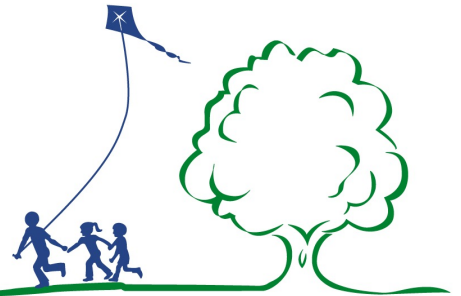


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Press Release

A Picnic in the Park – whether it rains, hails or shines

After a wash out on 15th July Warley Woods Community Trust has rescheduled its annual Picnic in the Park for 9th September – offering a full programme of events and activities for all the family. Everyone is invited to bring a Picnic and spend the afternoon in the sunshine and fresh air.

“We may have had to cancel in July as the weather was so bad but everyone was so disappointed we are going to give it another shot. We have made plans so that even if it rains we will still be able to run the music and we will have the children’s activities in the Pavilion, but we are crossing our fingers for good weather” said Viv Cole, Trust Manager.

There will be live music throughout the afternoon featuring local bands PurplePhish, Rich Batsford 4Play, The People’s Republic of Mercia and Falling and Laughing. The event will be opened by actor Colin Buchanan, best known as Peter Pascoe from BBC’s Dalziel and Pascoe.

For the four legged park visitors, there is the dog show – anyone can bring their pooch to enter. Classes include the dog that looks most like its owner and the waggiest tail.

For history lovers, Birmingham Archaeology will be in the park to show people the finds that were uncovered during Sandwell’s first Community Dig. This took place earlier this month on the site of Warley Abbey, which was in the park until it was demolished in 1957.

There will be a range of children’s activities – lots of craft making opportunities and face painting.

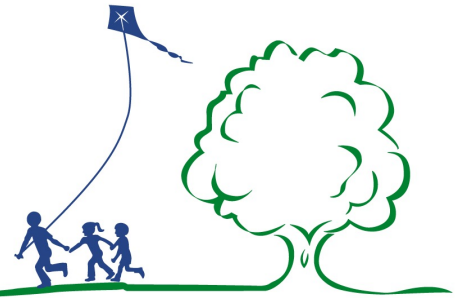
At 5.15 the Balloon Race will be launched with prizes for the balloon which travels the furthest. Balloon sales will help to fund the event which is managed almost entirely by volunteers. There will also be information stands so people can find out more about the Community Trust which runs the park and its partners.

The picnic has now become a fixture on the Bearwood-Smethwick calendar and numbers grow year on year as more and more people realise what a fantastic day out the event is. Over three thousand people came last year and there is space on the Warley Woods Meadow for many more! Fingers crossed for good weather!

Any one who would like to know more can call on 0121 420 1061

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Notes

- For further information contact: Viv Cole, Trust Manager, 0121 420 1061, 07947 805746, trustmanager@warleywoods.org.uk
- Images available from last year's Picnic.
- 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.
- The park is leased to Sandwell MBC for 99 years and has been subleased to WWCT for the same period of time.
- It is managed by a Board of Trustees which is made up of local people. The Trust's membership now numbers around 700 individuals and there are over 60 active volunteers.
- The Park was named the People's Park after it was saved from becoming sold for housing by public subscription in 1906.