

Oatridge Online

December 2009

Welcome to this, the December 2009 issue of Oatridge Online, your regular update of news from our campus in the country. Once again this month we have a lot to tell you about, from the success of one of our students in reaching the finals of the Modern Apprentice of the Year Awards, to a couple of heart-warming stories highlighting the generosity of our friends and supporters in helping to improve the lives of others. As ever, we also bring you a round-up of the top stories of interest to everyone involved in the land-based industries.

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We hope you enjoy receiving and reading Oatridge Online and would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Adrian Kitchen, Director of Business and Curriculum Development.

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Awards final spells triumph for dyslexic apprentice



Agriculture student Darren Broadley has been selected as a finalist in the prestigious Scottish Modern Apprenticeship Awards for 2009, having overcome dyslexia to complete his qualification studies at Oatridge.

Seventeen year old Darren, from Avonbridge near Falkirk, works for dairy farmers John Pollock and Sons at Bonnybridge, where his manager, Ronald Pollock says: "I'm always amazed by his enthusiasm for the job and I knew from the start he was going to be a valuable asset to us. He's a good all-rounder on the farm and one of those rare lads who likes to be kept busy, gets on with the job and gets it done well". Peter Scott, who leads the Agriculture team at the College, says Darren is not only enthusiastic, extremely hard working and very knowledgeable, but is "a thoroughly decent lad as well".

Darren, who is now studying for a Higher National Certificate in Mixed Farming, will attend the Awards final in Glasgow on December 9, when he will hear if he is among the major prizewinners.



Russell-ing up interest in 2KT+

Russell Parker, the College's Business Development Executive, says he has received a "universally positive response" from the rural businesses he has contacted about the exciting, new 2KT+ project, which offers companies access to the expertise and support of Oatridge and its partner institutions.

The knowledge transfer programme enables small to medium-sized business and social enterprises to harness academic resources and exploit market opportunities and in his new role, Russell has already been in touch with several keen to take up the offer, especially for specialist training programmes for staff development.

Adrian Kitchen, the Director of Curriculum and Business Development at Oatridge, says: "The reactions of businesses contacted to date have been very encouraging. We have a number of potential projects which will benefit both the businesses and the College and we look forward to the continued success of 2KT."

Any business or social enterprise interested in talking to Russell Park can contact him on 0778 99 124 36 or email rparker@oatridge.ac.uk

Business gallops to the aid of charity

The new Oatridge branch of the Riding for the Disabled Association has seen its coffers boosted by more than £1,600, thanks to the generosity of the West Lothian business community.

Guests at the West Lothian Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards 2009 dug deep to support a raffle in aid of the charity, after hearing how it aims to help children and young people with disabilities and learning difficulties, by teaching them equestrian vaulting: Gymnastics on the back of a moving horse.

The audience at the glittering awards dinner heard that youngsters will benefit from a revolutionary technique developed by international equestrian coach Jenny Leggate, the founder of *Equibuddy*, a charity set up to make it available to RDA branches throughout Scotland. Jenny has shown through a number of pilot projects that vaulting helps develop mutual trust and reliance, resilience, confidence and self-esteem, as well as promoting fitness, balance, co-ordination and core strength and stability.

Equestrian vaulting grew from the training of cavalymen and in the modern discipline the vaulters perform gymnastic exercises to music, on the back of a specially trained horse cantering in a 15-metre circle and controlled from the centre by a "lunger" holding a long lead. RDA sessions have just started at the Scottish National Equestrian Centre on the Oatridge campus and are held every Thursday between 2 and 3pm.

In the picture, Sharon Anderson, the Equine Team Leader at the College, is seen receiving a giant cheque by Duncan Walker, the President of West Lothian Chamber. Anyone interested in learning more about Oatridge RDA can contact Sharon on 01506 864800.



Oatridge golfers swing into action for Chernobyl kids



Shirley MacGillivray (front row 3rd left), a trustee and secretary of the charity Friends of Chernobyl's Children in Edinburgh West, pitched up recently at the Oatridge College golf course, not to play a round, but to receive a cheque for £725 raised by the members of the resident Binny Golf Club. The cash will go towards bringing two seven year olds to Scotland for a month's holiday, they will stay with host families in the Capital. The youngsters are from a village 200 miles north of the Chernobyl nuclear power station, which exploded in 1986 spreading radiation over a huge area of the Ukraine and neighbouring Belarus. Thousands of young people in the affected region are at high risk of developing cancer in later life.

