



## Oatridge Online

January 2010

Welcome to this, the first issue of Oatridge Online in 2010. As we enter the new decade, we would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone involved in the landbased sector a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Our campus in the country has been relatively quiet over the festive season, but staff and students are returning from holiday, refreshed we hope, and no doubt their activities and successes will again be filling the pages of this newsletter. Meantime we are delighted to bring you our latest news, together with our usual round-up of stories from elsewhere.

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We hope you enjoy receiving and reading Oatridge Online.

**Adrian Kitchen, Director of Business and Curriculum Development.**

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### **Oatridge offers new agriculture apprenticeship**

Oatridge College is intending to offer courses leading to the new Level 2 Modern Apprenticeship in Agricultural by March of this year, just three months after Lantra, the Sector Skills Council, announced the approval of the qualification from the independent Modern Apprenticeship Group (MAG).

Karen Murray, the Assistant Principal for the Curriculum and Quality at the College admits that the timescale is "tight" but says: "We welcome this new Modern Apprenticeship as we believe that a Level 2 qualification will be much more suitable to many new entrants seeking meaningful and rewarding careers in the sector. It is also worth noting that study for this qualification can be wholly funded, which is an important consideration for many people."

The Level 2 MA is being introduced following extensive consultation by Lantra with farmers, colleges and other training providers, which found a high demand for it within the agriculture industry.





The new courses will be workplace-based or a mixture of on-the-job training and relatively short periods at College. They will mean that employees can work towards the qualification while earning a wage and, according to Willie Fergusson, Lantra's National Director for Scotland, will give employers "a committed and skilled workforce that contributes to the success of their farming enterprise through increased productivity and profitability". Study will concentrate on the "real life" needs of the apprentices and will feature health and safety, good environmental practice and tractor operation, plus core skills like communication, working with others and problem solving.

Funding for the Level 2 MA will be available as a result of the phasing out of the Skill seekers programme. Among the organisations consulted on the new qualification were the National Farmers Union in Scotland, the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, the Cairngorms National Park Authority and the Members of Scottish Countryside Colleges: Oatridge, Elmwood and Barony.

Further details on the Level 2 Modern Apprenticeship can be found at: [Lantra.scotland@lantra.co.uk](mailto:Lantra.scotland@lantra.co.uk)

### Didn't Darren do well?



Principal David James says it was a "great achievement" when student Darren Broadley was among the finalists at the prestigious Scottish Modern Apprenticeship Awards for 2009.

Darren, who is dyslexic, was the only agricultural apprentice to make it through to the glittering awards ceremony, which was held at a Glasgow hotel last month and his success also drew praise from Willie Fergusson, Lantra's National Director for Scotland, who says: "We congratulate Darren for reaching the finals. It demonstrates that Oatridge and other landbased colleges are providing high quality learning, specific

to industry needs, and highlights the benefits that Modern Apprenticeships offer to employers and employees."

The 17 year old from Avonbridge near Falkirk works for dairy farmers John Pollock and Sons at Bonnybridge and having achieved his MA qualifications is now studying part-time for a Higher National Certificate in Mixed Farming.

### Free Anonymous Environmental Guidance

Russell Parker, 2KT+ Business Development Executive at Oatridge College, has been working with SEPA (Scottish Environment Protection Agency) to promote the [Netregs.gov.uk](http://Netregs.gov.uk) website to landbased industries as part of the 2KT+ project.

[Netregs.gov.uk](http://Netregs.gov.uk) is designed to help owners and managers of small and medium sized businesses throughout the UK to understand what they need to do to comply with environmental law and protect the environment. The website provides practical advice in summary form and is a free anonymous source of environmental guidance which is open to everyone including students and lecturers.

The site also uses e-learning and practical tools to help businesses to save money by showing them ways to use resources such as agricultural waste, food and drink waste and water more efficiently.

NetRegs is a website partnership between the UK environmental regulators – the Environment Agency in England and Wales, SEPA in Scotland and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA). To access NetRegs information go to [netregs.gov.uk](http://netregs.gov.uk) or to sign up for NetRegs updates email [news@netregs.gov.uk](mailto:news@netregs.gov.uk) .

For more information contact Russell on [rparker@oatridge.ac.uk](mailto:rparker@oatridge.ac.uk) or 01506 864800.

## Students engineer success

Oatridge students present and past have made a big impression in a national competition to find the best agricultural engineering students in Scotland. Alex Wilson, who is currently studying SVQ Level 3, took second place in the Weir Shield events, held at the Forestry Commission's Dunkeld workshops, and was just beaten to the top prize by Grant Robson from Aberdeen College, who got his grounding in the industry when he studied for a National Certificate at Ecclesmachan in 2004/05! James Lawson, another Level 3 student at Oatridge took 5<sup>th</sup> spot.



