

Devon Ancient Tree Forum 15th May 2010

The Itinerary

10.00 Arrive

10.15 Introduction to the day

10.30 Orchard visit with tasting (members will then have the opportunity to purchase cider and apple juice)

12.30 Lunch - bring packed lunches

13.15 Visit Ancient Yew tree

14.15 Surrounding countryside- looking for ancient trees in the landscape

16.00 Approximate finish time

Instructions

Please bring stout footwear, clothing suitable for the weather and a packed lunch.

All members are encouraged to support the Real Drink Company by purchasing some of the cider, apple juice or apple brandy on the day all of which is made from the apples of the orchards that we will be visiting. They can not currently accept card payments.

Parking will be limited, it is therefore important to try to car share where possible. **Booking is essential** and directions and instructions will be sent by return.

The Location – quoted from the Real Drink Company website

The orchard we will be visiting has been called “one of the most important and prominent orchards in the South Hams.” They have 50 ancient traditional trees and have also just completed a replanting programme with traditional Devon varieties.

There is a mixture of cider apples, eating apples and cooking apples with a preponderance of sharps. There is a fabulous pear tree which is well into it's three hundred year life and can give half a ton of pears on it's own! Although not used in drink, we have a very large medlar tree which provides an interesting accompaniment to cheese when “bletted” (a polite word for rotten!)