The cheque was handed over by the Binny club's captain, Margaret Manson (front row 3rd right) who said: "We had a number of events to raise the money and a whole lot of fun doing it. We were all agreed that it was for a great cause." Shirley confirmed that Friends of Chernobyl's Children intends to launch a new branch in West Lothian next year and are currently looking for host families and fund raisers in the area. Details at www.focc-edinburghwest.org.uk

- Oatridge Golf Course continues to run two promotions which could save you pounds. Membership bookings made now will enjoy discounted fees and until the end of December bookings for luxury party/group packages in 2010 will be held at 2009 prices. Contact 01506 859636 and quote the promotion code "OCGC-Oct 09".

Oatridge Conference "a great success"

The inaugural Oatridge/Scotgrow Conference and Exhibition, held at the College at the end of last month, has been deemed "a great success" by Ann Burns, the Horticultural Team Leader at Oatridge and one of the driving forces behind the new event.

Delegates to the Conference, from a huge range of disciplines within horticulture and landscaping, got the chance to hear from expert speakers and ask questions on issues like climate change and surviving the current recession, while enjoying a unique networking opportunity.

Ann Burns said: "Combining the Conference and the Scotgrow trade show worked very well and everyone involved in the organisation of the event felt it gave us a perfect foundation to build on in future years."



College gets to grassroots at Scotsturf



A team from Oatridge really got to the grassroots of the sector during two fruitful days at the Scotsturf exhibition at Ingliston in Edinburgh. The College was one of 100 exhibitors at the important trade show and the event gave staff a valuable opportunity to add to already close working relationships with businesses and individuals. It was also a first chance for Russell Parker, our new Business Development Executive (Pictured on the left) to meet visitors and exhibitors and explain his role and the knowledge transfer project which he has taken charge of for the College (see above "Russell-ing up interest in 2KT+").

Oatridge at the Futures Fair

A visit to the Futures Fair, run by East Lothian Council and Capability Scotland in Musselburgh last month, provided a fascinating two-way exchange of information between the College and young people with disabilities.

Staff members Carl Gilbert and Janet Lingard went along simply to find out what Oatridge could do for disabled students and found themselves answering a host of enquiries about courses and facilities at the College. They also came back with plenty of information to help in the continuing development of our policies on equality and accessibility.



Success for Oatridge College Riding Team

A superb team effort saw Oatridge College riders emerge victorious from a "friendly" showjumping and dressage competition against Glasgow, Edinburgh and Glasgow Caledonian universities.

The Oatridge team of Kirsty Downie, Hollie Adamson, Colette Morrin and Natalie Singers took 4th, 5th and 6th places between them.

And students on the College's Advanced Certificate in Equine Studies course have had a pre-Christmas treat, with a study tour to Stoneleigh in Warwickshire for the popular Your Horse Live event. They packed in demonstrations by top riders, attending talks by industry experts, doing a spot of Christmas shopping (For their horses we're told) and autograph hunting.

SSPCA celebrates its learners

Oatridge has hosted a prizegiving ceremony for inspectors and welfare workers from the Scottish Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals who have successfully completed SVQ Level 2 or Level 3 Animal Welfare awards, through courses designed by the College, but delivered largely in the workplace by fully qualified internal assessors.

Chief Inspector Mike Flynn presented all of the learners with certificates and then awarded a prize for the Level 2 qualification to Moira Whyte, who has dedicated a lifetime of work to the Society. The Level 3 prize went to Billy Linton for an outstanding portfolio of work. Billy has now joined the assessor team.

Lunch, courtesy of Sodexo, the College's catering partners, was followed by the induction of a new intake of Level 3 learners.

Suntrap's special students applauded



Thirty of the very special students at Suntrap, the College's satellite garden at Gogarbank near Edinburgh, have received Individual Achievement Awards from the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society.

For the past two years the students, all of whom have learning difficulties, have been attending Suntrap one day a week to practice a huge range of gardening skills, from seed sowing to vegetable harvesting (and making soup from the produce!) They each received a certificate from George Anderson, the Caly President, with 14 attaining their completion certificates.

Oatridge Principal David James congratulated all of the students on their success and proposed a unanimously supported vote of thanks to the Suntrap team of John Smith, Julie Shankland, David Milne, Gillian Charles and Jeanna Gorman.

- Suntrap also opened its doors on Saturday 28th Nov for their Christmas Fayre, where a beautiful variety of seasonal wreaths, table decorations and containers were at hand to solve any presents dilemmas for this Christmas.

