



# Rent a tree 2009

Registration for the 2008 season is now closed. Registration for the 2009 season will start on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

If you are new to rent a tree here is how the scheme works: for a sum you can rent a tree in one of our orchards for a season. This ensures the whole crop on that tree is yours. If you wish, once your tree has been allocated, you can visit the orchard at weekends to check on the progress of your crop. When the fruit is ripe you come and pick it yourself either all at once or in two or three goes if you prefer.

The usual picking time for Bramleys is September  
and for other varieties October.

**Storage:** It is better to deal with your crop quickly – either process/cook and freeze or share with families, friends or neighbours rather than to try to store them for too long. Some seasons apples keep well in other seasons they don't – please see the small print below.

If you are giving a tree as a gift, gift certificates are available.

The cost of renting is as follows:  
Bramley trees are £25, other varieties are £15.

Each unit guarantees you a minimum of 13kg of apples.

Varieties available: Cox, Gala, Bramley\*, & Jonagold

*\*We only have a limited amount of bramley, gala & jonagold trees to rent*

I will allocate trees to each person by the end of July 2009. The location of your particular tree will then be on file in the farm shop. Renters can then check the location when they next visit the shop or, if not regular customers, when they come to pick their apples.

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N.B. The "Small Print"

The weather affects growing conditions which can adversely affect apples. Examples of this are "Bitter Pit" in Bramleys – the brown corky spots inside the flesh or internal browning of the flesh in Cox's or, more obviously, a hail storm while the apples are on the tree can cut or dent the apples.

Other effects include sunburn in a very hot summer which not only causes a sunburnt skin to the apple but can also damage the flesh underneath. Weather conditions during the season will also affect how well the apples will keep. A lot of these problems are "progressive" that is they get worse the longer you keep the apples so it is possible to limit the problems by not trying to keep the apples too long.

By renting a tree you are buying into this risk. While we are happy to give you a guaranteed yield we can not guarantee any other aspect of your crop.

If you decide to rent a tree please call into the farm shop which is open 9-5 Mon-Thurs & Sat, 9-6 Fri & 10-4 Sun. Or if you prefer you can order your tree by emailing me at this address with the following information;

1. Your name and address including post code
2. Is a gift certificate required?
3. The name you would like on the tree label (if you are renting as a gift for someone)
4. The variety you wish to rent.

You can then send a cheque for the appropriate amount (see above) made out to W.L.Taylor Ltd to Lathcoats Farm, Beehive Lane, Galleywood, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 8LX

I will then send you a receipt and a gift certificate if required. Everything you (or the gift recipient) needs to know is given on the receipt (or gift certificate)

If you have any further queries please email me or call me on 01245 252552 after 8 in the evenings.

*Philip Taylor*