

# APPLE DAY in and around Gloucestershire

Please do mention the Gloucestershire Orchard Group on your visits! If you know of other events which are not listed here, please let Ann Smith know ([smithcovell@btinternet.com](mailto:smithcovell@btinternet.com)). GOG cannot be held responsible for accuracy of information. It really is a mammoth task coordinating this, so apologies for not getting this out sooner!

## Thursday 4 October 2007

**Thornbury Farmers Market** 9am-1:30pm. Apple Day will come early this year to Thornbury. Come and join us to see the variety of local apples, their shape, colour, flavour and their scent and, above all, their taste! And come and be tempted to grow your own apples! Contact Jean Grudgings for more info. [jeangrudgings@hotmail.com](mailto:jeangrudgings@hotmail.com) 01454 417321

## Saturday 6 October 2007

**Churchdown Apple Day** held by St. Johns Church, near the Hare & Hounds crossroads (off St. Johns Ave.) 10am onwards. Also displays of Churchdown Parish Council's Parish Plan. Many family activities, apple juice & fruit for sale and Gloucestershire Orchard Group display. Dorothy Bone organizer 01452 855553 The first of its kind in Churchdown!

## Saturday 6 October 2007

**Wotton-under-Edge Farmers Market, near Thornbury.** 9am-1pm. Apple pressing etc. To raise awareness of the start of Wotton Transition Town Movement. For more info, contact GOG member Julia Meyer 01453 542767. **We will be covering their exciting Transition Town Movement in future newsletters!**

## Sunday 7 October 2007

**Friends of Naunton Park/Cheltenham Borough Council Apple Day/Autumn Show** at Naunton Park. 1-3pm. 01242 581314 (Meyrick Brentnall) Apple & children's activities.

## Sunday 7 October 2007

**Winterbourne Medieval Barn Orchard Harvest Day** 10.30am – 3.30pm, repeats last year's highly successful event but this time will be held on a Sunday – so we will have even more food stalls than last year and hopefully even more visitors! The main object of the day, under the auspices of the South Gloucestershire Food Festival, is to celebrate the richness of English, and particularly local, fruit and other produce. Themes will include Orchard Management, with problem-solving sessions and displays of fruit varieties. There will also be opportunities to sample and buy food based on local produce, with a Hog Roast, apples, cakes, cider, cheese, honey, meat and preserves. This is a fun event for all the family: local junior schools will mount displays with an autumnal theme, and there will be fruit-based games for all ages. We need Friends to help with games, stalls and stewarding but, additionally, to offer contributions for a 'Bring and Buy' plant stall; unwanted cookery books would also be useful. Nearer the event we will also be seeking apples for the games. If you would like to help, contact Tony Harding (01454 772285). (GOG's Graham White aka Mr Fruit will very much be involved!).

## Sunday 7 October 2007

**Grimsbury Farm, Grimsbury Road, Kingswood, Bristol** 10am-4pm. Come and see a cider and perry press in action and watch pole-lathing at Kingswood Community Farm. Tour the farm and see goats, chickens ducks, pigs, sheep and cattle. Tel. 01454 865877.

## Monday 8 October 2007

**Sue Clifford, of Common Ground** and co-founder of National Apple Day, will be talking at the Cheltenham Festival of Literature at Cheltenham Town Hall 4-5pm Sue will also be promoting Common Ground's latest book (revised Apple Source Book). Ticket bookings 01242 227979 (£6)

## **Saturday 13 October 2007**

**Green Farm, Quedgeley Apple Day** (Sims Lane). Local Nature Reserve. 10am-3pm. Apple pressing, apples for sale, displays, rare breed animals. Friends of Green Farm present. Jane Cox of Gloucester City Council 01452 396977.

## **Saturday 13 October 2007**

**Stroud Valleys Project Apple Day** at the Home Farm Trust, Frocester Manor (**note venue this year**). 10am – 2pm. Juicing at the orchard there. Richard Lewis 01453 753358. [www.stroudvalleysproject.org](http://www.stroudvalleysproject.org)

## **Saturday 13 – Sunday 28 October 2007**

**Painswick Rococo Garden Harvest Festival** 11am- 4.30pm. Also covers the halfterm holiday! Exhibition of harvested fruit and veg and their history, refreshments, apple & pear pressing, tours with Chris Hitchcock, head gardener, Gloucestershire Orchard Group display, recipes, jam tasting, children's activities and competitions. 01452 813204.

