



GLENDOICK APPLE WEEKEND
17th and 18th October
11am to 4.30pm

A CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS FRUIT

- * Taste fruit juice straight from the press
- * Step into the kitchen for some child-friendly fun with food—Fiona Bird will be giving a demonstration from her new “Kids’ Kitchen” book (as well as book signing)
- * Children’s Art Competition, activities, and ‘apple gifting’ tags to make
- * Find out about the all-in-one apple peeler/corer
- * Learn about the Carse of Gowrie Orchard Project
- * Fruit trees to buy, including Scottish varieties
- * Apple books for sale
- * Apple-themed menu in the Restaurant

Also, on Saturday 17th October

- * Book signing by Kenneth Cox (“Scotland for Gardeners” and “Garden Plants for Scotland”)
- * Fruit Growing Advice from the Experts: Patricia and Kenneth Cox
- * Cairn o’Mohr Wine tastings

Also, on Sunday 18th October

- * Bring your apples along to be identified by renowned experts Willie Duncan and Will Stewart
- * Colourful displays of 120 varieties of Scottish fruit—look out for local varieties

Glendoick
garden centre & restaurant



PRACTICAL TRAINING DAYS

Your chance to learn orchard skills such as pruning and grafting. Contact the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership for the 2009-10 Training Programme or check www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk

The Carse of Gowrie Historic Orchard Forum was set up in 2008—it includes local orchard owners, the Carse of Gowrie Group, the Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust, Forestry Commission Scotland and the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership.
Further information: www.pkct.org / www.centralcoreorchardnetwork.co.uk / www.commonground.org.uk / www.nat-orchard-forum.org.uk

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CARSE OF GOWRIE ORCHARD FESTIVAL

**17TH - 25TH
OCTOBER 2009**



Farming Monks and City Jam



Last year's first ever Orchard Festival attracted over 3,000 people to its events and we hope to welcome both residents and visitors alike to our second Festival in 2009. We have a wonderful resource on our doorstep: beautiful blossom in early spring, the opportunity to use

local fruit in making wine, cider, juice, chutneys and jams—or the chance to keep healthy by helping plant new trees or restoring the old orchards. Training courses on pruning, grafting and how to manage a young orchard have already been run—and will be repeated in the future. It is hoped a Museum Orchard and a Nursery will be established and markets are beginning to be found for some of the produce.

The Carse has been well known for its orchards for 800 years—since the monasteries owned and farmed the grange lands in the 12th century. With the growing population of nearby Dundee in the 19th century, the need for local food and cheap jam briefly revived the dwindling orchards. But a 2007 survey shows that out of 51 known documented orchards, 28 no longer exist and of the remaining orchards only 9 are of any particular value. The findings mirror the situation elsewhere in the UK—some counties have lost 95% of their orchards since the 1970s—mostly due to changes in agriculture, development pressures and benign neglect.

The Carse is notable for its heritage varieties of apples: Bloody Ploughman, Lass o' Gowrie, Tower of Glamis, Hoods Supreme, etc. There are some wonderful remnants of old orchards throughout the area, rich in biodiversity and cultural history. It is not just apples, though—the Jargonelle Pear was once famous in Perth orchards and plums are very successfully grown on the Carse.

ERROL APPLE FAIR Saturday, 24th October Everyone welcome

2pm—Gas Brae
Join the local community in a fruit tree weeding session along the newly-planted orchard avenue—the Carse's first Orchard Trail. Bring tools and gloves if you have them!

3.30pm—Community Hall
Tea and apple cake with apple juicing (please bring your home-grown apples if you have any and containers if you wish to take the juice home).

Join in the Longest Peel Competition.
There will also be apple juice tasting, a display of local Scottish fruit varieties, children's activities and the chance to contribute to the Apple, Pear and Plum Archive of Recipes, the first collection of fruit recipes for the Carse.



ROOTSTOCK FRUITFEST Cairn o'Mohr Winery, Errol Sunday, 25th October

11.30am Apple pressing demonstration
1pm Winery tour and tasting
2.30pm Music: classic guitar with Dave Bracegirdle
There will be hot food and bar on the day
Tickets (£8.00) can be purchased at the Winery (East Inchmichael, Errol) or Tel. 01821 642781

SCHOOL ORCHARDS

On National Apple Day (21st October) local Carse schools will be visiting an orchard and learning to make apple juice — to find out more, contact Catherine Lloyd at the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership.

FAMILY FRUIT WEEKEND ELCHO CASTLE, RHYND, BY PERTH Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October: 11am-4pm

Adults: £3.20; Concessions: £2.70

- Explore the orchard and pick a bag of fruit for an apple pie
- Help make and taste apple juice straight from the tree
- Join the Historic Scotland Rangers for mini-beast hunting adventures through the orchard, then into the Castle's main hall to turn the beasties into pictures
- If you don't fancy hunting, go straight to the castle for the art activity!
- Ask the Expert—displays of Scottish varieties of fruit and help in identifying your own fruit by Andrew Lear, the Apple Tree Man
- Find out about the Carse of Gowrie Orchard Project
- Help us compile an archive of local fruit recipes

Beautifully situated on the banks of the River Tay, Elcho Castle is a remarkably complete tower house built in 1560. Its orchard contains 90 fruit trees (pear, plum and apples) of some 37 varieties.