



Supporting TWIGS and the Olive Tree Café

Spring 2020

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News

We have a fine new kitchen at Twigs!

Our carpenter, Andy, has worked wonders with a collection of donated units to convert this...

to this...



What a difference! And now it is all being painted too – even more wonderful!



Work has begun on digging a trench to plant a beautiful **wildlife friendly hedge** where the huge leylandii were. Again, what a difference that will make in time.

A temporary gap is being left to allow access for the building of a **new workshop/meeting room** next to the plants sales area, for which plans have just been approved – three cheers! It will be made of cob, like the Round House, and will have a living roof.

The kitchen garden outside The Olive Tree has a splendid **new polytunnel**. A team of volunteers worked incredibly hard to erect the donated frame, and FoT has supplied new plastic.



These are all projects which you have helped us to provide by supporting Friends of Twigs.

Thank you

And thanks...

We have also received some very generous **donations** recently from companies, including Catalent, Npower and Howdens Joinery, and from Haydon Wick parish council, which are helping to fund the Dementia-friendly Gardening Programme. They are hugely appreciated.

Hugely appreciated too is **the van** which we recently provided for the café. They love it and say that it has made such an incredible difference, particularly for their journeys between The Olive Tree and Pinecones.

We have just received the money from the **Round Table** collection held in the Orbital Centre before Christmas – an amazing **£600** which made all that standing in the rain worth it. A huge thank you to everyone who helped.

Events

Our next event will be the children's **Nature Discovery Day** on Good Friday, 10 April, closely followed by the **Spring Open Day** on Sunday 26 April. We'll be appealing for help nearer the time.



Meantime, tickets for this year's **raffle** have arrived. If you can help to sell any – to friends, family, work colleagues - we would love to hear from you.

We made over £1100 from the raffle last year. With your help, we can do even better this year – and it all goes to support TWIGS and The Olive Tree Café.

Other events coming up at Twigs are: an Understanding Incense workshop on Saturday 21 March, and Drum to the Earth, a drumming workshop on Thursday 2 April at 7pm. See www.facebook.com/pg/friendsoftwigs/events

Minutes of our recently held **AGM** are attached. Cont./

Easyfundraising

We've just been paid another £43.75 by #easyfundraising, which brings our total so far to £588.52! Thanks to everyone who's shopped and raised. If you're not yet supporting Friends of Twigs, please sign up now. It takes 2 minutes and 4,000 shops will donate to us for free every time you shop with them!


Visit: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-twigs/payments/61/>

You might be interested in this fundraiser for TWIGS:

Crafters 'De-Stack' Sale

Saturday 28th March 2020
1.30pm – 4.30pm

Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton, SN4 9LW



Many local crafters are clearing out their unwanted craft materials and equipment, to offer you some really crafty bargains. Fabric, yarn, card making, beads, ribbons, buttons, books, patterns, dies, stamps, art materials and much more!

Refreshments available. Free parking

£1 entry


Further information from Tina Grice 07504813514 or t.grice@ntlworld.com

Any proceeds will be donated to 'TWIGS'
Therapeutic Work in Gardening in Swindon

Rotary are putting on **The Gameshow Experience** in aid of The Olive Tree on Friday 3 April at Nationwide.

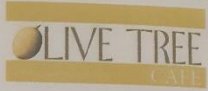
Further information from:

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The Rotary Club of
Swindon Thamesdown

and



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CAFE

Proudly present



THE GAME SHOW
EXPERIENCE

Join us for an evening of immense fun
with all proceeds in favour of The Olive Tree Cafe

Form a team of 6 players and pit your wits against similar teams playing some of your favourite TV Game shows, including *CATCHPHRASE*, *NAME THAT TUNE*, *A QUESTION OF SPORT*, and *WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE*.

There will be individual prizes in each game and the overall winning team on the evening will go on to participate in our finale and the chance to win a myriad of great prizes.

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| Date: Friday 3 rd April 2020 | Venue: Nationwide HQ Pipers Way | |
| Doors open: 18:15 | Event starts: 19:15 sharp | Event ends: 22:15 |
| Food: The ultimate ploughman's plus coffee and cake | | |
| Price: £ 20 per person | | Licensed bar |
| Parking: Free in Nationwide Car Park | | |

Contact: Via your host or directly to Bob Humphries on 0758 432 0727

And last but not least, remember that you can also support both TWIGS and The Olive Tree by buying a ticket in the Swindon Lottery -

www.swindonlottery.co.uk/