

The Abundance Update

Aug 27th 2012

Hello All

The fruit picking is now in full swing.

So far, we have picked 414 kilos of apples, 136 of plums, 88 of pears and 6 of blackberries. A total of 644 kilos!

Many thanks to Carole, Rachel, Ewa, Cherry, Mary, Shirley, Harriet, Juliet, Adam, Christine, Juliet, Susan, Ann and Helina for all your help in picking. Also thanks to Dee, Corinne, Keith, Erica, Sue and Alison for kindly letting us pick your fruit trees, and to Ita, Ann T, Alison and Ann R for generously giving us fruit.

We have now delivered 128 kilos of fruit to local charities - The Wimbledon Guild, YMCA and Faith in Action. We have also put some aside for using on Fruit Day, have made jams and jellies, puddings and put some in the freezer - and shared out fruit amongst people around Wimbledon.

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 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. p

We're going to have lots of stalls at Abundance Fruit Day - all fruit-related. Selling jams, chutneys, fruit cakes, fruit pies, making fresh fruit juice using the fruit press, providing information about looking after your fruit tree, making fruit pies, longest peel competition, Wimbledon honey, jam & bread tasting.

To make the day a success, we need to have lots of things to sell:

- So if you have have made jams, chutneys (anything made with local fruit), and have a jar to spare, please donate it and we'll sell it on the Jam Stall.

- Also, if you can make cakes, breads, pies, sweets - anything with local fruit - and can donate one or two for selling at Abundance Fruit Day, we'd be very grateful for those too. We're trying to showcase all the different things people can do with fruit on the 'Fruit Ideas' stall.
- If you have a suggestion for a stall with a fruity theme, then please get in touch. It would be good to have some new ideas for stalls.

If you can help with any of those, please get in touch (by email or phone).

And even if you can't do any of the above, you will help make Abundance Fruit Day a success by coming along. You will be very welcome. So please put it in your diary.

Best wishes

Joyce

Abundance Wimbledon

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

SOME OTHER EVENTS AROUND WIMBLEDON

Green Coffee - Sept 4th - 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 at 40 The Hill (used to be called Piaf), just opposite Wimbledon Library. See [here](#) for more information.

20's Plenty: Merton Campaign meeting - Sept 5th - this is a campaign to get a 20mph speed limit across most of Merton, at the same time removing many of the speed bumps. If you'd like to help with this campaign, then come along to the meeting on Wed 5th Sept from 7pm at The Raynes

Park Tavern, 32 Coombe Lane SW20 0LA. Or if you just want to find out more, come to the **Launch Meeting** on Wed 17th Oct from 7.30pm at Raynes Park Library. Speakers will be Transport Minister Norman Baker, the leader of the national 20's Plenty campaign, Rod King, as well as local input. For more information, please contact shas.sheehan@btinternet.com.

Garden Party - Sept 8th - 1- 6pm at 43 Wilton Grove SW19 3QU. Fundraiser for Abolition 2000, working towards elimination of nuclear weapons. Guest auctioneer is Bruce Kent. Bring food and drink to share. Auction includes home-made jam, fine wine and an 1898 Philips atlas and 1st edition of John Hersey's 'Hiroshima'. Admission £5. To book, call 8543 0362.

Tooting's Foodival - Sept 22nd/23rd - Foodival takes place over the weekend of the 22nd & 23rd September. As in previous years we hope all you local gardeners and food growers have been as busy as this bee and will be able to donate any surplus produce you can spare. Local chefs and restaurants will use your hard won local produce to cook up delicious local food. Watch the [Foodival site](#) for full details over the coming weeks.

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 (usually, but check with the website), 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. Anyone can come along to the community garden, grow some food and share the produce. 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](#).