WFGA May Dates and newsletter

SustFest Wyre Forest 2023 is here! 29th April – 14th May
With over 60 events throughout Wyre Forest District there are too many to list here. See the attached programme and look at the SustFest Wyre Forest Facebook Page for updates and additional events.
The launch is a **family event** on **Saturday 29th April 11.0 am – 3.0 pm**. in Riverside Park and The Civic in Stourport. Live music, food stalls, displays, crafts and talks.

Look out for displays throughout the Festival in Bewdley and Stourport Libraries, Hopley Farm Shop, Kemp Hospice Shop and The Green Cobbler (who is also offering 15% discount on eco-products with CODE SustFest23).
If you live near any of the participating schools, look out for painted pebbles concealed under bushes, on walls and in hedges. Turn them over and you will find environmental pledges. If you choose to keep the pebble you must promise to carry out the pledge!

The Big Fix. Repair Cafes world record attempt.
A few years ago, Bewdley Repair Café along with other Repair Cafes across the UK took part in the "Big Fix" and absolutely smashed the "Guinness Book of Records" world record for the largest number of repairs in a day. This year, the "Big Fix" will span the whole of May which means that our friends in Kidderminster Repair Café will also be able to take part. We cannot break records without plenty of items to repair so do come along to **Kidderminster Repair Café on 6th May or Bewdley Repair Café on 20th May.**

Just one of nearly 80 events during SustFest.

A message from one of our member organisations, "Pesticide Free Wyre Forest"

The time has come for us all to SIGN & SHARE the petition telling our council enough is enough, STOP spraying our county with these harmful chemicals.

Glyphosate is a Herbicide that is used by our council and sprayed around Children's Play Areas, street signs, lamp posts, Trees etc.,
Independent scientists from around the world largely agree that long-term exposure to glyphosate is harmful to human health in a whole range of ways and can cause conditions such as kidney and liver disease, act as an endocrine and immune system disrupter and result in reproductive and neurological problems.

Glyphosate has also been known to cause injury to pets, most commonly to dogs but also cats and horses. Exposure tends to happen either directly through the skin or orally if an animal eats grass or plays with objects that have come into contact with glyphosate. In dogs, the most common symptoms included vomiting, hyper-salivation and diarrhoea due to gastrointestinal irritation. In severe cases, acute poisoning could lead to death.

 The petition itself has links to the source of factual information.   https://chng.it/Kw2HxXS9BW

And yet another petition !
Make it compulsory to install bird bricks, used by Swifts and other species for nesting, when new houses are built

Another petition - achingly close and achingly far away: we've promoted the petition in favour of making it compulsory to install bird bricks, used by Swifts and other species for nesting, when new houses are built. That is a very modest proposal and the petition has another 24,000 signatures to find to get to the magic figure of 100,000 signatures which will trigger a debate. The trouble is, there are only 27 days to go. That is do-able but very difficult. Please sign if you haven't already (and if you think it is a good idea) and please share the petition link far and wide. It might be very close. It might be your help that makes the difference. Here is the link - **click here**