

# October Plenty

***Celebrating in a new venue!!!***

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019** procession from **12 noon**

**the Lions part** invites you to their **22nd Autumn Harvest celebration** in association with **Roots and Shoots 19th APPLE DAY!**

**OCTOBER PLENTY** begins in the

**IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM GARDENS**

at **12 noon** and **PROCESSES** to join **Roots and Shoots Apple Day** at **Walnut Tree Walk, SE11 (Lambeth North Tube)**

**A glorious collective celebration of the seasons, weather and food, OCTOBER PLENTY mixes ancient seasonal customs and contemporary festivity with theatre performance**

## **THE CORN QUEENE**

Heavy with wheat, fruit & vegetables, the magnificent **CORN QUEENE** will appear in the area in front of the Imperial War Museum with our company of actors and musicians, along with the traditional **HOBBY HORSE** and **GODDESSES**.

## **THE PROCESSION, MUSIC & DANCING**

Join the procession led by the extraordinary **BERRY MAN**, the autumnal Green Man, decked with wild fruits & foliage with **music, flags and spectacle** through LAMBETH streets to **Roots and Shoots Apple Day**.

**AT ROOTS AND SHOOTS** (gates open from 11.30am) the centre comes alive with apple celebrations. Savour delicious hot food, discover craft and plant stalls. Apple games, corn dolly making, face painting and conker fights abound. See the **Ravensbourne Morris** dancers and the musical **Crumbucket Dragon** amidst the festivities. Follow the **Flock of Sheep**.....

## **APPLES**

Discover the Roots and Shoots **Exhibition of Heritage apple types**. Taste the apples: the old, the rare, the local & the downright odd. Buy some at the end of the day! Heritage apple trees are for sale so you can grow your own!

## **THE PLAY**

This year *the Lions part* heartily welcomes the magical theatre company **The Fabularium**, with their feisty animal extravaganza of '**Fabularium Fables**' under the spreading Walnut Tree.

## **DANCING for All!!**

We finish with the celebrated **EXECUTION OF JOHN BARLEYCORN** and the infamous stripping of the **CORN QUEENE**.

## **THE STORY ORCHARD**

All afternoon a lovely little orchard of apple trees will come alive with storytelling for children of all ages. This year our beloved master storyteller **Pat Ryan** joins us once more.

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Media Enquiries and Notes to Editors

There is a wide range of **PHOTOS** of the event. Other hi-res images can be sent on request. For web publishing, please feel free to take images from our website or contact:

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**OCTOBER PLENTY procession is FREE. There is a small entrance fee of £2 to Roots and Shoots (children free)**

1. **the Lions part** is an eclectic company of like-minded professional performers who collaborate to create seasonal festivals, plays and theatre pieces that transform public and community spaces as well as traditional theatres with a fusion of stories, play texts, music, customs and heritage.

**the Lions part** also gives artistic and administrative support to company members in other projects, from all kinds of performance to music composition, as well as design and costume creation, using classical texts and living history as both an inspiration and a resource. Performances often involve local artists & community groups making costumes, banners and props, often using recycled or unwanted materials. The company has strong links with storytellers, musicians, dancers, street performers, re-enactors, costume-makers, conservation groups & food producers. Festival plays are chosen to complement the times, the site & the nature of the celebration.

2. **Roots and Shoots** provides vocational training for young people from the inner city, mainly from the London boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark, to give them the skills and self-confidence that will equip them for work. The charity was set up in 1982 by Linda Phillips to help young people from Lambeth and Southwark prepare for the world of work. Since 1982, a one-acre former Civil Defence site has been transformed into a wildlife garden with eco-training centre, plant nursery, shop & Wildlife Study Centre. **The Corn Queene** is made at **Roots & Shoots** led by David Perkins and Sarah Wilson.

3. **The Fabularium** was established in 2010 and became a Limited Company in 2015 and consists of Freelance Musicians, Acrobats, Storytellers and the odd Puppet. They have worked on outdoor events, carnivals and processions for over 5 years. The company has produced work annually for the Coventry Mysteries Festival, presenting a series of performances ranging from stories told upon our very own medieval pageant wagon, to our street walkabout acts.

**The Fabularium** is a self-contained touring outdoor theatre company with a medieval twist. We specialise in a series of skills including storytelling, live music, mask work, puppetry, physical theatre and acrobatics. The company perform upon a processional pageant wagon in town centres, parks, festivals and other events. Our range of set performances and walkabout acts combine a number of disciplines make our work unique, engaging, stylish, energetic and fun. The Fabularium is unique because it can present a series of acts that can fit together perfectly while still including the featured disciplines, whether that is with one act or a multiple of productions.

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