

## GLENDOICK APPLE WEEKEND

17th and 18th October

11am to 4.30pm

### A CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS FRUIT

- \* Press Glendoick organic apples and taste the fruit juice
- \* Children's Art Competition 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 and foods for sale
- \* Apple-themed menu in the Restaurant

### Also, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October

- \* Help make apple & chocolate pancakes with Fiona Bird, who'll also be signing her cookery book "Kids' Kitchen"
- \* 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 apple juice and cider tastings

### Also, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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/](http://www.pkct.org/)  
[www.centralcoreorchardnetwork.co.uk/](http://www.centralcoreorchardnetwork.co.uk/)

[www.commonground.org.uk/](http://www.commonground.org.uk/) / [www.nat-orchard-forum.org.uk/](http://www.nat-orchard-forum.org.uk/)

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The Variety of Life



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> century. With the growing population of nearby Dundee in the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 FESTIVAL Cairn o'Mohr Winery, By Errol Sunday, 25th October from 11.30am

A rolling programme of apple pressing demonstrations, tours and tastings of wine, cider and Carse Of Gowrie apple juice.

There will be a bar and hot food on the day and classical guitarist Dave Brace-girdle will be playing on the deck in the afternoon.

Tickets: £5.00 from the winery or Tel. 01821 642781. You can also buy them from our tasting lady at Glendoick Garden Centre on 17th October.

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

**Adults: £3.20; Concessions: £2.70  
Child (5-16): £1.60 (under 5: free)**

- 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 compile our local fruit recipe archive

*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.*

*Green Tourism Business Scheme Gold Award winner*