Alex, on the left, is seen in the picture (l-r) with Grant, Jeffrey Livingston, Head of Mechanical Services with the Forestry Commission, and Ross Fisher of Barony College, who came third. Teams of two apprentices from four Scottish colleges took part and were tested on machine operation, electrical and hydraulic work, welding and fabrication and fault finding on an agricultural machine. The Weir Shield competition has been running since 1972 and is organised by the Institute of Agricultural Engineers. The team prize went to Barony College who took third and fourth places.

## The spirit of Christmas present at Oatridge

The run-up to the Christmas and New Year break can be pretty frantic here at Oatridge. There is course work to be brought up to date or finished (Always a priority for students and staff!) but it will be no surprise to learn that there are always seasonal distractions. Oatridge Online is delighted to bring you just a few of them now:

### Having a (masked) ball



The annual Christmas dance is one of the social highlights of the year at Oatridge and, as this picture shows, a chance for fashionists to strut their stuff. These mystery students turned the occasion into a modern take on the centuries-old masked ball, but we think they might have been (Left to right) Gemma Murphy, Tessa Aitken and Holly Adamson.

### Yummy!

Christmas is traditionally a time for over-indulging and where better to start than the College restaurant where catering partners Sodexo served up a mouth-watering array of

festive fare to almost 200 people over two days.

A lunch offered an option of three main courses, ranging from the good, old favourite, Christmas turkey (with trimmings) through poached salmon with cream and watercress sauce, to a "melty" mushroom Wellington. No wonder more than 100 people turned up the following evening for the full Christmas dinner!



Sodexo not only look after students and staff year round, but offer business packages covering room hire and catering.

## Who ate all the cakes?



There is a scurrilous rumour that this was College Property Manager Bobby Wilson's third visit of the day to the cake stall but even if it is true he can be forgiven, because it WAS Christmas AND the more he consumed the better it helped HND Animal Care students who are fundraising for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to South Africa.

The group is planning to travel to the Shamwari Game Reserve to work for a spell as conservation volunteers, monitoring and tracking game. The bake sale which caught Bobby's attention is only one of a whole series of events held or planned by the students.

Fundraising projects for other good causes during the pre-Christmas period have seen staff and students raise hundreds of pounds for the BBC Children in Need appeal and the John Hartson cancer appeal. The College became involved in the latter because Gordon Wilson – son of cake-eating Bobby (above) - plays football at Heriot Watt University and his team joined in a stunt to raise cash by growing moustaches. Gordon alone has been able to donate £155 to the former Celtic star's cause.

## Christmas cheer from Suntrap

Students based at the College's Suntrap Garden at Gogarbank set out their stall in the main College administration block in the run-up to Christmas to sell an incredible range of festive goodies, ranging from hanging baskets and table decorations, to home made jam, gift bags and candles. All the cash raised will go to help with running costs at Suntrap, where classes in horticultural therapy are run for adults with severe learning difficulties.



## Out and about...



Oatridge was one of ten organisations which took part in a West Lothian Council learning event at the Regal Theatre in Bathgate last month. John Mallon (Pictured) was on hand to talk to members of the Council's Neighbourhood Environment Teams (NETs) and Land Services department about education and training opportunities at the College.

More than 80 council staff attended the event, many of them former students at Oatridge.

## ...and at home

The College has played host to a group from the Callander Youth Project, which aims to help 14 to 25 year olds reach their full potential through education, recreation, support and resources.

The five youngsters and their support workers got the chance to look around the College and ask questions about courses which are available to them. Horticulture, Agriculture, Landscaping and Animal Care got most attention, but the visitors seemed particularly impressed by the magnificent on-campus Scottish National Equestrian Centre.



## College Open Days and Taster Days

### Open Days

Meanwhile, dates have been announced for the five College Open Days planned for 2010. Potential students and their families will be welcome on

Friday 12 Feb from 1.30 - 4.00 p.m.

Friday 12 March from 1.30 - 4.00 p.m.

Wednesday 21 April 6.00 - 8.00 p.m.

Sunday 16 May 1.30 - 4.00 p.m.

Sunday 22 August 1.30 - 4.00

Expert staff will be on hand on all of the dates to give advice on the entire range of courses available in Agriculture, Horticulture, Landscaping, Equine Studies, Farriery, Greenkeeping, Animal Care, Landbased Engineering and Countryside Management.

