closed period Steve and the team of gardeners have been working hard to create a woodland theme, to give us a colourful display throughout the year. The garden is an important feature of the Yard and the continuous work behind the scene, by the gardening the team, is often over looked. Without them we would not have the attractive displays.

Prior to re-opening on 29th April we had a successful 'Open Day' at the Methodist Hall and will be having other outreach events throughout the summer. Our next will be the Wellesbourne Street Fayre on 10th June.

The aim of these events is to encourage and enrol new volunteers and to raise the public awareness. There are still many in the village, who have no idea who or where we are.

Whilst we have a strong core team of volunteers, we need new volunteers to take over and ensure the Yard continues into the future. A great deal of work has been put in by the current team and we do not want to lose this, due to a lack of foresight.

New for 2017 are Nail Making, Willow Weaving, Wool from fleece to garment and a Wood Day special. We had hoped to have pottery making and falconry but have been unable to find anyone who was willing to come along.

This year the Flower Festival in July will be organised by the Wellesbourne Flower Group and will have an early 20th century English Garden theme.

The new roadside signs, introduced at the beginning of last year, have been a success in terms of ease of use and clarity. The only comment has been, that we were not stating that entry is free. This has been rectified, so hopefully the passing public will take note and drop in. An additional sign has been produced for this and also highlighting that visitors should not park in Chestnut Square. We will now make use of all three roadside posts.



Wood Turning

Last year we mentioned that we now had a wood turning lathe and were receiving tuition, this year we will be making a small range of items at the Yard which will be offered for sale.

Learning Officer.



The post was temporarily filled by Amy Lewis who subsequently found, that due to other commitments, she was unable to give the project the time required. We have been fortunate to find someone to develop the role and our association with local voluntary groups and schools.

New to the post is Kate Skinner who lives in the village and has an academic background.

Entry Fees.

In 2016 the admission fee to the Yard was scrapped. We had more visitors and took more in the café which more than compensated for the free entry. This policy will continue for 2017 with free entry on Saturdays for everyone.

We have retained a nominal fee for group visits during the week and evenings.

As you know the Yard is located in a quiet oasis and adjacent to open fields which make it an attractive venue for small quiet groups to meet. We can accommodate groups of up to 20 people. For details of how to hire the venue call the office on 01789 842770, this is an unmanned phone but we will return all calls.

Alternatively e-mail us at:-

bookings@chedhamsyard.org.uk or enquiries@chedhamsyard.org.uk

The Programme of Events

A descriptive list of the 2017 events has been added to the web site.



Open Days

Open Saturdays 10am to 2pm
unless otherwise stated

April 29 Open Day

May 6 Mayday Musical Medley
May 13 Photo Day - Sue Steward
May 20 Plant identification - Steve
May 27 Nail Making - Chris Turton

June 3 World Aid Tool Collection
June 10 Yard Open
June 17 Wheel Making - Robin Hill
June 24 Open Studios 10am to 4pm

July 1 Wool spinning etc. - Ewe to You
July 8 Blacksmiths Tales & Customs
**July 15 Children's Art Competition -
Debbie Chowdry**

July 22 Flower Festival - WFG
July 29 Local Art Display - various

Aug 5 Family History - Michael Dane
Aug 12 Willow Weaving - Avril Smolders
Aug 19 Bees & Honey - Liz Bates
Aug 26 Children's Activities - Jo Chorley

Sept 2 Sketch Pad & Autumn Colours
Sept 9 Heritage Open Day 10am to 4pm
Sept 16 Wheel Making - Robin Hill
Sept 23 Wonderful Wood - Steve
Sept 30 Harvest Day & Fruit Pressing

Oct 28 Halloween 10am to 4pm

Dec 16 Victorian Christmas 10am to 4pm

Midweek group visits by appointment

Thank you for your continuing support.