

# **Abundance Update**

## **June 2013**

Not surprisingly after all this cold weather, it looks like we'll have a late harvest this year. The early plums might be the worst affected, due to so few pollinating insects venturing out early on - but the good news is that it looks like an excellent apple crop this year.

If you have a fruit tree in your garden (or know someone who has one) and might not use all the fruit, please get in touch. We're currently compiling a list of potential fruit trees to pick.

Also, we're still looking for more local charities/good causes that might appreciate free fruit. The Wimbledon Guild took a lot of our fruit over the last couple of years, but with the anticipated closure of their nursing home, it seems they'll use less this year.

### **Wimbledon Village Fair**

Abundance will be sharing a stall with Sustainable Merton at the fair this Sat 22nd June. So please do come and visit the stall. There will be an opportunity to taste some of Jean-Jacques lovely jam, made with rhubarb picked recently at the Phipp's Bridge allotments - thank you Phil and Gillian for this. Also, we'll have 'Plant a Seed' where children can plant veggies and flowers to take home in a pot. The stall is at position 33s in the red area - it's on one of the rows of stalls emanating from the main entrance to the fair, so hopefully easier to find than last year!

### **Fruit trees & plants to sell at Abundance Fruit Day**

Charles ran a great little plant stall at Abundance Fruit Day 2012, our fund-raising event. It would be nice to do it again this year - and have more fruiting plants to sell. So if anyone knows how to pot up strawberry runners or take cuttings of fruit bushes that could be sold on Sept 21st, then please do so and let us know about it. Any other unwanted edible plants will also be gratefully received. Many thanks.

### **Can anyone help with an overgrown apple tree?**

Harry's tree produces lots of beautifully flavoured apples. However, it

badly needs pruning and he's not sure where to start. If anyone can help, please let me know. The garden is in Abbotsbury Rd in Morden - and I'm sure there will be a reward of apples for any help.

### **Jam-making and Fruit Foraging**

Abundance members met to discuss how to share skills and information on jam-making and fruit-foraging. It was decided to form an email network, hold some communal jam-making sessions, organise foraging trips, share recipes and information on where to find things to forage. If you would like to join this network, please get in touch with me.

Find out more about Abundance Wimbledon at [www.abundancewimbledon.com](http://www.abundancewimbledon.com).