

Kelsall Gardening Club - The Planting of Nancy's Tree

On Saturday, February 26th Kelsall Gardening Club celebrated the life of their long-time and much valued member, Nancy Benson, who, sadly, died in November.

Nancy's interest, indeed her passion, was in gardening for wildlife and in observing and preserving the natural and indigenous countryside. As a member of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust she was the first "wildlife watch" leader in Cheshire and created some wonderful family events for her watch group in Marbury Country Park as well as opening her and Ralph's own family garden for Gardening Club open days. The garden at Rose Cottage includes a wildlife pond, a meadow and an ancient well and spring as well as a copse of indigenous trees chosen by Nancy.



On Saturday Nancy's family and friends planted a wild cherry tree on Kelsall Green. The tree will provide white blossom in spring, red and yellow autumn colour and fruit for birds and small mammals. The tree will be a tribute to Nancy and will be enjoyed by families and the community for years to come.

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