

HEREFORD CIDER MUSEUM
CIDERMAKING FESTIVAL
16th & 17th October 2010

Demonstrations of Traditional Cidermaking

Master cidemaker Ralph Owen will be demonstrating the traditional way of making cider using a portable mill and press powered by tractor engine.

Coopering Demonstrations

See Master Cooper Alastair Simms demonstrate the craft of making casks and barrels. Alastair is the only Master Cooper working in the UK brewing industry and currently works for Wadworth Brewery in Devizes.

Blacksmith Demonstrations

Traditional Blacksmith Aaron Heath will be giving demonstrations throughout the weekend. Aaron enjoys working with metal and makes a variety of items including small hooks through to bespoke door and window furniture.

Beekeeping

Traditional orchards contained a lot more than just apple trees – there were usually sheep or cattle grazing and most important of all, there were beehives to ensure that the apple blossom was pollinated in order to produce a good crop of fruit. Beekeeping is a craft closely associated with cidermaking and Herefordshire Beekeepers Association will be on hand to offer advice.

Display of Cider Apples

Apple Day is celebrated on 21st October each year, and throughout the Cidermaking Festival there will be a display of the many different varieties with such names as Cider Lady's Finger, Slack-ma-Girdle, Brown Snout or Bloody Turk!

Herefordshire Fungus Survey Group

This Group of enthusiasts started in 1998 to survey and record the different varieties of fungi growing around the County. See their exhibition and learn about the various types of fungi.

RSPB

Information on identification and conservation of birds and wildlife and how to encourage wildlife into your garden.

Fairground Organ

A small 20 key fairground organ playing familiar tunes throughout the event.

Tutored Cider Tastings

Learn how to detect the constituents of cider from Master Cidermakers on both days and how to recognise the different aromas and characteristics of the many ciders on offer.

Morris Dancing

The Fox Border Morris will be providing displays of Morris dancing and encouraging volunteers to join in on Sunday only.

Other Attractions:

- RSPCA – Animal care, advice and rehoming
- Free samples of local ciders and distillery products
- Games and competitions for all the family
- Children's activities including apple pressing, candle rolling
- Tour the Museum taking a walk through original cider cellars