Thanks, for a little help from our friends

It's said that it isn't easy being green and staff and volunteers at Oatridge's Suntrap Garden would agree heartily, especially when it comes to keeping down the weeds and moss while avoiding the danger of contaminating the nearby Gogar Burn with chemicals.

It was therefore with gratitude that they have taken temporary delivery of a pretty neat machine, made by HOAF Infrared Technology in Holland, to run some trials. The gadget works by heating the foliage of the weeds to crystallise the sugars in the leaves, so cutting off the flow of foodstuff and minerals to the roots and shoots. It is a bit like hoeing, but less backbreaking. Pictured here is one of Suntraps dedicated team of volunteers, David Sinclair, giving it a try.

Meanwhile, back on the main College campus, thanks are due to Kubota (UK) Ltd who have, through a dealership in Haddington, East Lothian, loaned Oatridge a selection of key equipment, including an RTV Utility Vehicle and a Rotary Ride-on lawnmower, which will be used for training regular and short course students.

Stihl UK have been similarly helpful in recent years, helping the College keep up to date with the latest machinery, and in return both companies get the use of Oatridge facilities for training and exhibition purposes.



Queensferry High rises to the challenge



A team from Queensferry High School has won the seventh heat of the Construction and Built Environment Challenge 2009-10 held at Oatridge, and will now go through to the finals in Edinburgh in January.

They overcame Broxburn Academy and Stewart's Melville School in the contest to complete three complicated tasks: Building a twisted brick pillar; laying Pukka Paving blocks to a pre-set pattern, and creating a fan trellis.

All our yesterdays

A story we ran a few months ago, about the retirement of Jim Petrie, the former Head of Engineering and Farriery after 32 years at Oatridge, has inspired a burst of nostalgia in one of his first students at the College.

Willie Bald stumbled across Jim's picture while surfing the internet and wrote to tell us that he was a block release student way back in 1978/79 and fondly remembers Jim, Willie Hamilton and Frank Cooper as his tutors.

Willie was working for Thomas Sheriff and Co at West Barns at the time and spent 11 years with them, before moving out of agricultural engineering and into Torness power station, where he is currently a shift foreman. He wrote: "I still remember carrying out phase tests in the Oatridge workshops. College life was good, with nights out at the New Inn at Bridgend or down to Broxburn to the Masonic or Volunteers. There was always a bit of banter between the engineering students and the 'Farmer Boys' as we called them (Nothing changed there Willie – Ed).

"Pass on my regards to Jimmy". Consider it done.

Oatridge in Europe



November 25th-27th saw the initial meeting of European partners taking part in the Grundtvig Lifelong Learning Partnership Project – DATE (Developing Activity Tourism in Europe). The meeting was hosted by Innovaxin International Ltd on the island of Malta (in the historic city of Valetta, on the left) where Oatridge College (project co-ordinator) was represented by Adrian Kitchen and Niall Evans. Other partners come from Spain, Romania and the Netherlands.

Introductory presentations provided the opportunity to find out more about partner's home countries, local areas and their expectations of the project.

Over the next 2 years, 2 meetings will take place in each of the



partner states to explore Activity Tourism at a European level and develop a common understanding of the influencing factors in each state. The project will also compare adult education provision in each state and develop 3 levels of curriculum framework for Activity Tourism at a European level.

Visits to a local diving school and pottery workshop provided the opportunity to find out how local businesses are affected by issues, such as availability of resources and staffing, and the use of the internet to promote products. The slowing of global economics and the credit crunch were highlighted as particular challenges and use of the internet for marketing as a particular benefit.

Meeting new people from a diverse range of organisations and countries has been a very positive experience. Having the opportunity to build in this over the next 2 years is very exciting and stands to benefit Oatridge not only through promotion at a pan-European level, but also in developing a wider international network for future partnership working and training provision.

Niall Evans said 'Involvement in the DATE project has been a stimulating and fascinating experience so far from writing the application to this initial mobility to Malta. It was great to meet and put faces to the names of the people I have been emailing for the past 12 months and the mild climate was a bonus in November! I am very much looking forward to developing this project and the relationships with our partners. This project is a fantastic opportunity for Oatridge to establish itself on the European network.'

Read on for our Landbased round-up

Landbased Round-up

Lantra Scottish Council meets at Oatridge

Willie Fergusson, the National Director for Scotland of Lantra, the skills council for the landbased and environmental industries, has described Oatridge College as a "Key provider" of education and training for the sector.

