

## SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

### Hay making

The grass in the Orchard was mown, turned and baled in August and sold within 24 hours of being baled! It will be feeding sheep at Llandewi Rhydderch this winter. Thanks to Peter who did the mowing and to all those who helped with turning and raking.



...have kindly donated the wild flower beds that looked so beautiful at the main entrance to the National Eisteddfod in August in Castle Meadows. We hope to install the beds in the Orchard this autumn and have a riot of wild flowers growing in them next year.

### Dates for your diary

We will be having a stall at the **Just Food** event on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September** St. Mary's Church, Abergavenny. Rosie Boycott will be discussing the politics of food - plus music & stories from Zimbabwe.

6.30 for 7 until 9.30 p.m. Free entry.

### The Press Gang are back....

Bring along your glut of apples and pears to Abergavenny Community Centre, Park Street on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October** from 10.30 a.m. and go home with juice. Remember to bring containers too.

If you enjoyed our **Wassail event** in the Orchard earlier this year you'll remember the cider and apple juice, cake, music, fire, singing and celebration of the apples.

Join us for the next one on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017**, from 4 p.m. onwards. Everybody welcome - all ages.



### Green Flag Community Award 2016-17



We were thrilled to be awarded the Green Flag this year for the Orchard. The award is given to parks and green spaces in Wales which meet standards such as community involvement, effective management and conservation. The award was made in the Monmouthshire tent during the National Eisteddfod in August which made it a very special event.



### Developments in the Orchard

Thanks to funding through the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme we are moving ahead with our plans for the Orchard. We are currently applying for planning permission for a pond and a circular path and hope to have news of our application by the beginning of October.

We are hoping to install some benches and picnic benches in the next few weeks - so you'll have somewhere to sit to eat your sandwiches and admire the trees.

This autumn we are sowing yellow rattle seeds as part of our grass management plan to create an environment where wild flowers will flourish.

In December we will be holding a training session in pruning, open to all those who are interested in learning how to prune fruit trees.

**To get involved** with the Laurie Jones Community Orchard and Incredible Edible please email us at:-  
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