

Local Origins Rural Network

LORN Producers Market – Autumn Fayre : APPLE DAY

A very special invitation to our Autumn Fayre Market this week, on Thursday 15th October, from 10 a.m. to 3p.m.



We are excited to welcome John Hancox, from the Commonwealth Orchard, to the market this week.

John heads a community group celebrating Orchard fruit in Scotland, and is currently doing a Tour called **Fruitful Scotland**, promoting our wonderful autumn harvest, looking for existing and old tree fruit and encouraging the growing of new orchards, however big or small.

We are very honoured as John is bringing the **Scottish Apple Collection** illustrating over 100 different varieties of Apples.

He has an **Apple Press** to bring to make juice, so he would be REALLY grateful if you had some apples to share for him to make juice for you all.

The Oban Times was meant to have some promotion of this last week to let folks in the area know and ask for apples, but sadly it did not appear last week.

He needs at least **300 apples** to make it worthwhile, so we are desperate for your help.

These must be clean, from your trees, so as not to give anyone bad tummies !

Please get in touch with Jill - 01631 720223 market@lorn.org.uk to let her know what you can offer.

All contributions, however small, are most welcome.



John will be here from 11 am to 3 pm and he will be ably supported by others from the local area who are also very knowledgeable about growing tree fruit in our conditions, so you can find out a lot more about your apples, pears etc and get really useful advice for your future plans.

There has been a study started into which varieties of tree fruit are to be found in the North Argyll area, and where orchards have been lost. The results of this work will be presented. Maybe we can all inspire some of these locations to resurrect their orchards again.

John and his colleagues are **VERY interested to hear from you** about what orchard fruit you know about in the area. It does not matter if you do not know what varieties they are yet, come and talk to them, so you can get help with your trees.

Bring samples of your own apples to see if you can identify unknown ones.

They are also keen to **encourage NEW orchards**, even ones that are only a couple of trees big, these can be Community or Private, so come and pick their brains about what might be involved for yourself, your school, your village.

For most of us who have a fruit tree, even just young ones, this year has seen a bumper crop. However there is a HUGE amount of fruit going to waste each year, which surely should be made into something?

If only we knew more about who might have what at the beginning of the season, then LORN could coordinate crops with those who are able to make scrummy things from the fruit.

Local Origins Rural Network is all about bringing the skills and the produce together with the potential consumers of the local community, and it seems such a shame for wonderful tasty fruit to go to waste. Please forward this invitation to all you know with fruit, even if they cannot make the market, and join LORN as a friend. We want to continue this liason with Commonwealth Orchard and with our local produce growers of the area, however small, into the seasons ahead. Together we can create a more sustainable community. www.commonwealthorchard.com

In support of all of this activity, which will be undercover in Kintaline's polytunnel, the marketeers will have orchard fruit related food and items for sale and to eat, as well as all their usual delectable offerings.

There will be other activities too for all the family, including **Craig's cookery demonstration**, our visiting top quality chef from Barcaldine House, weaving his magic with seasonal ingredients.

Special Autumn offers

Kintaline have a **sale** on at the moment, which you will see at the market -- with some great deals on the henhouses on display, as well as poultry equipment in the shop - a great time to get started with some chickens in your garden for your own scrummy eggs.



We are also taking orders for **our Jacob Mutton** which will be ready in the next month or so, we only have 8 boys to go, so PLEASE book early. This is wonderfully tasty meat, the king amongst muttons. We will be selling joints and mince. The latter is perfect for all the great deep flavoured dishes like all the Italian meat sauces, shepherds pies, stovies, etc. and the joints are just scrumptious for those heart warming winter slow roasts and stews. Contact Jill on 01631 720223 farm@kintaline.co.uk
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Janice of **Phoenix Fabrics** is offering a **discount on her wonderful knitting**, for October, so you can get a great deal on your Christmas Presents. See her at the market, or call 0770 3301831 for more details.

Important Dates and changes to Market Times

Remember that October is a 5 week month, there is no market on the 29th October.

November markets are on **5th November and 19th November** and will run from **10 am to 2 pm** so that the stocksmen and women can get to do their chores in the remaining light.

The **Christmas Fayres** will be in the **Victory Hall in Benderloch, Thursday 3rd December and 17th December**. These will be from **10 am to 3 pm** and then from **5.30pm to 8pm**.

The market takes a break for January and February but will be back again from March for the rest of 2010.

The AGM for LORN is on the 23rd January 2010.

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