## **Sunday 14 October 2007**

**Stroud Community Agriculture (SCA) Apple juicing party at the Resthaven nursing home orchard.** 2pm.

Location: on the left of the A4173 between Pitchcombe and Edge just after Pitchcombe church (orchard visible from the car park.)

- apple picking in the week running up to the 14th – let us know if you have apples that need picking or if you are up for doing a bit of picking
- apple juicing. We will be hiring at least 3 apple presses and will need lots of willing volunteers of all ages to cut, crush and press the apples. We will also need lots of clean, empty, screw top bottles to put the juice in and lots of people to take away the juice and drink it (shame!)
- apple games – apple bobbing, apple and spoon races, etc, etc
- apple lore – stories for the children and discussion for the adults
- food – bring and share
- music and songs – bring something to play or a song to teach us

We will be asking for donations on the day to cover the cost of the presses and a donation to Resthaven nursing home for the use of their orchard. Please bring a chopping board and a sharp knife. If you would like to get involved in planning the day or you have apples to be picked or you fancy doing a bit of picking, phone Gary on 01453 766350 or email [gary@morter.force9.co.uk](mailto:gary@morter.force9.co.uk)

## **Sunday 14 October 2007**

**Horfield Organic Community Orchard**, off Kings Drive, Bristol. 2-4pm. Local apple juice and other produce on sale & apple trees on sale, wildlife trail, variety tastings in this Community Orchard of over 100 trees on allotment land. Access via the lane opposite 23 Kings Drive, Bishopston BS7. Take the no.20 bus from the city centre, or by car off Kellaway Avenue from the A38. Free entry, no dogs, children must be supervised. Contact Pauline Markovits on 0117 924 8124 or [pauline.markovits@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pauline.markovits@blueyonder.co.uk)

## **Sunday 14 October 2007**

**Riddle's Cider, Oak farm, Oldbury Lane, Thornbury**, north of Bristol. 11am-2pm. Take a tour of the orchard and learn to identify varieties of apples such as Yarlington Mill and Sheep's Nose. See the cider making process using a 100 year old cider press. Tours last approx one & a half hours, maximum 30 people on each tour. Contact: 01454 863902 to book.

## **Sunday 14 October 2007**

**Willsbridge Mill, Long Beach Road, near Bitton, South Glos BS30 6EX** (off A431 to Bristol/Bath to Willsbridge road) - celebrate Willsbridge Mill's 20th year with an Apple Day party! A crop of fruity activities will highlight local orchard growing heritage, including local produce, orchard games, longest peel competition, apple art - 'The Big Draw' workshop, displays of old English apple varieties, home made apple cakes from local recipes, pruning and planting demonstrations and fruit and nut wanders in

Willsbridge Valley Local Nature Reserve. Organised by Avon Wildlife Trust as part of South Gloucestershire Food & Drink Festival 2007 event. Free Entry. Suitable for all ages. Directions: take A431 Bristol/Bath road to Willsbridge and turn into Long Beach Road. Car park is on the left. Take footpath opposite down to Mill. Buses – 332 Bristol/Bath or Bristol City Line 45 (ring Traveline 0870 6082608 for Sunday service). Or easy access from Bristol–Bath cycle path. Trains at nearby Keynsham station (1 mile) then walk along public footpaths–River Avon trail and then along Siston Brook to Willsbridge Hill. Event runs 12noon–5pm. Contact: 0117 932 6885 or see [www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk)

### **Sunday 14 October 2007**

**Village Fruit Pressing day in Downend, Horsley** (Otter Cottage). 10am–4pm. Children particularly welcome. Bring apples if possible. Liz Lancashire 01453 834672. Liz is also helping run an Apple Day event at Horsley School.

