



HOUGHTON & WYTON TIMEBANK UPDATE

Summer 2022

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DEAR MEMBERS,

During August I will be reflecting on the months gone by and making plans for the year ahead. I am fortunate to have a steering committee in place who I will be meeting with to help guide me in this process, and I welcome your feedback on what you feel has gone well and what you'd like to see more of.

In this update you will find the activities for this week, plus the things we have planned for the month of August. Any additions I will share in a short email as and when things arise. If you have any requests, please do share them with me.

25TH - 31ST JULY

Thank you to everyone who has offered to bake cookies for our **Cookie Decorating Class on Weds 27th July!** The class will be taking place as part of our last coffee morning before the summer break, so please join us. It is for all ages and will give you the opportunity to learn how make beautiful iced cookies which make lovely (and delicious) gifts.



We still have a few spaces left for the class so if you want to guarantee your spot please let me know. It will be a lot of fun so why not give something new a try?

At coffee morning we will also be having our next **DIGITAL DROP-IN** where anyone can bring along their device (phone, tablet, laptop etc) and their query, and one of our Digital Champions will assist you in solving it. This is a great opportunity to get one-to-one support for your tech needs.

On Thursday 28th July 9-11am I will be back in **COMMUNITY CORNER** ready to chat with you and answer your timebanking questions, so please do come along and say hello. I will also have one of our Digital Champions with me to offer another digital drop-in - just in case you can't make Wednesday.

Then on Saturday 30th July we will be having our next **VILLAGE LITTER PICK** with the usual arrangements: meet at the clock tower between 10-11am to collect your supplies: bags, grabbers and hi-viz vests and pick your route around the village. This is a great event for all ages, and please note you can do your litterpicking anytime this weekend, so if you're planning on taking a local walk, why not take a grabber with you? Please leave your bags of rubbish inside the gate at the St. Mary's Centre, Chapel Lane for collection by HDC before Monday morning. I suspect the combination of lots of people visiting the river lately and blustery winds might mean you find some litter in unusual places around the parish!

REQUESTS

Please see our update from last week for the latest requests, and please do send me any new requests you have.

REPAIR CAFE

As I noted in my last update, we are exploring the idea of starting a Repair Cafe in our village. I have since taken advice from a number of people who are helping to direct me towards the right kind of support for this kind of project; including St Ives EcoAction who have their first Repair Cafe event happening this Autumn. I have also been in touch with Cambridge Carbon Footprint who offer lots of resources and support, including an online training session called 'How to Organise a Repair Cafe in your Community' on Tues Oct 11, 7:00pm – 8:30pm. I will be attending this and have booked one other spot for a member who might be willing to help spearhead this project. Is that person you?!



Thank you to everyone who voiced their support for the idea on our Facebook page, and it is clear from the latest issue of the parish magazine that reducing waste and caring for our environment is very much on people's minds. I promised that I would circulate a google form as a way of gauging interest, however I have delayed doing this whilst I make sure that I know exactly what questions we need to be asking in order to make best use of this opportunity. Watch this space.

AUGUST 2022



Please note that there will be no coffee mornings during the month of August. Our first coffee morning in the Autumn term will be Weds 14th September.



Summer Family Meet-ups

It is now the school summer break and our beloved village Baby & Toddler Group is taking a rest until September, so the timebank will be hosting a casual family meet-up at the St. Mary's Centre in its place. We have a few toys at the Centre, but please feel free to bring along something to play with if you like, and we will organise a light snack for kids and a cuppa for parents. The session is free, but food or cash donations towards the refreshments are gratefully received on the day. All children must be accompanied by an adult, and the set-up and clear up of the hall is a team effort.

The meet-up dates will be: Tuesdays 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th August, 9:15 - 11:45am.

Community Corner

Community Corner will continue through August on Thursdays 9-11am in Our Shop, with one exception: 18th August, as I will be on leave.



THANKS

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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