The Abundance Update May 2012

Hello to All

First of all thank you to Rosemary, Ewa and Carole who have kindly offered to help on the Abundance Stall at the Wimbledon Village Fair on June 23rd. We hope the stall will interest more people in the project - to offer their surplus fruit, help with fruit-picking and everything else we do. If you would like to help for an hour or two on the stall, please get in touch. Or just come and visit the stall.

To remind everyone about Abundance Wimbledon, Jo has put together two excellent press releases - see attached. If you are involved in or know a local group which has a newsletter, an email network or a website, then it would be really helpful if you could send them one (or both) of the press releases. The long version is a full article covering the whole Abundance project, whereas the short one focusses on Abundance Fruit Day and would be useful for a 'What's On' type space that lists events in the area. Let me know if you would also like a photograph.

I'm told that the elderflowers are starting to appear - thanks Karen for that. If you're interested in making elderflower cordial (or anything else), then get in touch. Maybe we could organise an elderflower picking expedition and start brewing! (I shall be away for the next week and out of email contact, so please forgive any delay in getting back to you. Hopefully the elderflowers will still be there.)

Finally, please put September 15th 11am-2pm in your diary. This is the date of our Abundance Fruit Day this year. As before, it will be at St Mark's Church garden and hall.

Many thanks Joyce Abundance Wimbledon

Some other events around Wimbledon

Green Coffee - this is a meet up for people interested in Abundance and other community/local environment projects. See here for more information. It's at 9.30 - 11am. Although usually on the first Tues of each month, the next one is June 12th due to the jubilee holiday. At 40 The Hill (used to be called Piaf), just opposite Wimbledon Library.

Car Boot Sale - Sat 19th May in the morning. Great event to sell off things you don't need and to get a bargain. Clothes, plants, bric-a-brac. Refreshments available. £10 for a car. £2 entry before 9am and 50p afterwards. No bookings taken, but contact julietboyd@doctors.org.uk for more information. Proceeds go to Christian Aid. At St Mary's Church field - find the venue here.

Fete of the Earth - Sat 19th May, 11am-3pm. A great place to buy plants. Also books, cakes, crafts, bric-a-brac and refreshments. Admission 50p. In support of Wimbledon Disarmament Coalition/CND. At the Community Centre, St Georges Rd - find the venue here.

Construct a Green Roof - Sat 26th May, all day. Learn how to construct a green roof. This is a National Trust one day course, led by the world's leading green roof experts, Dusty Gedge and John Little. The organisers are building a green roof on the new cycle shed outside the newly renovated stable yard. See http://reset-development.org/#/living-roofs-26th-may/4560498161 for more details and to book a place. At the Stable Yard, Morden Hall Park

Permaculture course - May 26th-27th at Kingston Environment Centre. An introduction to permaculture - course from permaculture designers Liz and Ruth of the Sutton Community Farm. See <u>Grow South</u> for more information.

Wimbledon Village Fair - Sat 23rd June 10.30am-5.30pm. A fun day out with over 200 stalls, food village, fun dog show, horse show and children's entertainment. Proceeds go to Wimbledon Guild, which supports local people - the elderly, families and anyone going through a bad patch. Wimbledon Common, near Rushmere Pond - find the venue here.

If you would like to add a local event to the next Abundance update, then let me know.

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