

## Laurie Jones Community Orchard and Incredible Edible Abergavenny Bwyd Bendigedig y Fenni

A big thank you to all those who have been involved with the Orchard and with Incredible Edible over the past year and welcome if you have joined us recently.

Activities this year have included:

Pruning fruit trees in the Orchard in January followed by our Wassail, with songs and music, ribbons and bells, fire and cider.

Mulching the trees in February. Labelling the prunings so they can be used for grafting. A visit to Canalside Community Food. Mulching the Incredible Edible beds in town.

Swapping seeds and plants at Seedy Sunday in March. Working party preparing the beds at the Walled Garden. Planting fig, medlar and quince trees at the Orchard.



*Wassail January 2015*

Planting for Grow Wild at Abergavenny Castle & Museum in April. Chard and purple sprouting broccoli ready to pick in Castle Street beds. Giving away tomato plants at the Wellbeing Event in the Market Hall. The Orchard is blossoming!

Planting, weeding and watering the beds in town and the walled garden in May and June. A wonderful crop of artichokes in Castle Street bed.

Hay making in the Orchard while the sun shone in July. Bring and share picnic at Abergavenny Community Centre to raise funds for a memorial for Laurie Jones in the Orchard.

Harvest time. Tidying up, mulching and labelling the beds in town before the start of the Food Fest in September. Beautiful sunflowers and courgettes in walled garden.



*Crushing apples for juice, October 2015*

'Press Gang' event and chutney making at Abergavenny Community Centre with the help of Green Valleys and their fantastic juicing equipment. People brought their apples (*lots of apples*) and went home with bottles of juice and jars of chutney. A second October juicing day happened later in the month at the Just Food Harvest celebration. Planting nearly 1,000 daffodils for Grow Wild in the Castle grounds in October.

Planning for 2016 has already started. Join us for our next annual Wassail in the Laurie Jones Community Orchard on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome. We will be pruning the fruit trees at 2 p.m. if you would like to come earlier and help.

**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a fruitful 2016.**