He was speaking after the 20th meeting of the Lantra Scottish Council, which was held at the College last month, which was followed by a passionate speech from the Labour MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife, John Park (Pictured), about Modern Apprenticeships, funding for adults on the MA programme and up-skilling of the Scottish Workforce.

A Shadow Cabinet Secretary and a former apprentice himself, Mr Park went on to have a meeting with a group of ten employers to hear their views for policy initiatives he is developing. He said that Sector Skills Councils are vital, and he is considering a strategy which would increase their role.



The Lantra Scottish Council is chaired by John Gillan, the managing director of Premier One (Land Services) and members include farmers, crofters, employers, trade associations, employer bodies, training providers and the Scottish Government Rural Directorate. One of its main roles is lobbying to shape policy and seek funding to benefit the landbased sector. www.lantra.co.uk/Scotland/

Search on for Young Horticulturist of the Year

The Institute of Horticulture has launched its annual search for under 30s with the skills and talent to be named Young Horticulturist of the Year for 2010. More than 1,500 students and other young people from across the UK are expected to take part, competing for upwards of £10,000 in prizes as well as the prestigious title. The competition will kick off in January with a series of eight branch heats around the country, followed by regional finals in March and the Grand Final at Kew Gardens in London in May.

Scotland, in the shape of Adam Bowley came 4th in the 2009 competition, which was won by Alex Summers from the South East branch. Details of the competition are available at the IoH website: www.horticulturue.org.uk

Do you have skills to thrill the world?



Scotland came back from the gigantic Worldskills Competition in Calgary, Canada, earlier this year with four medals, but the search is already on for a team of individuals who can do even better in two years time in London.

The Scottish Government has launched a campaign to encourage young people in vocational training and employment and their employers to get involved, which is why Oatridge recently hosted a promotional event at the College (Pictured).

Anyone selected to represent their country will be up against competitors from 50 nations in more than 40 skills categories, ranging from bricklaying to beauty therapy. More than 1,000 people took part in Worldskills Calgary 2009 a figure likely to be topped in London in 2011. Details of how to get involved can be found at www.worldskills.org/Scotland



Oatridge hosts two major equestrian conferences

Oatridge College, the home of the Scottish National Equestrian Centre, has hosted both the inaugural Scottish Equine Access Conference, organised by the British Horse Society and the British Riding Clubs' Equine Welfare Conference in the past month.

The BHS event was held to share experiences following the implementation of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act and looked at the rights and responsibilities of off-road riders. More than 70 delegates spent a morning listening to speakers from interest groups and the afternoon was given over to a practical session on the College's Paths for All National Access demonstration site.

Fifty delegates attended the BRC Scottish Equine Welfare Conference which looked at issues like the over-production of horses and ponies and the welfare of older animals and horses generally.

www.bhsscotland.org.uk

Rural land "generates £17 billion a year for Scotland"

Scotland's first ever Land Use Summit has heard that rural land in Scotland makes up 97 percent of the country, accounts for one in every six jobs and generates over £17 billion a year for the economy.

The event, in Inverness, was attended by 150 key stakeholders, who were given the findings of new research which rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead said showed that rural land delivers "a huge range of benefits" including income and employment, the maintenance of strong and resilient communities and the generation of food, fuel and energy.

The first-ever Summit was held to promote the development of an integrated land use strategy which will help to meet challenges like food security, energy production and climate change. www.scotland.gov.uk/

Computers for rural people

The Arthur Rank Centre, a foundation set up by Lord Rank to protect rural resources, has launched a scheme to help people living in rural Britain to get low cost access to computers and the internet.

The "Computers for Rural People" project, supported by the global charity Oasis, will provide fully functioning computers for as little as £109, plus a small donation to the Centre. The offer is open to individuals and community projects and is designed to provide a first step in computer ownership, using refurbished machines. Details at www.ruralgateway.org.uk

£9.3 million for fish and processing sector

Scotland is to get £9.3 million from the European Fisheries Fund to strengthen the fish processing sector, secure jobs, trial new technologies, and improve the efficiency of the fishing industry, while enhancing the country's reputation for food and drink. It brings total EFF investment in Scotland to £25 million during 2009.