### **Friday 19 October 2007**

**Gloucester Farmers' Market**, The Cross, Gloucester. 9am–3pm In conjunction with Gloucester City Council and GOG. In addition to the normal Friday farmers' market, there will be an apple display and apple pressing. Thanks to Gerb & Clare Gerbrands, Meyrick Brentnall & Rob Watkins. See [www.fresh-n-local.co.uk](http://www.fresh-n-local.co.uk)

### **Saturday 20 October 2007**

**Gloucester Folk Museum Apple Day**, Westgate Street. All day. Apple displays, juicing (horse drawn press!), refreshments, children's activities! 01452 396467/396868.

### **Saturday 20 October 2007**

**Stroud Farmers Market** with apple day theme. Dave Kaspar of Days Cottage/GOG. Juice, cider, perry, apple displays, informal identification, tastings. See [www.fresh-n-local.co.uk](http://www.fresh-n-local.co.uk)

### **Saturday 20 October 2007**

**Leonard Stanley Apple Day**. We are planning to hold a 'scrumping' day on the weekend before the apple day for anyone with apple trees who cannot join us on the day but who are happy to donate their apples. We are planning a hog roast in the evening, using one of the pig syndicates pigs – we will sell roast pork baps and hopefully make a little money for the pursuit of a community orchard! For more details of Leonard Stanley Food Enterprise contact David Newton on 01453 792172 or email [david@andrewtownsend.co.uk](mailto:david@andrewtownsend.co.uk)

### **Saturday 20 October 2007**

**Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Apple Day** at Glasshouse Orchard, nr Huntley (May Hill). No need to prebook. Enjoy the autumn harvest. Collect apples for cider making and play apple theme games! Thanks to Tiz Butler. OS Grid Ref SO 716 213.

### **Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 October 2007**

**Highfield Nurseries, Whitminster**. Fruit Weekend. "We are celebrating this occasion by focusing on the varieties we actually grow and sell and will have all the fruit experts on our staff on hand to discuss this fascinating subject. We are planning to have a fruit garden planted up with fans, espaliers and bush fruit and trained forms of soft fruit. Many different apple varieties (not particularly local varieties, except Ashmeads Kernel) will be on display together with some for sale. If you require any further information please call 01452 741444./740266."

### **Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 October 2007**

**Westbury Court Garden (National Trust)**, Westbury-on-Severn GL14 1PD Apple weekend. Try apples from Roman to Edwardian times grown at Westbury Court and other National Trust gardens. Admission: adults £4.25, children £2.10. families/groups £11. 10am–4pm. Contact: 01452 760461 (Jerry Green, gardener-in-charge) or see [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

### **Sunday 20 & 21 October 2007**

**Snowhill Manor Apple Day (National Trust).** 11am-5.30pm. Apple display, children's trail, quiz, apple-related food in the restaurant, juice, pressing and tasting and sales, organic fruit tree sales and composting tips.

### **Sunday 21 October 2007**

**Oxenhall Apple event** in the Parish Hall. Lunches from 12noon and then apple teas. Apples & apple juice for sale. Display of local history including apple history locally. Display of apples. Also open, Poultry Park, at Oxenhall - many breeds of hens, display of poultry arks, eggs etc. For more info, contact Elaine Shears on 01452 790259.

### **Sunday 21 October 2007**

**Dean Heritage Museum**, Camp Mill, Soudley, GL14 2UB - Celebrate autumn harvest with the 'apple spectacular'. Tastings, apple pressing & juicing demonstrations, cider bar, music, art activities, local crafts, plant sales and much more. Situated in five acres of scenic woodland, the Dean Heritage Centre tells the story of the Forest of Dean and its people, through exhibitions and outdoor displays including the Forester's Cottage, an accurately reconstructed Victorian home with open fire and garden where you'll find a pair of Gloucestershire Old Spot pigs, chickens and local varieties of orchard trees. Event runs 11am-4pm. Contact: 01594 822170, [deanmuse@btconnect.com](mailto:deanmuse@btconnect.com) or see [www.deanheritagemuseum.com](http://www.deanheritagemuseum.com)

### **Sunday 21 October 2007**

**Apple Day (small event) at Redwick House, near Magor, NP26 3DY.** 2-4.30pm.

Less than 10 mins from junction 23A of M4.

