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Supporting TWIGS and the Olive Tree Café

Fundraising

A big thank you and many congratulations to Mia O'Sullivan, who has raised an amazing £2,379 for Twigs by throwing herself out of a plane. Brave girl!



We may be seeing some much needed new patio furniture at Twigs as a result.

This year's Golf Day in June raised over £3000. The Clay shoot is on 26 September - £480 for a team of four. Contact us for more information.

Open Days

Many thanks to all those of you too who have helped make the Open Days such a success this year. In the course of the year, you have helped us to raise £1,742 on soup and teas, £3,057 on plant sales and a whopping £6,390 overall, including craft sales, children's activities and donations.

A huge thank you too to all those of you who support us with a subscription – you have contributed over £1500 so far this year.

Gin Tasting

Our next fundraising event is a Gin Tasting evening at Magnums on Wood Street on Friday 12 October. There will be a glass of Prosecco to get us started and then six gins to taste. Tickets are £20 per person – on sale via contact@friendsoftwigs.org.uk. We are looking for raffle prizes too, so if you can help with that, do please get in touch.

Summer Draw

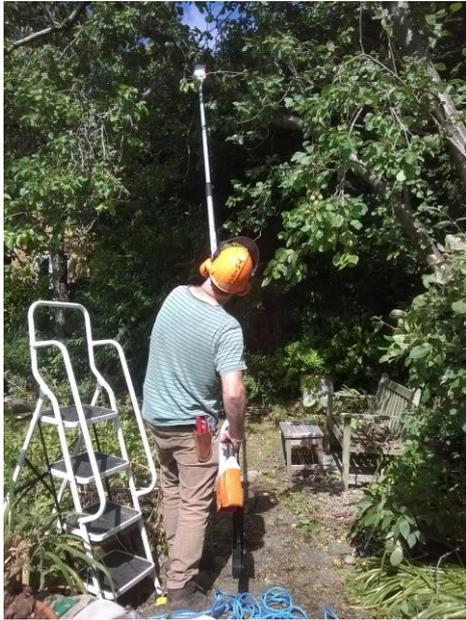
This year's Summer Draw raised £668.40 and we are very grateful to everyone who bought or sold tickets (particularly to Debbie whose selling skills will go down in history!). The lucky winners were all people who either had a connection to Twigs or who had bought their tickets there at an Open Day.

Recent purchases

The potter's wheel that was bought for Twigs with some of the money Mia raised is proving a huge success and people are discovering skills they never knew they had.



Another recent purchase is a battery operated long handled saw, which will make it much easier to take on pruning tasks.



Open Studios

The Twigs craft studio and Cafe Creative @ The Olive Tree are collaborating to exhibit artwork inspired by Around the World in 80 Days.

See it at the café on 22/23 and 29/30 September.

Olive Tree Café news

Work is soon to start on building the new staff/volunteer space behind the café – funded by a generous grant from Nationwide on top of the £7000 raised by the amazing Café events team.

A team from Network Rail is also coming in to refurbish the pergola on the patio.

Meantime, two new paid posts have been created, giving more people an opportunity to shine.

Dementia Gardening

Programme

The new gardening programme for people with dementia and their carers is fully subscribed and proving valuable. You may remember that we were successful in getting £2000 from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme to run the pilot project. So if you were one of the many people who put your token in our box – thank you!

Here are some of their teacup gardens.



In memory



This beautiful sculpture was made by long time Twigs volunteer and member of Friends of Twigs since its beginning in 2007, Bob Furber, and was installed in the gardens just a week before he so sadly died in June.