It is estimated that 1,000 jobs will be created or safeguarded as a result of the cash injection. Some of the new money will be used to help eight young fishermen by a share in their vessels. £360,000 will go towards improving training in the fishing sector; ten aquaculture projects will receive more than £1.4 million and £350,000 will go to mussel farming and processing projects on the west coast and in the Western Isles.

www.scotland.gov.uk/



Communities have fingers crossed for Big Lottery pay-out

Community groups across Scotland have their fingers crossed that they will get shares of £30 million for a huge range of projects from the Big Lottery fund. More than 50 applications from over 50 organisations, scattered around Scotland from Shetland to Dumfries and the Western Isles to Aberdeen, have had final checks carried out by Highlands and Islands Enterprise, which holds a national contract to distribute the "Growing Community Assets" fund for the Big Lottery.

The cash value of applications ranges from £54,000 to £1.5 million. www.hie.co.uk

Homecoming Scotland "a success"

The curtain has just come down on Homecoming Scotland and the final evaluation will not happen until spring 2010, but interim results show that the project is "well on track" to beat the target of £44 million in increased tourism revenue, as well as delivering a range of wider benefits.

An independent analysis has shown that around a quarter of the 112 funded events are showing £19.4 million of additional income for Scotland, which is almost half way to the target set at the beginning of the year.

Marie Christie, the Project Director, says: "None of this success would have been possible without the commitment, dedication and partnership shown by individuals and organisations across Scotland."

www.visitscotland.org/



Short and Tailored Courses

At Oatridge College and SNEC we organise a wide range of short specialist courses. The courses we offer either meet current industrial standards or we can devise bespoke courses tailored to meet the precise needs of individuals and businesses.

Oatridge College has developed a reputation for delivering specialist tailored courses and we continue to offer this service to businesses and Local Authorities.

Recent programmes have included courses such as:

- ✚ "Turf Week" - a specialist turf management course for North Lanarkshire Council
- ✚ 10 week preparatory courses for young people to engage them in the Landbased industries
- ✚ Introductory courses for participants in "Get Ready for Work" Schemes
- ✚ Specialist Dog Handling courses
- ✚ Training of Trainers
- ✚ School Non-Attendee Programmes for Local Authorities

The courses included on these pages have been planned to run on the dates given.

Oatridge College reserves the right to change the dates of courses and to cancel provision if the number of bookings for any course does not meet the minimum number of participants required to run the course. We will always strive to ensure that courses run whenever possible.

Please contact Adrian Kitchen for more information or to discuss your requirements.
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Chainsaw Operations

***Maintenance, Crosscutting and Felling Small Trees up to 200 mm** (Lantra Awards Accredited) 4 day course.
Dates: 8-11 February, 8-11 March, 12-15 April, 10-13 May, 7-10 June £450

***Maintenance, Crosscutting and Felling Small Trees up to 380 mm** (NPTC Accredited) 5-day course (+ 1 day test to be arranged)
Dates: 18-22 Jan, 15-19 Feb, 22-26 March, 19-23 April, 24-28 May £780

*Forklift Operation

(Lantra Awards Accredited) 3 day course
Dates: 22-24 Feb, 29-31 March £450

***Brushcutters Course-** Lantra £225
Dates: 25-26 Feb (2 days course)

***All Terrain Vehicle Operation** (Lantra Awards Accredited) 2 day course dates TBA £250

Transporting Livestock

Transportation of Livestock by Road Short Journeys over 65km and under 8 hours

Online testing arranged as required £60

Transportation of Livestock by Road Long Distance
Dates to be arranged as required £120

*** Vehicle & Trailer Training: Preparation for the DVLA test** 1 day course: Dates TBA (Max of 2 trainees) £150

* Blacksmithing – An Introduction (Basic)

A 10 week programme introducing the skills of Blacksmithing (Evening Course - 6.30-9pm)
Course start dates: 2 Mar £200

*** Blacksmithing – An Introduction (Basic)**
A 4 day intensive course 2 Mar £200

*** Welding – An Introduction (Basic)**
A 10 week programme an introduction to welding skills (Evening Course - 6.30-9pm)
Course start dates 3 Mar £200

Vermin Control

*** Vermin Control - Rabbits, rats, mice & moles**
Lantra Awards Accredited 2 day course: Dates: 22-23 Feb £210

*** Vermin Control – Rabbits and moles**
Lantra Awards Accredited 1 day course: 22 Feb £165



*** Denotes ILA approved .** To apply for an Individual Learning Account Tel: 0808 100 10 90

Using Sprayers

*** Safe Use of Pesticides – Training for PA1 Foundation** (NPTC Accredited) day course: 6 Jan, 1 Feb, 3 Mar, 6 April, 10 May £100
PA1 Foundation Test Dates arranged following training (above) £60

