

The Abundance Update

Aug 12th 2012

After a late start to the season, many of the fruit trees are ripening up and the fruit picking has now started in earnest.

First of all, thanks to Adam, Ann, Paul, Cherry, Jacee, Mary, Fliss, Jo Juliet, Carole, Carolyn, Paul, Ruth and Jane who have all come fruit picking. So far we've picked some (unripe) pears, mirabelle plums, cherry plums, damsons and apples. People have been making jam, stewed fruit and purees - and we delivered 34 kilos of plums to the Wimbledon Guild, for sharing with people they support (mainly older people).

The fruit picking network

If you are not receiving the emails telling you where and when the fruit-picking is and would like to, then just let me know - and I'll add you to this network.

NEW Jam making group

Are you making jam and would like some fruit? Or would you like to make jam and are not very sure what to do? Maybe you're an experienced jam-maker and would like to pass on your skills. Then why not join the new jam making group. We're setting this up so that people can exchange ideas and we can get fruit to people who want it (without sending an email around the whole group). So just let me know by replying to this email if you want to join.

Jam Jars, recipes and labels

Many thanks to everyone who has donated jam jars to Ruth - she now has a store of jars. So if you are making jam and are short of jars, please get in touch with her at ruthbabber@hotmail.com Also, Ruth has put together some really helpful guidance on making jam, along with recipes for jams, jellies and chutneys (see the 'recipes' page). Some really unusual recipes there - so if you want to know how to make hedgerow jam or marrow chutney, or just plain apple jelly, take a look.

Una has designed some really nice Abundance labels. So if you are making jam or chutney with Abundance fruit or are donating some to

Abundance Fruit Day, would you like some Abundance labels? Please contact me if you do.

Foraging

Is anyone interested in foraging for fruit (and other things)? If you know something about what fruit can be foraged or are interested in finding out, then please get in touch with me. Perhaps we could have a foraging trip or two around one of the commons or parks?

Abundance Fruit Day

It's on Sat 15th Sept, from 11am to 2pm. This is Abundance Wimbledon's fund-raising event, which allows us to buy more equipment and keep the project going. It's also a celebration of all the fruit around Wimbledon and hopefully will be a fun day out for everyone. Please put it in your diary.

Best wishes
Joyce

*** Please let me know if you would rather not receive any more emails from Abundance Wimbledon ***

PROJECT SUMMARY

Below is a summary of what has happened so far this year

- booked - St Mark's Church hall and garden, for Wimbledon Fruit Day on Sat 15th Sept 11am-2pm
- bought a fruit press
- bought more fruit picking poles - we now have 6 poles, which can be lent out
- the Mayor (or his deputy) will be opening the Fruit Day event
- the International Ukelele Orchestra will be playing at Fruit Day
- publicity -
 - there have been articles in the following:
 - Wimbledon Guardian - June
 - Time & Leisure - July 2012
 - My Merton - summer 2012
 - Wimbledon Society Newsletter - June 2012

- Wimbledon Village Councillors' May newsletter
- The Grapevine (St Mary's Church, Wimbledon) - June 2012
- St Mary's Church, Merton - July
- John Innes - forthcoming newsletter
- Sustainable Merton newsletter
- WimbledonSW19.com
- Mumsnet
- on the websites of:
 - Wimbledon Civic Forum website
 - Raynes Park & West Barnes Residents' Association
 - Merton Park Ward Residents' Association
 - Merton Connected
 - Abundance Network
- Fruit Day event listed in:
 - Merton Council Events Calendar
 - LoveWimbledon
- Twitter - Tweet from CSarchitects

SOME OTHER EVENTS AROUND WIMBLEDON

Green Coffee - this is a meet up for people interested in Abundance and other community/local environment projects. At 9.30 - 11am on the first Tues of each month (the next one is Sept 4th) at 40 The Hill (used to be called Piaf), just opposite Wimbledon Library. See [here](#) for more information.

Make your own Shopping Bag - if you would like to learn some simple sewing techniques or help others to do so, come along to this friendly event. Bring your own fabric or select from the range provided. At St Mark's Church (in the Chapter Room) on Mon 13th Aug, 2-4pm. If you would like to come along, contact julietboyd@doctors.org.uk. Find the poster for the event [HERE](#).

Wildlife Trust - workday - Sun 19th Aug 9.30am
 Meet in Beverley Meads Car Park, Barham Road SW20M. You are invited to the workday – wear strong shoes or boots. Fishpond Wood & Beverley Meads. Leader: Paul Pickering 0208 330 4479

Regular Events

Rag Rug Making - Come along and learn how to use recycled materials to make beautiful bags and rugs. Call Thelma on 020 8540 2536 or email Joyce for more information.

Community Market - Fourth Saturdays, 11am-1pm at Dundonald Congregational Church. Bring along home-made cakes, pies and jams as well as local produce and bric-a-brac to sell at the friendly community market on Dundonald Road . Stalls are only £5. Next one is on Sat 25th Aug. Contact pastornigel19@yahoo.co.uk to book a stall. Find the venue [HERE](#).

Community Gardens - Christ Church & Fireplace. There are regular work days throughout the summer - to find out when the workdays are, get in touch with wimbledonfoodgroup@gmail.com or see [HERE](#).

Wimbledon Farmers' Market - Every Saturday, 9am-1pm at Wimbledon Park Primary School, Havana Road, SW19 8EJ. A chance to get your groceries direct from local farmers. Find the venue [HERE](#)

Morden Hall Farmers' Market - Every Saturday, 10am-3pm at Morden Hall Park. Fresh fruit and veg, free range meat from Kent, tasty preserves & relishes, Somerset cheeses, cakes & bakes, artisan bread. Organised by City & Country Farmers' Markets and the National Trust. Also Arts and Crafts stalls. For more information, see [HERE](#).