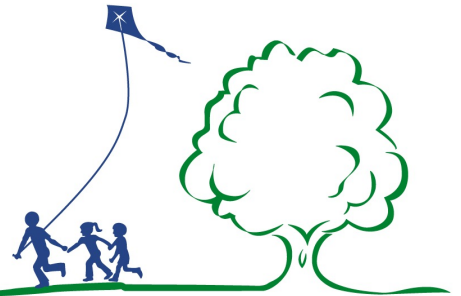


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Press Release

A Busy Year in Prospect at Warley Woods

Warley Woods is continuing to build its annual programme of events and has published a packed calendar for 2010.

The now established events such as Santa in the Woods, The Picnic in the Park and the Easter Egg Roll will be continuing, as will walks and talks on the trees, plants and wildlife in Warley Woods. There will also be repeat of the All About Dogs event which was so successful last year in conjunction with the RSPCA.

New events this year include theatre in the woods for the first time with professional theatre company Heartbreak Productions bringing an adaptation of Frances Hodgson-Burnett's *The Secret Garden*. There will also be Warley Open Golf Competition on the golf course – a joint venture between the Trust and the Golf Club and a big sponsored walk event – Walk for the Woods – the first event that the Trust has organised specifically to raise money to support the maintenance of the site.

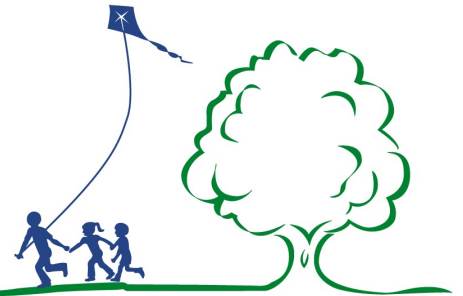
The year kicks off with a low key but special event offering coffee and cakes to potential volunteers giving them the chance to find out more about the opportunities for volunteering at Warley Woods without making any prior commitment. This takes place on Saturday 23rd January between 11am and 1pm at the Pavilion on Lightwoods Hill. This will be followed by a Big Garden Bird Walk on Saturday 30th January at 10am led by RSPB and Trust volunteer Liz Coleman. She will help with the identification of birds and walkers will record their sightings which will be fed into the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch figures.

Valentine's Day, or at least 13th February will see the café at Warley Woods turned into a fabulous and romantic restaurant. Diners last year were thrilled with the décor the ambience and the lovely food. Booking for this event is absolutely essential. Then in half term there will be a Golf Celebration Week, funded by Sandwell Primary Care Trust, where both adults and children will be given a chance to try golf for free through fun games and activities and there are prizes to be won. There will also be something special for established golfers, but they will only find that out when they come to play a round! Activity sessions will be held on 15th, 16th, 18th and 19th February, both morning and afternoon.

Many more events follow with something every month and something for everyone. Information can be found on the Warley Woods website www.warleywoods.org.uk/events.htm and anyone can register for a monthly update on activities and events at Warley Woods by emailing admin@warleywoods.org.uk

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- Warley Woods Community Trust (WWCT) is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. WWCT is the only charity in the United Kingdom to have taken responsibility for an urban park. The organisation was formed to take action following the long term neglect of the park by Birmingham City Council and to ensure local people had a say in what happened to their park.