

Events 2009-10

- **AGM** – Meeting at Crossford Community Hall. **Wed 8th June (7 – 9 pm)**
- **Applying for Funding – Thurs. 30th July (evening 7-9pm). Scottish Natural Heritage Office, 30 Hope Street, Lanark.** Looking for funds to help manage or improve small areas of woodland, orchards, wetlands etc.? This is a short talk on what is currently available and how to apply for funds, including key points that funders like to see in your proposal - led Rose Clarkson
- **Beekeeping – Sat. 1st August (2-4.30pm).** Afternoon at Ian & Anne Sinclair's place looking at bees, hives, beekeeping equipment and produce (honey for sale). Also attending will be Brian Pool, a bee farmer (SAC) giving additional support & info. Tea, coffee and chat.
- **Bud Grafting – Sat. 8th August (2-4.30pm).** Learn how to propagate your own trees by bud grafting. Last year, 5 members of the group started small nurseries for grafted rootstock. This year we will be grafting budwood onto the rootstock. Come along and practice your grafting skills or bring along budwood from a special tree you would like to propagate. Tom will provide more details of this event shortly – including information on budwood collection for those wanting to do their own. All members welcome.
- **Plum Identification – Wed. 19th August (evening 6-8pm).** Want to know what varieties of plums you have (and others that may be good to grow)? Come along with a few samples (fruit plus leaf - and stem if possible) and we'll get round the table and work out what we have. Venue – Andrew Downie's house, Hazelbank Braes. Led by Jeremy Gilchrist
- **BBQ – Sat. 22nd August, 1pm start.** An opportunity to talk to other members of the group and get to know other orchards. Maureen Anning has kindly offered to host this first BBQ – a great setting in the heart of the Hazelbank Braes. Please bring along a small contribution for the BBQ.
- **Visit to Wiston Lodge – Sat. 19th September (2-4.30pm).** A visit to a former Victorian Hunting Lodge, which specialises in active learning, especially for young people who are vulnerable and at risk. The 52-acre estate is a rich mixture of woodlands, team-building activities, and gardens. Come along and see how they work and what they have planned – including ideas for their organic garden, new orchard and rootstock nursery. Led by Pete Campbell.
- **Club Night** – quarterly meeting at the Crown Tavern, Lanark **September (7-9pm)** date to be arranged.
- **Apple Identification – Friday. 23rd October – (evening 6-8pm). Venue to be arranged.** A chance to find out more about the apple varieties we have (and what they taste like!). A similar set-up to the plum identification event – just come along with a few samples (fruit plus leaf) and we'll get round the table and work out what we have. An important event – for those thinking of planting new trees, but also for understanding more about your old trees! Specialist help from Andrew Lear from 'Plants with Purpose' in Perthshire.
- **Fruit Juicing Session – Sat. 17th October (2-4.30pm).** Do you think your apples would make good juice? Here is a chance to juice your own fruit on a small-scale and find out what it tastes like. An event for those folk who don't feel that they want to do juicing on a scale that would justify hiring the juicer but would like a smaller amount of juice. Based at Tom Paterson's place.
- **Club Night** – quarterly meeting at the Crown Tavern, Lanark. **January 2010 (7 – 9pm)** date to be arranged.
- **Formative Pruning – February** (date/time to be arranged) Tom Paterson's orchard.

IMPORTANT – Places are limited so please let us know in advance if you intend to come along. Contact Duncan Arthur, the Clyde Valley Orchard Group Secretary (E: duncanarthur@aol.com) for more information on venue and for booking your place.

Please note that all events are available to members of the Clyde Valley Orchard Group and are free of charge. Updates to the programme can be found on the CVOG page of the website.