



Orchard Bridport Community Orchard Group

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APPLE DAY 2013

The 6th annual Bridport Community Orchard Apple day was held on Saturday 13th October as part of the National Celebration of Apples and Orchards.

The success of the day is owed to many people without whom it would not have happened.

Especially the Bridport Town Council team, under the leadership of Daryl Chambers, Town Surveyor, delivering and erecting the tents and tables etc. They provide great support all year, working in partnership with the orchard team.

Walditch W.I ran the café in Church house; and thanks to the generosity of local producers, especially **Denhay, Ford Farms and Leakers**, a good profit was made for the orchard funds, to manage the orchard for the coming year.

The orchard group's regular team of volunteers - and some new most welcome ones - worked hard to make it all run smoothly, with the apple juicing team, the café in the orchard, etc.

The children had a lot of fun activities this year including pond dipping, apple bobbing, a quiz written and run by **Evelyn Dilke**, our youngest volunteer aged 6, and a glorious den making area.

The Dorset Wildlife Trust ran a workshop making bat, bee and bird boxes (funded by a generous grant from the **Bridport Environment Group**) which was popular.

The Dorset apple cake competition attracted about a dozen entries, and we particularly welcomed some young entrants this year. Thanks to **Vanessa Hughes** for judging it.

Displays of scything and spinning were enjoyed, and honey tasting from the orchard bees.

Transition Town Bridport ran a 'Human Fruit machine' fun game.

Groves Garden Centre lent us hay bales for sitting on, and they and **Elwell Fruit Farm** were generous in their support, advice and information about apples .

Entertainment was provided by The Bucky Dont's Ukulele group, musicians Mitch Norman, Matt Benjamin, & groups the Yellow Room & Up and Running, story tellers Margie Barbour, and later Martin Maudsley. West Milton and the Stable ciders added to the conviviality. Many thanks to them all.

The day was a financial success, as well as an enjoyable community event, and the support of the people of Bridport and surrounding area, as well as visitors from further away, is much appreciated.

BCOG would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Denne of the View from Bridport for all his support over recent years, and wish him well in his new venture.

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