

## COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

...held on afternoon of Saturday ,November 12<sup>th</sup> 2011

The sun was shining as Moorhaven residents (many carrying spades) arrived from left and right to meet at the "Summerhouse". I gave a short chat on the variety of native tree species that had arrived from "The Woodland Trust", and we all set off for Moorpark entrance green. Here my husband, David, gave a demonstration of the "split" and "T" method of planting, using our special ENGLISH OAK grown from a Royal Estate Acorn. This Oak sapling was given and planted in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's the 2<sup>nd</sup> forthcoming Jubilee- so a red ,white and blue ribbon was tied to the tree stake.

Following this short and sweet ceremony we divided into 3 groups, setting off in different directions, carrying tubs of tree saplings, bags of spiral rabbit guards and support canes.

Moorfields group had 45 trees to plant—Hawthorn & Rowan  
Moorpark had 35, comprising of Wild Cherry, Hazel & Silver Birch  
Formal Gardens group had 20 plants, some Silver Birch & others Dogwood—to be planted in 3 woodchipped areas on the edge of the Formal Gardens. Photographs & descriptions of species planted will be included in another document.

The children in the groups were really interested and worked hard to help some struggling adults!!

We completed all within an hour, so the sun was still shining as about 35 of us made our way to the "Clubhouse" to enjoy welcome refreshment. Lots of eating ,drinking and chat commenced and the children enjoyed playing in the field or sitting and playing a Wildlife Card game.

Thank you to all of you for making such a successful and enjoyable event possible.

Special thanks to the "Woodland Trust" for providing our 105 Native Tree "whips"; Matt Morgan for providing the canes and rabbit guards; Jon Mathys for the Clubhouse facilities (plus the wonderful art display on at the same time) AND YOURSELVES FOR PLANTING THE TREES.

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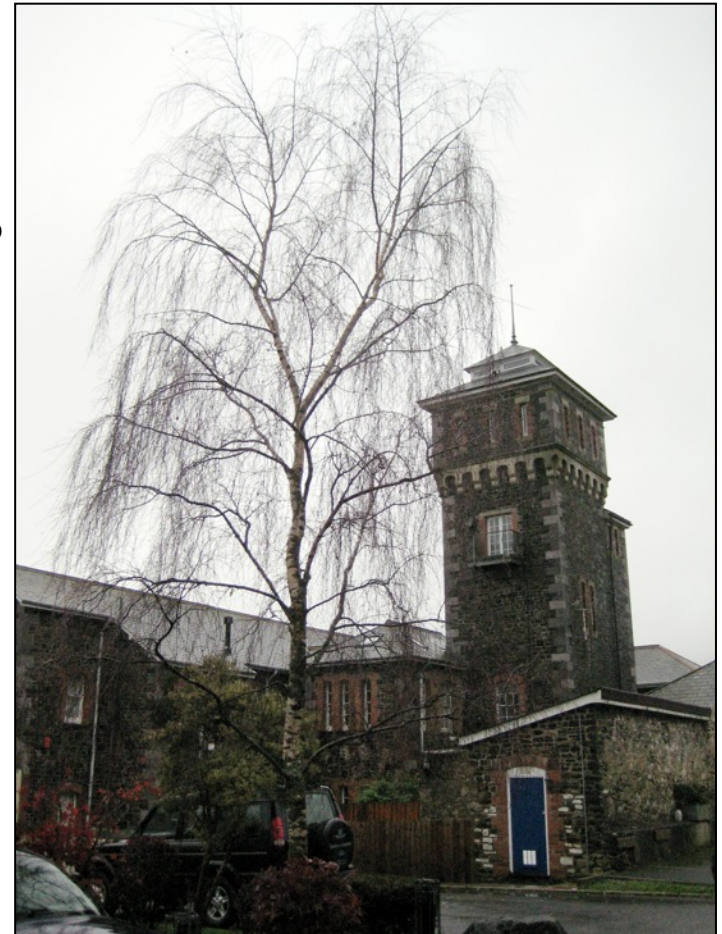
The WOODLAND TRUST sent us a free pack of 105 "whips" to give "ALL YEAR ROUND COLOUR", under the "COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME".

An extra tree was included in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee: this ENGLISH OAK was grown from an ACORN SEED belonging to one of the ROYAL ESTATES.

DID YOU KNOW that an average ENGLISH OAK lasts for about 250 years, and in that time supports as many species of life; in the form of animals, birds, insects and plants.

Our sapling was planted in the middle of the entrance green to Moorpark, where we can see it mature over the years.

We had 15 SILVER BIRCH included in our pack; 9 planted in the periphery areas of the Formal Gardens, and 6 on the grass entrance to Moorpark. The PHOTO. shows an example of a mature tree situated in front of the fountain near the Tower here in Moorhaven. You can see the tree has a delicate habit, producing very small silver catkins in spring; small heart shaped leaves in summer, and showing off silver peeling bark in winter.



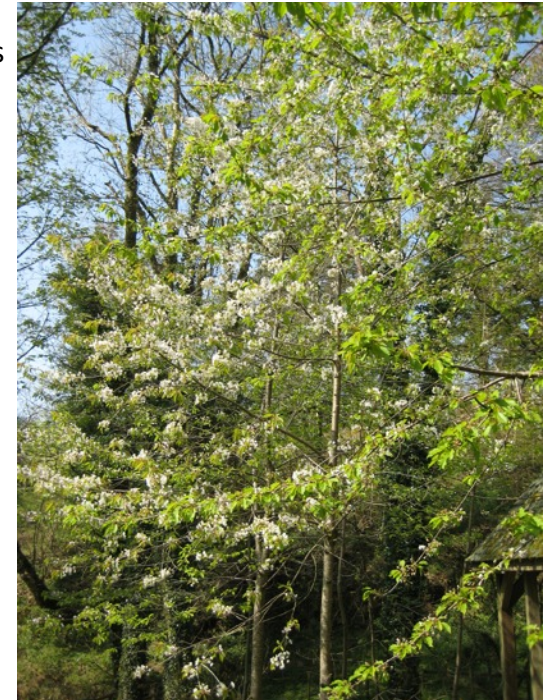


30 ROWAN were planted as part of an area on Moorfields green. You will see from the photos That the leaves have a distinctive “pinnate” form; and the tree produces white “rosette” flowers in May/June, to be replaced by orange/red berries in autumn



15 HAWTHORN were planted next to the Rowan at Moorfields. The photo show rich thick clusters of blossom growing along the branches in spring; to be replaced by dark,scarlet,round berries in autumn.

15 WILD CHERRY were planted on Moorpark green. The photo shows white (tinged pink) delicate flowers produced in May, followed by small cherry fruits in summer;and yellow/orange/pink leaves in autumn.



DOGWOOD is more of a shrub than a small tree, and is grown for its colourful red/orange or yellow bark on the small branches that spread from its base. After a few years all these trees will provide good cover and nesting areas for birds and small mammals. The flowers will provide nectar for bees, and the fruits, berries, nuts and colonizing insects, food for birds and small mammals. All this, as well as reducing your “carbon footprint”, and enjoying the aesthetically pleasing effect!



