

Marlborough Town Council



PRESS RELEASE

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Community Orchard Tree Planting on Apple Day, Saturday, 21 October

Marlborough is celebrating all things apple on Apple Day and throughout half term!

The apple tree planted at Priory Gardens in October 2010 on Marlborough's first Apple Day is thriving. At 10am on Saturday, 21 October, Marlborough's Town Mayor, Councillor Nicholas Fogg, will join **Marlborough Community Orchard** volunteers to plant a rare Wiltshire variety of apple tree in Priory Gardens to add to the town's stock of heritage fruit trees.

Members of the press are invited to come along to take photographs and learn more about the Community Orchard project.

Just up the road there will be apple celebrations at **Avebury** too. In Avebury Manor Garden on 21 and 22 October there will be apple themed games, apple tasting and apple pressing, and throughout October half term, there will also be an apple trail in the Avebury Manor garden, with apple-themed activities.

On Sunday, 29 October, Transition Marlborough and Marlborough Community Fridge presents **Windfalls and Wildings**: the apple's journey through music, song and story, at St Peter's.

Richard Spencer-Williams

Richard Spencer Williams, PSLCC
Town Clerk

Notes to editors

Apple Day, 21 October, was launched in 1990 by Common Ground, a charity based in Dorset, England.
<https://www.thereisadayforthat.com/holidays/united-kingdom/apple-day>

The **Priory Gardens** are behind Marlborough High Street, and can be accessed via Figgins Lane <https://w3w.co/assist.familiar.funky> and the High Street <https://w3w.co/handover.relishing.states>.

<https://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/roles-and-responsibilities/the-priory>

The nearest car park is George Lane car park.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parking-marlborough>

Marlborough Community Orchard was started by a group of volunteers who wanted to do something about the decline in native orchards over the past 50 years and to make Marlborough a better place to live. In 2010 the first trees were planted as small whips and today there are nearly 100 mature trees throughout the town for everyone to enjoy. Anyone can pick and use the fruit: the orchard includes apples, pears, plums, damsons, medlars and a black mulberry, and each tree bears a label to describe its variety and, in some cases, sponsor.

Seek out the trees at The Diamond Jubilee Plantation on Marlborough Common, at Wye House Gardens, Priory Gardens, Roger's Meadow, Waitrose car park, the Jubilee Field at Manton, Morris Road (Dando Drive and Sorley Close), Reed's Ground, St Mary's Churchyard and St Peter's Churchyard.

Windfalls and Wildings is at St Peters on 29 October, 14:30-16:30

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1007070747006563>

Apple Celebrations at Avebury Manor

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/wiltshire/avebury/family-friendly-things-to-do-at-avebury1>

Transition Marlborough

<https://www.transitionmarlborough.org.uk/>

Marlborough Community Fridge

<https://www.facebook.com/MarlboroughCommunityFridge>

For enquiries, please contact us using the methods below

Windfalls & Wildings



The apple's journey from the Heavenly Mountains to the Pewsey Vale.

Told through music, spoken word, pictures and original songs by Paul Darby and Friends.

Sunday October 29th - 2.30pm



St Peter's Church, High Street, Marl.
**A fund and awareness raising event for
Marlborough Community Orchard**

Tickets £10 (£12.50 on the door)

(incl. cup of tea, piece of cake, cider tasting + under 12's free)

Available from White Horse Bookshop and Sound

Knowledge or call 07876 230 540

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WHAT?

As a member of the Hubbub national network of Community Fridges, we collect, store and pass on surplus edible food, from local retailers and households, for free to people who can use it.

It's a **simple idea** and **everyone** can get involved

Do you work for a local food retailer who wants to reduce their food waste and could join forces with us?

Do you have an over-abundance of fruit or veg from your garden or allotment that you'd like to share?




Do you have in-date, well-stored food at home that you're just not going to eat?

Do you have some time to join our team of friendly volunteers?



COME DOWN AND VISIT US

WHERE?

-  Figgins Lane Car Park, Marlborough SN8 1NB
-  Overlooking the play park and Cooper's Meadow
-  what3words: logs.husky.stud



WHEN?

Currently open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 9 - 10.30am



Check our Facebook page or contact enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk for updates

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MARLBOROUGH'S COMMUNITY FRIDGE



**WHAT'S IT
ALL ABOUT?**

WHY?

COMMUNITY FRIDGE NETWORK

#COMMUNITYFRIDGE



So far Community Fridges have helped thousands of people to:



Wasting food is also wasting money, effort, resources, space and energy

We can do something about all of this with this simple idea

WHO?

The **COMMUNITY FRIDGE** is open to everyone and all the food is **FREE**

Our visitors come for many reasons and we don't ask why, although our volunteers are always ready for a friendly chat when needed

We simply want to share surplus, edible food from retailers and households in Marlborough and make sure it is eaten and not wasted

We trust people to use the project with respect for the volunteers who run it and for all the other people who visit us to benefit from the food



HOW?

We are a partnership between Transition Marlborough and the Town Council

We have funding from the Transition Network, Marlborough Area Board, the Hubbub Network (via the Co-op) and generous donations from local retailers

We have a fabulous team of volunteers with two people covering each open session and the retail pick-ups of food

We have a large herb planter, a Green Johanna composter and a small 'garden' area to work with too

We are developing links with other community projects and groups and welcome the opportunity to work with anyone who shares our passion of eliminating wasted food, building a sense of community and having fun in the process

