

BLOSSOM DAYS AND ORCHARD TRAILS
Further information will be available in due course

CARSE OF GOWRIE ORCHARDS

Programme of Events 2007-08

CARSE OF GOWRIE APPLE DAY - OCTOBER 2008 (date t.b.c)

Fruit Identification "Fayre" - John Butterworth (Ayrshire) and Willie Duncan (Fife) will be present to help identify the different varieties of apples and pears visitors bring along. There will be news of the Carse of Gowrie Orchard Project, exhibitions, fruit, jams and books for sale. Further details will be available nearer the time.

USEFUL CONTACTS

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Tayside Biodiversity
The Variety of Life



Tuesday, 11th December, Inchtute Hotel
6.30pm to 9.30pm. Pre-booking essential; no charge – contact the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership (details on back page) to register

Carse of Gowrie Orchards—What Next?

A follow on to the Orchard Seminar held in October, Paul McLennan will chair the event and Dr Crispin Hayes will facilitate the informal workshop sessions. Phil Elliot and Tony Douglas of Eden Brands Ltd., Berwickshire, will give the presentation postponed from the Seminar in October.

6.30pm - Hot buffet in the Kinnaird Room, Inchtute Hotel
7.00pm - Presentation by Phil Elliot and Tony Douglas—"Cider Production in the Borders - the Commercial Aspect of Orchard Restoration", followed by Question and Answer session.
7.50pm - Open Discussion, chaired by Paul McLennan
8.30pm - Break-out sessions organised by Dr Crispin Hayes to discuss the setting up of the proposed Carse of Gowrie Orchard Forum, business opportunities, eco tourism, school and community orchards, restoration of existing orchards.
9.20pm - Resume of the Evening and Next Stage - Paul McLennan.
c9.30pm - Depart.

LUNCH-TIME SEMINAR

The Scottish Children's Orchard - Tree Planting Opportunities with a Difference

Monday, 28th January 2008 - 12.30pm to 2pm

Tayside House (Floor 13), Crichton Street, Dundee

No charge. Sandwich lunch and refreshments. Pre-booking essential.

Having set up a highly successful orchard project in Glasgow, with children planting up to a 1,000 fruit trees in just one year, is the time ripe to extend the project across Central Scotland? John Hancox will introduce the project and facilitate discussion.

The event is aimed at local authority staff /local organisations and voluntary groups across Tayside interested in Greenspace Management/community engagement.

Book direct with Rachael Higgins, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership:
Rachael.higgins@dundeeecity.gov.uk; Tel. 01382 433042 (or write to the address on the back page).

ALL DAY WORKSHOP

School and Community Orchard Workshop

Saturday, 23rd February 2008 - 10.00am to 3.30pm

John Butterworth, Butterworth's Orchard Nursery, John Hancox, Glasgow Children's Orchard, and Catherine Lloyd, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership

Venue on the Carse to be confirmed.

No charge - sponsored by Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust

An informative day aimed at local residents, teachers and older children wanting to know how to go about planting and caring for a new orchard. There will be presentations about the proposed Scottish Children's Orchard Project and the Carse of Gowrie Orchard Project, and informal workshops to "design your own orchard", "incorporating orchards into the curriculum" and "wildlife in orchards". After a soup and sandwich lunch there will be a visit (in own cars, or car sharing) to an established orchard and a potential new one.

Book direct with Rachael Higgin (details above).

PRACTICAL TRAINING COURSES

These half day training sessions will be held in the Carse of Gowrie (venues to be confirmed nearer the time). Pre-booking will be essential as places will be strictly limited. Please direct enquiries to Rachael Higgins.

Saturday, 26th January 2008

Winter Pruning

John Butterworth, Butterworth's Orchard Nursery

£12 per person, inc VAT

Learn the techniques of this essential orchard task. Please bring along tools if possible. Refreshments will be available. Choose the morning session (from 10am to 12.30pm) or the afternoon session (1pm to 3.30pm). Limited spaces - maximum 8 people each session.

Date t.b.c. (end May 2008)

Pollination Essentials

Margaret Lear, Plants with Purpose

£12 per person, inc VAT

Learn about pollination of orchard trees. Refreshments will be available. Choose the morning session (from 10am to 12.30pm) or the afternoon session (2pm to 4.30pm). Limited spaces - maximum 12 people each session.

Date t.b.c. (mid August 2008)

Summer Pruning and Grafting Techniques

John Butterworth, Butterworth's Orchard Nursery

£12 per person, inc VAT

Learn the techniques of these essential orchard tasks. Please bring along tools if possible. Refreshments will be available. Choose the morning session (from 10am to 12.30pm) or the afternoon session (2pm to 4.30pm). Limited spaces - maximum 8 people each session.

