

# CORNWALL ORCHARD NETWORK

Spring Meet up 2026

Sundy 17<sup>th</sup> May @ St. Newlyn East Village Hall 10-4



Cornwall Orchard Network is an independent network of orchard groups, workers & organisations working together to ensure our orchards are protected, celebrated and managed sustainably, for the benefit of humans and wildlife across Cornwall.

**Followed by a trip to see Tresillian Orchard**

9.30 Arrival, tea and coffee for a 10am Start

## **Session 1: Network Introductions**

A chance for all participants to introduce themselves & their communities - share your story and hear others - your links to orchards; be it personal, community, plans or otherwise. What you bring to and what you need from the orchard network. Approx. 2 minutes each depending on numbers attending.

## **Session 2: Orchard Talks**

**Sally Pyner, Kehelland Trust** - Sally initiated Apple Days at Registered Charity Kehelland Trust in October 2004. She has since been responsible for the business development of the orchards: commercial tree propagation, orchard management workshops, Cornish apple ID & juice production.

## **On growing nuts in Cornwall**

**Meike Weiser, Forest for Cornwall** - Meike has worked in urban forestry and wider nature recovery for over 20 years and has planted a number of orchards in London, to connect people with nature and each other. Since 2022 Meike has been with Forest for Cornwall; advising and supporting farmers and landowners with tree planting, orchard creation and management, now with an increasing interest in nut production as part of agroforestry systems.

**Charles Hulbert-Powell** - on walnuts. Charles has been a part time farmer for over 50 years. In 2005, a Sussex friend suggested a walnut grove and he planted 60 trees. In 2020 he produced 45 litres of oil. We moved to Cornwall in 2021 and I planned a new grove. Fascination for the tree, Charles' experience of over fifteen years growing it, researching its botanical make up, its food and timber uses, extensive history and place in art lead him to write a book.

**Followed by a networking lunch then a visit to Tresillian Orchard, created & managed by the legendary Head gardener John Harris from 1984 until a few years ago.**

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