



EAST OF ENGLAND
Apples & Orchards Project

Workshops and Day Schools



Winter 2009 – Spring 2010

Our Winter and Spring 2009-10 workshops provide an opportunity to learn or refresh your knowledge of practical orchard skills, such as pruning and training techniques.

We also run a day school especially designed to guide complete beginners through all aspects of creating an orchard, from selecting the trees to harvesting the fruits.

The East of England Apples & Orchards Project aims to ensure the long-term survival of the orchard fruit varieties, orchards, and orchard skills, of Bedfordshire, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincolnshire and Hertfordshire.

Orchards are important for local food production, as landscape features and for their wildlife value.

There are around 250 varieties of orchard fruits whose origins or introductions lie in these seven counties

Membership

You can join the Project to support its work.

Membership costs £10 per year and offers reduced rates on all our workshops and day schools.

We welcome help with project activities, such as our orchard surveys and helping out at Apple Days.

Tree sales

We sell most of the local variety apple, pear, plum and cherry trees, so why not plant an orchard? Telephone us for a free catalogue or visit our website for details.

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Workshop & Day School booking form

Please reserve a place/s for me on the following:

Course number and title	No. of places	Total cost
1 Creating an Orchard		
2 Restorative pruning		
3 Formative pruning		
4 Formal fruit tree training		
5 Organic fruit tree management		
	TOTAL	

Name -----

Address -----

Post code ----- Tel. -----

E-mail -----

You will be sent further course details with the
confirmation of your booking

**Please send the completed booking form with a cheque
made payable to 'EEAOP' to:**

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Creating an Orchard Saturday 14th November 2009

Venue: The Wildlife Trusts HQ at New Cambourne, near
Cambridge, Cambridgeshire

Time: 10.00 am - 3.30 pm

Cost: £40 (£30 EEAOP members)

This day school is led by EEAOP's Bob Lever and is aimed at
anyone who wishes to plant an orchard of any size, but
doesn't know where to begin.

The day will include:

Choosing your trees - a guide to hardy top fruit species,
varieties and rootstocks
Orchard design
Pollination
Preparing the planting site
Planting and tree protection
Pruning and training for the first three years
Harvesting and storing fruit

This is an indoor session

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Restorative fruit tree pruning

Sunday 6th December 2009

Venue: Wisbech St. Mary, near Wisbech, Cambridgeshire

Time: 10.00 am - 12.30 pm

Cost: £30 (£20 EEAOP members)

This workshop is led by EEAOP's Bob Lever and David Wheatley, in the traditional mixed fruit orchards at Willock Farm, located in the heart of the Wisbech fruit belt in north Cambridgeshire.

It includes an introduction to tree renovation, followed by a demonstration and a practical session where participants will be able to work, under supervision, on renovating old apple trees in the orchard.

The principles of this workshop can also be applied to pear trees.

Participants are invited to bring along photos of their own trees so that individual advice can be provided by the tutors.

This is an outdoor practical session

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Formative fruit tree pruning

Saturday 9th January 2010

Venue: Morley St. Botolph, near Attleborough, Norfolk

Time: 10.30 am - 2.00 pm

Cost: £30 (£20 EEAOP members)

This workshop is led by EEAOP's Kevin West and Bob Lever, in a young orchard located near Attleborough in south Norfolk.

It includes an introduction to formative pruning, followed by a demonstration and a practical session where participants will be able to work, under supervision, on pruning the young apple trees in the orchard.

The principles of this workshop can also be applied to pear trees.

Participants are invited to bring along photos of their own trees so that individual advice can be provided by the tutors.

This is an outdoor practical session

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Formal fruit tree training

Saturday 30th January 2010

Venue: Audley End House Walled Kitchen Gardens,
near Saffron Walden, Essex

Time: 11.00 am - 2.30 pm

Cost: £35 (£25 EEAOP members)

This workshop is led by Mike Thurlow, Head Gardener at Garden Organic's restored walled kitchen garden at Audley End house.

It will introduce the various techniques required for creating trained formal fruit tree forms such as espaliers, fans, cordons and step-overs, in the beautiful surroundings of the restored kitchen garden. Participants will be able to tour the garden's very special restored Victorian orchard house.

This is an ideal workshop for anyone who wants to grow fruit trees in a small space.

This is an outdoor session

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Organic fruit tree management

Saturday 27th February 2010

Venue: Audley End House Walled Kitchen Gardens,
near Saffron Walden, Essex

Time: 11.00 am - 2.30 pm

Cost: £35 (£25 EEAOP members)

This workshop is led by Mike Thurlow, Head Gardener at Garden Organic's restored walled kitchen garden at Audley End House.

It covers the selection of suitable fruit tree varieties, where to source them, and the most effective means of controlling fruit tree pests and diseases organically.

The beautiful walled kitchen garden venue contains over a hundred different varieties of fruit, all dating from before 1901.

This is an outdoor session