

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID07926 GROW YOUR OWN FRUIT AND VEGETABLES – SUMMER

Tutors: TOM BROWN with MAX CRISFIELD

Date: 1 DAY SATURDAY 9 JUNE

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This informative day will cover all you need to know about managing your fruit and vegetable patch throughout the summer.

This will include:

- Getting the best from your plot: from siting and soil prep to crop rotation, seed sowing and pricking out.
- Summer fruit pruning for top fruit (apples, pears, etc.).
- Direct successional sowing for summer crops such as radish, spring onions and salad leaves, plus French beans and carrots. Including creating a seed bed, making drills, sowing, watering and hoeing.
- Protection against pests including fleecing and netting.
- How to make your plot beautiful as well as productive: adding colourful annual cut flowers and decorative veg amongst your crops.

The day will be a mixture of hands on practical demos and classroom based lectures.

LEVEL: SUITABLE FOR ALL

A subject focused course that is delivered to suit any level of experience from beginner to advanced practitioner. A structured start is followed by guided independent practice.

ABOUT YOUR TUTORS:

Tom Brown, M.Hort. is a lecturer, RHS committee member and judge, writer, and broadcaster for BBC Radio Sussex and Surrey. He has been Head Gardener at Parham House and Gardens in West Sussex since 2010.

Max Crisfield manages the vegetable and cut flower gardens at Parham, experimenting with decorative potager style planting to produce food and flowers for the Elizabethan house.

TIMETABLE:

9.00–9.15am	Registration and coffee
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee
12.45pm	Lunch (included)
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
5.00pm	Classes finish

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

Bring any information that you have about your vegetable garden or allotment such as location, size, and soil type and a wish list of the types of produce that you would like to grow.

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm, for any materials you need to purchase from the shop.

Included in the course fee: A selection of plants used for practical session demonstrations.

Please bring:

A notebook and pens/pencils and a camera would be useful.

Outdoor clothing and boots/shoes suitable for wet weather

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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