*** Safe Use of Pesticides - Training for PA6A Hand Held Applicator** (NPTC Accredited)
1 day course : 7 Jan, 2 Feb £130

PA6A Test
Dates arranged following training (above) £80

*** Safe Use of Pesticides - Training for PA2A Tractor Mounted Certificate** (NPTC Accredited)
1 day course 3 Feb, 5 March, 8 April £120

PA2A Tractor Mounted Applicator test
Dates arranged following training (above) £250

Health and Safety

*** First Aid at Work HSE** Accredited 3 day course:
22-24 Feb, 30 Mar – 1 April, 1-3 June £120

*** First Aid at Work Refresher** - HSE Accredited 2 days:
25-26 Feb, 24-25 June , 26-27 Aug £90

*** Emergency First Aid** 1-day Oatridge Attendance Certificate
07 Dec, 19 Feb, 29 Mar £60
*Manual Handling 1 day 4 Nov £60
*Risk Assessment/ COSSH – an introduction
1 day introductory course. Dates TBA £60

*Safe Use of Veterinary Medicines

1 day course : dates TBA £200

*Safe Use of Sheep Dips A 1 day course : dates TBA £TBA

Construction Skills - for DIY or Trade Skills Updating

* Drystone Dyking A 5 day training course: 8-12 Mar £350

*Introduction to basic brickwork & trowel skills
An Oatridge 3 day course: 13-15 Jan £300

* Brickwork & Trowel skills update
An Oatridge 3 day course: Dates TBA £300

* Timber Decking
An Oatridge 3 day course 20-22 Jan £300

* Introduction to Garden Paving
An Oatridge 3 day course, 3-5 Feb £300

* Paving Skills Update 3 days, 3-5 Mar £300

For further information and to make bookings contact, please contact **Maira Montgomery** at Oatridge College

mmontgomery@oatridge.ac.uk Latest information can be found at: www.oatridge.ac.uk/short_courses

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Scottish National Equestrian Centre Courses

*** BHS Level 2. Weekends** (10am-3pm) **2-16, 17, 30, 31 Jan** £100

***Training for BHS Stage 1: Horse Knowledge, Care and Riding**

Course 2: 8 x 3hour sessions. Dates TBA
All sessions 9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm £180

***Training for BHS Stage 1 Horse Knowledge & Care Only**

Course 2: 4 x 3hour sessions. Dates TBA
All sessions 9am – 12pm or 1pm – 4pm £100

***Training for BHS Stage 1 Riding Only**

Course 2: 4 x 3hour sessions. Dates TBA
All sessions 9am – 12pm or 1pm – 4pm £100

Clipping for Beginners (Part 1)

Dates TBA. Course 1: 9am – 12pm **or** Course 2: 1pm – 4pm
£25

Clipping for Beginners Part 2

Dates TBA. Course 1: 9am – 12pm **or** Course 2: 1pm – 4pm
£25

For further course information contact
Scottish National Equestrian Centre (SNEC), Oatridge
College, Ecclesmachan, West Lothian EH52 6NH
Telephone **01506 865714** Fax 01506 865716

E-mail gblackie@oatridge.ac.uk



Suntrap Garden

*** Introduction to gardening**-10 weeks

Thursdays:15 April – 17 June (7 – 9pm) £ 80

***Design your own garden** - 11 weeks

Wednesdays: 14 April-23 June(7 – 9pm) £105

***Introduction to flower arranging** - 3 weeks £35

Mondays: 8,15, 22 Febr (7 – 9pm)

***Flower arranging for all occasions** -10 weeks £105

Saturday Workshops at Suntrap

Christmas Decorations 19 Dec £10

All £10.00 + cost of materials (10-12noon) or 4 for £34

**A refresher session on fruit pruning Better - Sat 6 Feb
Herbaceous Borders -Sat 13 March**

**Vegetable growing -getting started - Sat 17 April
Hanging gardens of Babylon- Sat 8 May**

For further information or to book any of the Suntrap
classes contact John Smith on 0131 339 7283 (answer
machine). *All courses are held at
Suntrap Centre, 43 Gogarbank, Edinburgh EH12 9BY
email: suntrap@btopenworld.com*

Leisure – Pet Care

Dog Agility - Advanced - 10 weeks: 5 Jan – 16 Mar,
30 March - 1 June (Evening Course 7.00 – 8.00pm £ 50

Dog Agility – Advanced -10 weeks: 5 Jan – 16 Mar,
30 March -1 June (Evening Course 8.00 – 9.00pm £ 50

For further information and to make bookings for Pet
Care please contact Moira Montgomery at
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