Tel Christine Leighton (GOG member) on 01633 889028.

- \* view 1-acre old orchard, in need of restoration
- \* sale of apples (cooking and eating) and home-made plum jam
- \* tea and cakes

All proceeds for Natalya's Fund, in aid of under-privileged children.

### **Sunday 21 October 2007**

**Daylesford Organic Farm Shop**, near Kingham GL56 0YG (North Gloucestershire) To mark Apple Day, Susan Hill be signing her book *The Magic Apple Tree: A Country Year* from 11am-1pm. Also apple bobbing for children and Magic Apple Cake. Contact: 01608 731700,

[enquiries@daylesfordorganic.com](mailto:enquiries@daylesfordorganic.com)

or see [www.daylesfordorganic.com](http://www.daylesfordorganic.com)

### **Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 October 2007**

**Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Autumn Magic event**, 10am-4pm. Robinswood Hill Conservation Centre. Apple tasting, juicing, displays, crafts, orchard wildlife etc. **No** need to prebook, but more info on 01452 383333.

### **Sunday 28 October 2007**

**Thingwall Park Organic Orchard, Bristol Apple Day. 2-4pm.** Apple games & tasting. Please telephone for directions – the orchard is on allotments and is normally locked. All welcome. Ring Charles Farina 0117 9655553 or Irene Blessitt 0117 9658429.

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#### **Bristol Farmers Market**

**At the time of going to press, we did not have confirmation on a date (either the Wed before or Wed after 21<sup>st</sup> October). This should be a great apple-themed market.**

**Hales Fruit Farm**, near Winchcombe: Apple Day to be arranged. 01242 602123 (Sarah Jane)

[www.hayles-fruit-farm.co.uk](http://www.hayles-fruit-farm.co.uk)

## **SCHOOLS**

**Let GOG know if you have connections with schools in Gloucestershire.**

**A schools apple pack should still be available from Headteacher Maggie Miller of Gartmore School, nr Stirling, Scotland: tel 01877 382343**

## **MARCHER APPLE NETWORK (MAN)**

For full events see [www.marcherapple.net](http://www.marcherapple.net) or ring Sheila Leitch 01497 847354

**Fruit identification** is one of this active group's trademarks, so do get in touch!

A selection of events is given below:

**Saturday 6th October 2007.** Marcher Apple Network's Annual Apple Show at the Cider Museum, Hereford, 11.00am-5.00pm. Please note change of venue. The AGM will not take place on this day, but on 1st December. At the Apple Show there will be all the usual attractions, including displays of culinary, dessert and cider fruit, apple ID, apple juicing, bookstalls, sale of CDs, etc. Parking is now limited at the Museum itself, but there is space available in the Bulmers car park at Woodpecker Square. For the latest details on this event contact Sheila Leitch (above).

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14th October 2007.** The Big Apple. A harvest-time celebration of English apples and cider in the Herefordshire parishes of the Marcle Ridge. There will be fruit displays (including cider fruits and perry pears), tastings, identifications and apples and apple juices. For final details of talks, demonstrations and other events, phone Jackie Denman, Secretary of the 'Big Apple Association', on 01531-670544. [www.bigapple.org.uk](http://www.bigapple.org.uk)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21st October 2007.** Annual Cidermaking Festival at the Cider Museum, Ryelands Street, Hereford. 10.00am-5.00pm. There will be a display of cider apples and perry pears, demonstrations of traditional cidermaking and Herefordshire Beekeepers Association will provide an exhibition about beekeeping and will hold their annual honey competition. There will be stalls selling cider, garden accessories and produce as well as games and activities for the children. Free samples of cider and distillery products. A fun weekend for the family. Admission charge: adults £3.00, concessions £2.50 and children/students £2.00. For more details, contact the Cider Museum. Tel. 01432-354207.

## **Kemerton Apple Day (Worcestershire)**

**Saturday 20th October 2007** 2-5pm, based at the village hall. All welcome.

[www.kemerton.org](http://www.kemerton.org)