

Supporting TWIGS and the Olive Tree Café

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Twinkly TWIGS was a huge success – the weather was kind to us, the gardens looked magical; over 300 people came to enjoy the lights and over £2,400 was raised! A very big thank you to everyone who came and supported us and especially to those who came and helped on the night.



Coming up...

The **Wassail** is on Saturday 13^{th} January, 11-1. The parade, led by the Butler, the Wassail Queen and the ever energetic Morris Men, will start at 11.30. So bring your singing voices and something to bang and come and join the fun. We need to encourage the apple trees to produce a really bountiful harvest! There will of course be hot soup, punch and cakes.

Wreaths and reindeer still available at TWIGS

The Friends of Twigs **AGM** is on Saturday 27th January at 10.30 in the Olive Tree. All are very welcome.

Thank you!

We are incredibly grateful to the team at the John Lewis Outlet store here for nominating us for one of their Community Matters Grants, and absolutely thrilled that we have been successful and will be given £2,500! The money will be used to renovate the paths in the gardens and make them more accessible for all.

Next year's events at TWIGS

Wassail, 13 January, 11-1 Spring Open Day, 21 April, 11-4 NGS Day, 19 May, 12-4 Summer Open Day, 23 June, 11-4 NGS Day, 21 July, 12-4 Rainbow Fete, 8 September, 11-4 Apple Fayre, 5 October, 11-4 Twinkly Twigs, 7 December, 4.30-7.30

And some others dates to note: Time to Talk Day, 2 February Mental Health Awareness Week, 13-20 May World Mental Health Day, 10 October

The Puddings and Presents afternoons at the Olive Tree were a great success and plans are afoot to start a Puddings+ Club in the new year.

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Last but by no means least – **thank you** for your continuing support – it is so appreciated - and we wish you a happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful new year.