

Apple Day on 21 October www.commonground.org.uk/Apple_Day.html

Apple Day is an annual celebration of apple, orchards and local distinctiveness, initiated by Common Ground in 1990 and celebrated each year in hundreds of local events. Here are details of some local events. Why not join in?



Saturday 8 October - Saturday 22 October 2005 - Canterbury - The Canterbury festival will be campaigning for the Kentish apple, this year's theme being 'fallen fruit'. The Festival will open at 6pm with a performance by composer Orlando Gough's a cappella choir, The Shout, and 300 local singers who will encant 100s of old and new varieties of apples, into musical existence in a street orchard created by Strange Cargo, the carnival arts group. Varieties of apples will be on display at the Franciscan Priory for the three weekends of the festival, along with lectures and workshops. Contact: 01227 452853, info@canterburyfestival.co.uk or see www.canterburyfestival.co.uk

Saturday 8 October 2005 - Smallhythe Place (National Trust), near Tenterden - displays of old apple varieties from the orchard and nuts from the nuttery. Apples, pears, plums, nuts etc for sale. Apple pressing with an old farm cider press. Tastings from Biddenden vineyard wines and ciders. Craft stalls and garden tours. Event 11am-4pm. Contact: 01580 762334 or smallhytheplace@nationaltrust.org.uk or see www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 October 2005 - Museum of Kent Life, Sandling, Maidstone - Everything apple! Apple crushing using traditional methods, apple juice sold from apples crushed on site, organically grown apples from own orchard for sale, apple tombola etc. Event runs 10am-5pm. Contact: 01622 763936, events@museum-kentlife.co.uk or see www.museum-kentlife.co.uk

Saturday 15 October 2005 - Chartham Hatch Village Hall, Chartham Hatch, nr Canterbury - A fund raising concert by folk group Masquerade, to raise money for the maintenance and upkeep of No Man's Orchard, a Community Orchard, owned by Harbledon and Chartham Parish Councils and a Local Nature Reserve. Starts 2pm. After the concert, there will be an optional guided walk to the orchard (10 minutes away). Apple themed refreshments on sale in the interval. Tickets £5, can be bought in advance. Contact: Jane Pepper, No Man's Orchard Management Committee, 18 the Mint, Church Hill, Harbledon, Canterbury CT2 9AA, 01227 463038.

Friday 21 October 2005 - Church House, Kent Gardens, Birchington - Thanet Village Country Market: apple recipes will be featured at our market with tastings and a small display of our shareholders apples (cookers and sweet), which are produced locally. 9.30am-11am.

Friday 21 October 2005 - Eynsford Village Hall, Eynsford - Eynsford branch of WI Country Markets will be selling apple products at their regular Friday meeting on Apple Day. Apple Pies, cakes, chutneys etc. There will be apple tasting and the sale of apples and pears from the orchard of a local Kent grower.

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 October 2005 Brogdale Horticultural Trust Faversham Experience the 'Taste of the Apple Harvest' at this Great Apple Festival Weekend to mark Apple Day! Specialist advice from the experts, apples identification by Fruit Doctors from the Trust and apples tasting from some of the 2,300 varieties planted at the National Fruit Collection from the earliest Roman 'Decio' variety to the very latest introduction. Heritage varieties to taste & buy. Eden Crafts Marquee, Tractor & Trailer rides, Food, Entertainment, Courses and Demonstrations, Apple Sales and Tasting, Guided Tours, Festival Cider Bar....and more. Admission: Adults £4.00, Concessions £3.50, Children £3.00. See www.brogdale.org.