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News 2009

Amwell Local Fundraisers Christmas Party

"before the drinks were served"

12th Dec 2009



Creation of Heartwood Forest gets under way

The **28th November 2009** was a very special day for everyone who has been involved with Heartwood Forest. After many months of planning and hard work the very first trees were planted and the whole community celebrated by planting trees.

Lady Verulam, the patron of the project was there to say a few words about how special this project is and plant one of the very first trees, as well as the Woodland Trust's chief executive, Sue Holden and three children who have taken part in the countrywide Tree For All tree planting project





Switching On the Christmas Lights (27th Nov.)





3 photos by N Rowe

Remembrance Day 8th Nov 2009





Farmer's Market 18th Oct 2009



Saturday 12th Sept. 2009 - Wheathampstead Horticulture Club annual exhibition in the Memorial Hall.





14th August 2009. Environmental Agency yearly fish survey of the Wheathampstead section of the River Lee. This was carried out over a 100m stretch of the river near the Meads. Same section is used each time.



A net is put across the river to stop more fish



The sweep is made from the down stream end. Anode

entering the test area whilst the survey is being carried out.



The sweep is continued up the river until the net barrier is reached.

loops are moved through the water to enable fish to be caught in the nets and placed into a tank in the boat.



Each fish is taken out of the tank, identified. The types found were Dace, Barbel, Gudgeon, Roach, Chub, Minnow, Stickleback, Perch



The length is measured and recorded for each fish. A single scale is removed to identify the age of the fish from its rings (much like rings on a tree).



An example of one of the larger Chubs caught. The largest fish caught was a Chub of 435mm in length. Also caught was a 260mm Dace which is quite big for this species.

Many thanks to the Environment Agency for their friendliness on the day and for providing the information about the types and size of fish measured.



The newly elected Mayor of St Albans, Chris Oxley visits 'Four Limes'.



The Mayor explained the historical content of his role and the Mace Bearer explained the function of the Mace, presented by Charles II in 1660.



Wheatthampstead Village Day - 12th July 2009 (organised by the Parish Council)











Horticultural Society - visit to Leonardslee lakes & gardens - June 2009



lakes



gardens



vintage cars



dolls houses

**Amwell Day
June 2009**

Plenty to entertain including coconut-shy,
crockery breaking, bouncy castle,
hog roast, belly dancing

At the **Elephant and Castle**



Classic motorcycles



Crockery breaking



Cake stall



Bouncy castle



'Chani' www.bellydanceelements.co.uk



Hog roast



Wheathampstead Dramatic Society
May 2009 production of 'Comic Potential'



Wheathampstead Dramatic Society
February 2009 production of 'The Herbal Bed'



The end of a snowy week, 8th February 2009
(photos by Brian Joyce)



