

The Abundance Update

July 2012

Abundance Wimbledon will start the picking fruit soon. So here are ways that you can help with the project.

We now have lots of Abundance posters from the printer. It would be really helpful to have posters on noticeboards around Wimbledon, as we need more people to offer their fruit trees for picking.

So please can anyone help by putting up a poster?_

Anywhere with a noticeboard, inside or out. Just let me know how many you would like - and what size. (A4 or A5?) And I'll get them to you ASAP.

What else do we need?

Finding Trees to pick

Please let us know about any trees that we might pick. We do always politely ask before picking. Also we have a code of conduct - The Fruit Pickers' Pledge - which you can see on the 'Fruit Picking' page. There may well be less fruit this year, given the weather and the heavy crop last year. But if we can find more trees to pick, we can have another great year.

Glass bottles and jam jars

We need empty glass bottles for Fruit Day. (They'll be used for fruit juice from the fruit press.) So if you get bottles of fruit juice from the Farmers' Market or elsewhere, please can you keep the (rinsed) bottles and caps. Get in touch with Juliet, who is collecting them, by emailing julietboyd@doctors.org.uk.

Also, Ruth has very kindly offered to co-ordinate the collection of jam jars. So please do collect jars and lids (only those that have been used for jam or chutney, please). Get in touch with Ruth to let her know you are collecting or else if you have some and want to pass them on - email ruthbaber@hotmail.com.

Below is a summary of where we are with the project this year. If you have

any ideas about what else we could be doing or who else to get in touch with, please let us know. This is followed by a list of other things going on around Wimbledon.

We should start picking fruit in the next week or two - so expect to hear from us again soon!

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
- we have 145 people in our email contact network
- the Mayor (or his deputy) will be opening the Fruit Day event
- 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
 - on the websites of:
 - Wimbledon Civic Forum website
 - Raynes Park & West Barnes Residents' Association
 - Merton Park Ward Residents' Association
 - 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 August 7th) at 40 The Hill (used to be called Piaf), just opposite Wimbledon Library. See [here](#) for more information.

Turbine Taster evening - Thurs 26th July 6.30-8.30pm at Morden Hall Park

This is the last of the National Trust's series of taster sessions. Find out about the Archimedes Screw hydroelectric turbine being installed on the Wandle, how the fish/eel pass will work and the history of mills on the Wandle. Free event, but numbers are limited, so booking is essential. Contact caroline.pankhurst@nationaltrust.org.uk or 020 8545 6856.

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. 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 - first Saturdays 11am. Come along and learn how to use recycled materials to make beautiful bags and rugs. The next one is on Sat Aug 4th. Call Thelma on 020 8540 2536 or email Joyce for more information.

Pop-Up Market - first Sundays 11am-4pm at The Polka Theatre

If you have homemade or home grown produce and want to take a stall, then contact the theatre and ask for Kim. Stalls will be £20. The next pop-up market will be Sunday 5th Aug. Find the venue [HERE](#) .

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 28th July. 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](#)

NEW Morden Hall Farmers' Market - Every Saturday, 10am-3pm at Morden Hall Park SM4 5JD. New farmers' market started on Sat 23rd June. 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](#).