

## CHIDDINGLY VILLAGE SHOP & CAFÉ NEWS – FEBRUARY 2022

### Art Wall

Emily Warren is our artist for February. Emily is an artist and maker living in the nearby village of Glynde. She works mainly in paper mache, recycling materials such as old newspapers and cardboard to make her unique and characterful small sculptural pieces of animals and folkly figures.

### Glass Milk Bottles Update

So far, we have had 2 people enquire about the shop stocking glass bottled milk. As demand is low we won't move forward with stocking glass bottles for the time being but we will continue to review this on a regular basis. Storage at the shop is minimal so if we were to stock glass bottled milk we would need to find a way of safely storing returned bottles. Hook and Son Farm Shop do deliver to Chiddingly on Tuesdays should you want to order from them directly.

### Special Occasions

Do you or do you know anyone that makes or creates special things for Mother's Day, Easter or Christmas? This could be delicious chocolates, hand crafted gifts, candles, small pieces of art etc. We would love to showcase more small, local businesses in the shop rather than getting our Christmas stock from large wholesalers. Wholesalers tend to have a large minimum order which can lead to the shop having too much stock which is hard to store and can lead to waste. We would much prefer to know where our stock has come from and who it's been made by!

### We Love Our Planet

February is traditionally the month that we celebrate love! This February, Chiddingly Village Shop & café is celebrating how much we love our planet by launching a new range of eco-friendly products! We have found a company called Eco Vibe who want to reduce the use of plastic and be transparent about what they sell. Where possible they source their products from the UK and all the packaging is plastic free. 100% of their cleaning products are readily biodegradable which means that they can biodegrade quickly and completely. Take a look at the Eco Vibe website to find out more!

We have started by choosing a range of products that we think you might like to try such as laundry detergent strips; these not only are good for the environment but they also save space in your cupboards! We have also got wooden toothbrushes, compostable scourers, reusable dishwashing brushes and lots more. For the entire month of February there will be a 10% discount on all Eco Vibe products!



### Clubs and Social Events

As many of you know the shop hosts French speaking classes on Thursday mornings in the café, it's a lovely way for members of the wider community to meet and get to know each other. If anyone would like to host another class/club in the café or has other ideas to use the café as a community hub please let us know. Ideas could be a knit and natter drop in, a craft club, baby and parent get togethers etc. The group doesn't have to meet every week, it could be monthly, we're open to any ideas you may have!



### **New Volunteers**

We've had a few new volunteers come forward which is fantastic, please welcome them if you visit the shop. To cover the current opening hours we would still love more volunteers so don't be afraid to give it a try!

To keep up to date with everything that is happening at the shop, follow us on Facebook @chiddinglyvillageshop, Instagram @chiddinglyshop or on Twitter @ChiddinglyShop. Feel free to share our posts too!

Opening Hours: Mon 8am to 1pm, Tues-Fri 8am to 3.30pm and Sat 9am to 12.30pm