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THE MAGAZINE OF THE STANDEN FRUIT FARM COMMUNITY ORCHARD ASSOCIATION

APPLE DAY 2021



Welcome to Standen Street
Make the most of your visit



YOUR VISIT

Welcome to Standen Street Fruit Farm, a traditional Kentish orchard with an abundance of heritage apple trees, crab apples and cherries.

The Orchard stretches over 12 fields across more than 50 acres. In the 1970s it was “land-plotted” - divided up into small parcels and sold to people up and down the country. Today, the Standen Street Fruit Farm Community Orchard Association manages most of the estate on behalf of plot owners.

Throughout the year, the Association arranges the pruning of trees, mowing the grass and all sorts of other work that’s involved in keeping the Orchard in tip-top condition for plot owners. At the same time, we make sure that the Orchard’s rich fauna and flora can develop and live, contributing to the diverse ecosystem that thrives here. No pesticide or other chemicals are used anywhere on the Orchard - everything is natural, just as it should be!

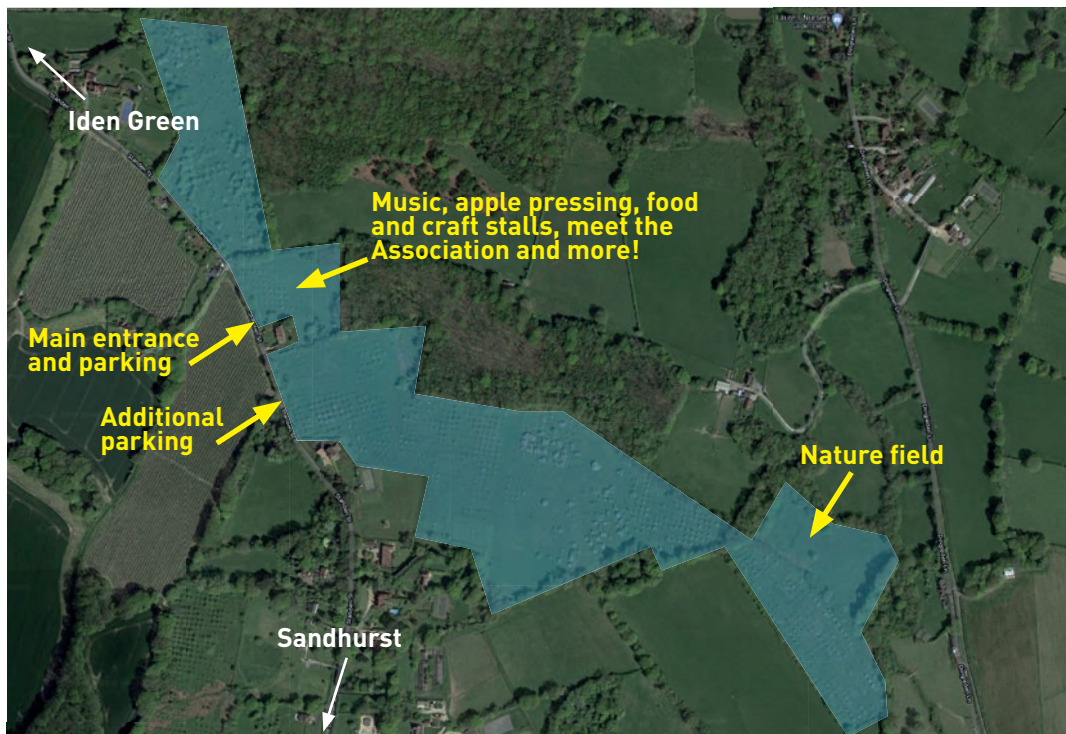
Today, we are celebrating the autumn

harvest with our traditional Apple Day. This year, the crop is significantly diminished - some farmers say that this is the worst crop in more than 60 years. Despite this, there are apples on trees across the Orchard - you may just have to look extra hard to find them!

You will see a handful of areas where the grass has not been cut and the fruit trees are unpruned. We ask you not to go into these areas – they are owned by people who have not granted permission for visitors to walk and pick. If the area is mown, you’re free to walk around and to pick the fruit from the trees.

There are many varieties of apples, both cookers and eaters, throughout the Orchard. Some eaters taste better than others and it’s always fun to discover which ones you like the best - don’t be afraid to taste before you pick!

In return for picking the apples, we ask for a **donation** to the charitable association that runs the Orchard. All funds raised go towards maintaining this historic orchard and are very gratefully received.



This map shows the apple fields of the Orchard. You'll find today's **entertainment** and **stalls** in the northern part of the Orchard, known as field 5. There's parking here and more space a little further south, in the fields opposite Chapel House.

There are many hundreds of trees so do take your time to explore and savour the peace and quiet of the Orchard (see what wildlife you can spot), as well as the fruit!

Come back to field 5 and listen to the BIG Ukele Band, sample hot and cold food, buy some gifts and local produce, and take some of our 2021 season apple juice home to enjoy over the winter months.

STALLS and ENTERTAINMENT at STANDEN APPLE DAY

Music performed by the **BIG Ukulele Jam**

Food and drink

Amos Bank Country Kitchen

Bignose and Beardy

Elizabeth Santer Creative Catering St

Anne Apiary

Arts and craft

Gottaloveagoodyarn

Isobella B Candles

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Standen Fruit Farm Community Orchard Association

find out about the charity's work and enrol as a Member, sample our newly bottled

JOIN & SUPPORT THIS REMARKABLE ORCHARD

We would like to **invite you to become a Member** of the Standen Fruity Farm Community Orchard Association. Members support the work of the Association in maintaining the orchard for the benefit of plot owners and those who use the footpaths that cross the orchard. **Membership costs just £20 a year.**

Members receive regular updates on developments at the Orchard, have the first chance to get involved with events that take place there and also benefit from early notification of any plots that become available to buy.

Many members have in the past generously made **donations** in addition to their membership subscription. If you feel able to do that we will be very grateful.

We are a charity registered with HM Revenue and Customs for **Gift Aid**. If you pay tax, and are willing to gift-aid your membership fee and any donation, we are able to claim an additional 25 pence on every pound. It will not cost you any extra - you simply need to complete the Gift Aid declaration.

Please complete the boxes below and hand the form to one of the Standen representatives today. Alternatively, return the form with your cheque (payable to Standen Fruit Farm Community Orchard Association) or card payment details, to:

Mrs H-M Goulton, Hon Treasurer, SFFCOA, Tarifa, Fairglen Road, Wadhurst, TN5 6JL, United Kingdom

You can also **join online** at sffco.org.uk.

STANDEN FRUIT FARM COMMUNITY ORCHARD ASSOCIATION

Membership form

Please enrol me as a member of the Association for the 12 months from September 2021 at £20

Please accept my donation of £ _____

I enclose my cheque for £ _____

Please charge my credit/debit card £ _____

Card no _____

CVV _____ Expiry _____

Title _____ First name _____ Surname _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Country _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____ Field(s) and plot number(s) if known _____

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