



Autumn Newsletter 2016

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Supporting TWIGS and the Olive Tree Café

Welcome

We hope you'll find this an informative read and please feel free to forward it to friends or family who might be also be interested.

Stuck for a Gift?

We are offering a limited number of individual gift packages of FoT membership.

The attractively presented gift package includes several money saving vouchers, free entry to the Spring Open Day, a packet of seeds, info about TWIGS, Olive Tree Café and FoT as well as details about forthcoming events to celebrate the 20th birthday of TWIGS in 2017.

The cost is just £12.50 for a 6 month gift package, and £25.00 for the 12 month version.

Ideally, the gift recipient will be local and able to take advantage of visiting us regularly. We all know that when they visit the TWIGS gardens, they will be in for a treat and be able to enjoy the tranquil and beautiful gardens for themselves, and will want to return again and again.

By giving this gift package, you will be supporting FoT and spreading the word about the wonderful service TWIGS offers.

For more details please email contact@friendsoftwigs.org.uk

**Share the secret of TWIGS gardens!
An ideal Christmas gift!**

Olive Tree Café Kitchen Garden

Fresh produce from the kitchen garden has kept the café kitchen amply supplied, under the guidance of project leader Stephanie and her volunteers. Not a crumb remained when the bakers made a delicious Bakewell Tart using plump fresh raspberries from the kitchen garden!

Great news recently when the kitchen garden received an anonymous donation of £2000. Thank you very much!

That gives Steph a new problem, as she needs a few extra pairs of hands to do stuff like assemble a new fruit cage, connect the new water butt or paint a fence.

Surely between us, we know people who might relish getting involved if only for a couple of hours a week?

Chris Loveday

Our Fundraising Champion!

Without Chris's magnificent efforts we would struggle to raise the fantastic amounts we do. You might say it would be like climbing Kilimanjaro...

But wait a minute! That's one of the events that retired property surveyor Chris has regularly arranged for us!

Add to that the annual Golf Days and Clay Pigeon Shoots... So far, Chris has an amazing raised £68,507 for Friends of Twigs since he became our fundraiser in 2010.

He is definitely our Champion! Thank you Chris.

TWIGS 20th birthday in 2017

There will be monthly events to celebrate. Details of all the events will be in the next Newsletter - and on the forthcoming TWIGS calendar. Please support us.

Best in Swindon Award for Olive Tree Café

In an annual competition voted on by the public, Olive Tree Café was awarded Best Sandwich prize! Pop in for a snack and order your favourite from a variety of fillings.

So... who won the beautiful handmade quilt?



The winner Maureen Harrison was doubly delighted, as it matches her colour scheme!

Raffle sales for the quilt raised £860 for FoT

AUTUMN in TWIGS Garden

Please come in and enjoy the gardens on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays. Meet up with friends. Take photos or sit and soak in the peacefulness. And then treat yourself to lunch in the Olive Tree Café!

Gill's turning over a new leaf

Gill Robinson has been a longstanding supporter of TWIGS and FoT and helped in setting up Olive Tree Café. Gill has moved away to begin a new chapter in her life and we send her our very best wishes.



Visitors won't miss the eye-catching new sign we have recently funded!

Wanted please!

Regular volunteer bakers required in the Café on Saturday mornings

Please pop into Olive Tree Café for a chat about how you could help or phone 533152



“to plant a garden is to believe in a tomorrow” Audrey Hepburn

Online Shopping? You can raise money for FoT without leaving your armchair!

With easyfundraising.org.uk, you can nominate FoT and whenever you shop online. With over 300 participating retailers, there's plenty of opportunity for you to raise some cash for us and it couldn't be easier! We've raised £200 this year so far. Simply go to easyfundraising.org.uk to quickly register your details and nominate us. Every time you shop online, you will be raising money for us!

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