

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID07456 GROWING APPLES, PEARS, PLUMS AND CHERRIES

Tutor: JOHN NASH

Dates: 1 DAY SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This course will give you an understanding of Top Fruit production and how and when to undertake various tasks needed to grow apples, pears, plums and cherries.

You learn the principles of fruit production and how and what to plant. You also gain an understanding of the methods and controls of tree fruit growing.

The main topics covered include:

- Planting.
- Tree control – pruning and other methods.
- Varieties and pollination.
- Pest and disease – identification and control.

The tutor will use illustrated talks and discussion.

BOOKLIST: Any good fruit growing book such as the RHS titles.

LEVEL: BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE

For those with little or no experience and for those who have taken a related course. Suited to those who would like a structured introduction to a subject.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

John Nash has grown fruit professionally for 45 years. He is the former Chairman of the West Sussex Fruit Group, a member of the Institute of Horticulture and an Agricultural Training Board tutor.

TIMETABLE:

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| 9.00–9.15am | Registration and coffee |
| 9.15 – 10.30 | The tree – root stocks – varieties and sizes |
| 10.30 | Coffee |
| 11.00 – 12.30 | Planting and growth control |
| 12.45pm | Lunch (included) |
| 2.00 – 3.30 | Pollination – thinning – harvesting and storing |
| 3.30 | Tea |
| 4.00 – 5.00 | Pest and disease – identification and control |
| 5.00 | Classes finish |

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

Students should try to identify the soil type in their garden.
What size is their garden and what fruit is grown in the area?

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm.

Available from the Shop but please bring if you already have:
Notebooks and pencils

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

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