Dear Fruit Lover,

Hopefully a Happy fruit Growing Year ahead

Just to let you know I will running some courses in January and February; here at the Nursery and also in an amazing untouched Majestic old Orchard in Hungerford, Berks - where you can learn the importance of fruit tree pruning (Winter) and how it can benefit your trees fruit production.  ( Full details below)

I will also be running one course on also how to make your own (graft) fruit trees including the importance of rootstock choice and how it can affect your future fruit growing.

All courses have limited availability so its first come first served!

**Winter Pruning Course - Saturday 20th-Jan-18 from 10.00 to 3.30pm

Join  the Experienced Fruit tree and Orchard Pruner and the Owner of the Heritage Fruit Tree Company - Andy Howard for a day’s training course, to learn the theory and practice of Winter Pruning.

Learn the theory, skills and practice of winter pruning for fruit trees such as apple and pear. Discover the different methods and techniques used to shape fruit trees, control their size and influence their productivity. Find out when and how to apply these to suit different circumstances and different types of top fruit.  Learn the difference between winter and summer pruning and when and How to prune pip fruit and stone fruit.**

 **Practice the theory on real fruit trees, To gain these skills yourself and help get the confidence to apply them in your own orchard, garden or community orchard. Or, why not help a neighbour get their fruit trees into shape?

The course will be held at 27 Walton Avenue, Twyford, Adderbury, OX17 3JY.  Free on-street parking is available and some limited off street. Lift sharing is supported.

The price per person is £45 for members of the Mid Shires Orchard Group (MSOG) and £55 for non-members. You will need to bring a packed lunch but Tea and coffee  will be provided on the day.

Please email Andy at:****johoward@metronet.co.uk****, or tel 0795000 6813 to find out more about the course, make payment by BACS or and book your place.  It's a first come first serve basis with a limit on how many places available. Andy is one of the founding members of the Mid-Shires Orchard Group**

**TRAINING COURSE – GRAFTING :**

**Learn theory and practice of grafting & take home 2 x fruit trees  you make yourself from a choice of rootstocks. ��**

**Date: Sunday 21-Jan-17, from 10.00am to 3.00pm (5 hours, including lunch break) ��**

**Venue: 27 Walton Avenue, Twyford, Adderbury, OX17 3JY.  Free on-street parking is available and some limited off street. Lift sharing is supported.**

**Activities: Learn new skills from Hands on Grafter and owner of the Heritage Fruit Tree Company Andy Howard - co-founder of the Mid shires Orchard Group-**

**On a one-day, ‘hands-on’ course.**

**Learn the theory, skills and practice of grafting fruit trees. Find out about the different methods and techniques. Practice these to create two new fruit trees to take home, using a choice of rootstocks and heritage variety scion-wood provided by Andy.**

**�� Price: £45 per person for MSOG members and £55 for non-members.**

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*OTHER WINTER PRUNING COURSES I AM TEACHING ON*: **(BOOK DIRECT with the Organiser - Details Below)**

**Winter Top Fruit Pruning -   - Sat February 3rd  2108    and   Sunday, February 4th*2018  ( Repeat of Saturdays course)***

**The Town + Manor of Hungerford, Berks RG17 0NF   —**

**Course registrations and starts 10.00-12.30pm  (theory) ( At: Hungerford Town Hall, High Street Hungerford RG17 0NF)  1pm Lunch -   2-4pm ( practical) in the orchard.**

**£85 per day  (inc VAT) which will include lunch.**

Join Orchard Arborist, Pomologist and owner of the Heritage Fruit Tree Company Nursery - Andy Howard for a day’s training course to learn the theory and practice of Winter Pruning. (Andy grew up in Hungerford and now lives across the Border in North Oxfordshire but returns on a regular basis  to work in, and design and plant Orchards throughout Berkshire.)

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You can learn these new skills and put them into practice with hands on tuition whilst working on Hungerford’s beautiful Picket Mead-Heritage orchard, working on unique fruit trees left untouched without any pruning undertaken during the past 60/70 years.

Gain these skills yourself and help to get the confidence to apply them in your own orchard, garden or community orchard. Or, why not help a neighbour get their fruit trees into shape?

The pruning course will cover all you need to know on pruning : From working on these majestic old trees, formative pruning on any newly planted future trees and how to practice a form of renewal and restorative pruning.

If you are thinking of just planting one tree, or an orchard  all the information and hands on practical learnt will be useful when selecting your trees and also knowing how to manage them afterwards throughout their life and into maturity.

 This is a winter pruning course but  we will also look at how it relates to summer pruning  and how both are important in the management of your fruit trees, cordons, fans and espaliers.

**Please Email:****events@townandmanor.co.uk****or Tel Dani Winslet on** **01488 647334**  or **07932 322163 to  book your place, to find out more about the course,  or make payment.**

**For both days It's a first come first serve basis with a limit on how many places available. (*It's a 2 mins Easy walking distance from Mainline Train station into Town Hall venue)***

All the best

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Reserve quickly as some trees sell out fast.

N.B. On Thursdays I can only take calls after 3pm