



RICKFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Rickford apple juice

Good news. We have just taken delivery of our Rickford Windfall Tipple Apple Juice - all 700 bottles from this year's crop - and bottles are being labeled as this newsletter is being drafted. The new juice is a lovely colour with a crisp taste and is a great product from Rickford's orchards – a tangible outcome of the community working together and making good use of our natural environment. **The juice is available from Barry Dimond, 462499, or email barry.dimond@sky.com** who is very happy to deliver locally. **It is £2.00 a bottle, with a special discount to only £1.90 per bottle for orders of 12 or more.** This is marginally more than last year but the production costs and charges have gone up this year so each bottle has cost the Community Association £1.50. The profit we make is the only income for the association and is needed for public liability insurance (over £200 a year), community orchard maintenance and other village projects. As a special incentive, we are offering customers their first bottle at cost price. Each household involved in the orchard maintenance and apple picking will receive a complimentary bottle.

Rickford lamb

More good news, especially to those of you who enjoy local British lamb. Our community flock has flourished during the summer in the orchard, the ewes are wintering with a nearby ram whilst the lambs are booked into the abattoir and butcher in ten days time. Once the group who looked after the flock during the summer have placed their orders it is expected there will be a few half lambs to spare, butchered and bagged ready for the freezer. **We will be selling them for £2.85 / kg in oven-ready packages – somewhere between £55 and £75 a half lamb.** They should be available on 16th / 17th November. **If you would like a half lamb please let me know, Martin Kerly 462491 martinkerly@gmail.com** They will be reserved on a first come first served basis.

Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Our RCA working party, coordinated by Jo Wessell, has met and come up with a number of imaginative ideas for celebrating the Diamond Jubilee 2nd - 5th June 2012. They have been invited to a meeting run by Burrington Parish Council later in November to share and coordinate activities across Burrington and Rickford. There is still time to let Jo have any new ideas you may have had 07753856494

RCA Christmas Dinner A reminder of the date: Saturday 17th December in The Plume of Feathers. Put it in your diary: details to follow early November.

Martin Kerly RCA Chairman