



Tree appeal and events in the Wood

By Debbie Linton, Friends of Cherry Tree Wood

The Friends of Cherry Tree Wood are keen to encourage more native trees in the wood and are launching a fundraising appeal to buy two new red and white hawthorns.

The appeal is being launched via Barnet Council's 'Trees for Streets' scheme in which the cost of purchasing and planting each tree is £400, which includes watering and maintenance for three years.

Any donations large or small are welcome and can be made by BACS to Friends of Cherry Tree Wood Sort Code: 50-21-08 Account No. 60620986, using the reference "TREE". The Friends of Cherry Tree Wood are a registered charity.

The tree appeal will also be discussed at the group's upcoming public meeting on Thursday 16 October at the Monkey Puzzle Nursery opposite East Finchley tube station from 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Storytelling and litterpick

Meanwhile on Sunday 12 October there will be a celebration of two wonderful trees, the quince and the medlar. This will start at 3pm with a children's story in the children's nature circle beside the playground and will be followed at 3.30pm by a talk at the forest garden near the Fordington Road gate entrance to the wood. Free quinces will be given away.

Also, on Sunday 12 October is the regular litter pick. Make an afternoon of it and meet after the quince and medlar event by the café from 4pm-5pm. There are children's litter pickers available, and it is very much



Fundraiser: The appeal aims to plant two new trees

a family event (and strangely very enjoyable removing any unwanted litter from our wood!)

Park House development

There will be much to catch up on at the meeting. As reported previously, the Friends were very grateful for the public support in helping obtain tree preservation orders on the five Himalayan birches at the front of Park House. There will be information at the meeting on the proposed Cherry Tree Quarter housing development, including any implications for the wood.

Get involved

To get involved with the Friends or just to get in touch email friendsofcherrytreewood@gmail.com

Long-awaited reopening of library

Muswell Hill Library was due to open its doors to readers again last month after a long period of closure for improvement works. The reopening day on Monday 29 September was accompanied by the introduction of new opening hours.



Open: Muswell Hill Library

The refurbishment has brought the library a new floorplan with new lighting and furniture. There is also a new accessible toilet and lift on site, as well as a designated area for young people to learn and study.

Muswell Hill Library will be open for a total of 41 hours per week as follows: **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:** 9:30am-6pm. **Saturday:** 10am-5pm. **Thursday & Sunday:** closed.



Model citizen: Peter Snook sits in front of the treehouse garden he helped to create with the miniature houses climbing the trunk behind him. Photo John Lawrence

That's a clever little way to get on the housing ladder...

By John Lawrence

A new high-rise housing scheme has sprung up in East Finchley ... but this one is unlikely to raise any worries about parking spaces or over-development.



Community: The tiny houses have rope ladders, a bridge and a patio area. Photo John Lawrence

It's a treehouse village created by 92-year-old Pete Snook and his neighbours outside their retirement homes in Prospect Place, N2.

The collection of brightly painted miniature houses climbs up a tree in the middle of a shared garden space. Many of the mini-residences have rope ladders outside their front doors and at the bottom there's a tiny patio area and a bridge leading over a rock garden.

Peter is an experienced carpenter and model-maker and crafted many of the tree homes himself along with an eye-catching painted sign saying "Garden rules: Listen to birds, read a book, take a nap,

sip a drink. Relax"

Some may remember Peter from his 42 years working as an electrical technician at Lee's TV in Regents Park Road, N3. His neighbours praise him for his dexterity and skills, which also include watch mending, and for his loving devotion to caring for his wife Joan.

Peter told The Archer: "I can't take all the credit for the treehouse garden. We all had fun contributing to it. I've got such wonderful neighbours here and we enjoy little outdoor projects like this. Other times we're happy just to sit and chat." Prospect Place is run by Barnet Homes and includes an on-site laundrette and community hall.

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