

## WOTTON APPLE & TREE DAY -further details

We're really looking forward to seeing you at this event which will combine a celebration of all things apple with information about how we can all make a positive contribution to carbon capture and combating climate change. The event is free, we are just asking for donations towards the cost of food and drink, any remaining profit after expenses will be shared between the three participating charities: Tree Aid, Rory's Well and Woodland Trust.

### **Apples-**

We will supply apples, some presses, cutting boards etc but please feel free to bring your own apples down. We will have facilities for washing fruit and hands but please be aware that the raw juice is not sterile and we recommend taking it home and pasteurizing it, especially if you wish to keep it for a while. Please bring your own containers to take juice home.

We will have a fire and hope to mull cider and maybe juice. This will be available for a donation.

We will have some disposable cups but if you can bring your own mugs we will be even more sustainable!

We are hoping to have a democratic apple cake competition. If anyone would like to enter please bring your cake down at the start of the event at 1.30pm. We will have a system where people sample the cakes for a donation and vote for their favourite. There will be a prize!

Apple bobbing will be available for those brave souls who don't mind the risk of a wet head!

### **Bell Tent**

We will have music and storytelling throughout the afternoon based in and around the Bell Tent. If you would like to contribute a song, story or poem to the session please let Grace know when you arrive.

The themes will be loosely around apples, harvest and how you feel about our land and climate but feel free to bring whatever feels right to you.

### **Berber Tent**

Here we will have displays from the three charities and people will be available to talk about what they are doing and how you could get involved. Each charity will also give a 10 minute presentation during the afternoon. In case you are not familiar with them a brief introduction would be:

**TREE AID**-Bristol based charity which supports people in Sub Saharan Africa to improve their livelihoods and nutrition by growing trees. Most of their work is in the area below the Sahara where the aim is to plant a 'Green Belt' of trees across the continent to enhance carbon capture, regenerate the soil and halt the spread of the desert.

**RORY'S WELL**- Wotton under Edge based charity working with villagers in the area around the rainforest of Sierra Leone to improve their access to clean water and help them to develop permanent, sustainable farms, improving their livelihoods and reducing slash and burn agriculture and forest destruction while enhancing carbon capture.

**WOODLAND TRUST**- UK wide charity looking after our woodlands and encouraging the planting of native trees. We are joining with their **Big Climate Fightback# Every Tree Counts** initiative.

At the event you will be able to sign up for our **Tree Pledge** This has three options:

- a) Plant a tree (s) in your garden or on your own land- If you specify how many and what variety native trees you would like from the list available these will be supplied as small seedlings free of charge by Woodland Trust for planting from the end of November.
- b) Plant and adopt a tree (s) at Matara-we hope to have a planting event here around the end of November to establish a small woodland and nurture and look after the trees
- c) Plant and adopt a tree(s) on Wotton Council land. The council is looking at the possibility of planting trees on council land subject to detailed proposals for potential sites. This is likely to be a longer term project.