### Taster Days

Also schools have been invited to our Taster Day either on 25 or 26 February when pupils get the opportunity to experience first hand how it would be to study their favourite subject at Oatridge College.

Further details at: [www.oatridge.ac.uk](http://www.oatridge.ac.uk) or call 01506 864800.

## Landbased round-up

### Marshalls to sponsor landscaping competition



One of the sector's most successful UK companies is to be the main sponsor of the Worldskills UK Landscape Gardening Competition in 2010. David Jessop, operations manager for Marshalls, which operates from 14 centres around Britain, says they are delighted to support "a great opportunity to showcase a range of skills in both hard and soft landscaping."

Last year a team of Oatridge students – Colin Smith and Petrus Jacobs - were highest scorers in the finals of the advanced section of the competition, but were declared joint winners, while another team, Scott Cousins and Daniel Scott, came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the final.

Petrus (Left) and Colin are seen in this picture with lecturer Brian Miller, the advanced team coach.



The competition is organised by the British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI) on behalf of UK Skills. UK finalists are considered for the UK team to compete in the biennial International Worldskills competition. It will be held in London this year, with competitions in 70 different skills, involving more than 3,500 people.  
[www.bali.org.uk](http://www.bali.org.uk)

### **“Safeguarding” the future of crofting**

The Crofting Reform Bill, which Ministers say will safeguard the future of the sector in Scotland, has been published. It sets out to curb speculation on crofting land through “robust assessment of applications to take land out of crofting” and promises a more accountable and democratic Crofters Commission, by making the majority of members crofters elected by crofters. The Commission will have a duty to tackle absenteeism and the neglect of crofting land.

A new, map-based croft register will be set up which should mean lower costs for crofters. The system should cut fees from the present £250 to between £80 and £130.

[www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk)

### **New Year brings new food chain rules**

The National Farmers Union in Scotland has issued a reminder to beef and sheep farmers that since January 1 they have been required to supply more information about animals going into the food chain.

European legislation which came into force on the first day of the new year puts responsibility on abattoirs to “request, receive, check and act upon” information for all cattle and sheep slaughtered in the UK, mainly in relation to the use of any veterinary medicines.

The NFUS has asked the Food Standards Agency to write to all livestock keepers spelling out the information required. [www.nfus.org.uk/](http://www.nfus.org.uk/)

### **Sheep tagging: “No need to rush”**

The Scottish Government has moved to assure farmers that they will not have to rush into complying with new European regulations on Electronic Identification (EID), which came into force on January 1.

Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead says electronic tagging will only apply to lambs born after December 31, 2010 and even then only when they reach nine months old or leave the farm where they were born.

Ministers have been arguing with the EU to reduce the impact of the legislation on Scottish farmers and have taken steps to ease the transition to the new system.

[www.scotland.gov.uk/](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/)

### **Tourism challenge in 2010**

Tourism Minister Jim Mather says the success of 2009’s Homecoming event presents the country with the challenge of building on the momentum and ensuring that the country holds on to its competitive edge.

Mr Mather says that last year Scotland bucked the trend and turned the credit crunch into an economic opportunity. In a New Year message he said early figures show that the Homecoming will meet its target of £44 million of extra tourism revenue. It has also delivered a range of wider benefits and, says the Minister, during a global recession Scotland has become the envy of many countries. “Tourism makes an important contribution to the Scottish economy and it is vital that in 2010 we continue to look at new and innovative ways of attracting new visitors to our great country”, he says.

[www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk)

### **Scots urged to get out more**

Scots are being urged to discover or rediscover their local environment during 2010, the International Year of Biodiversity. The call comes from Environment Minister Roseanna Cunningham, but is backed up by

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organisations like Scottish Natural Heritage, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park and the Forestry Commission.

Ms Cunningham says: "With almost a fifth of Scots making a new year's resolution to walk or cycle more, there's clearly an appetite for healthier, greener lifestyles which in turn can open up a world of nature. Few countries can match Scotland's natural environment, which means we're perfectly placed to offer a wealth of opportunities during this International Year of Biodiversity."

Scotland's national parks and forests offer not just beautiful scenery, but the chance to observe 90,000 different species and according to the Minister there is little excuse not to take a look, with 50 percent of the population living within two miles of woodland. [www.snh.org/](http://www.snh.org/)

### **The future looks bright for Balcas**

Balcas, the timber production company which recently opened a £24 million combined heat and power and pellet making plant in Easter Ross has just shipped its first export order, a load of pellets – known as "brites" – to Denmark.

The Invergordon-based company burns timber from the North of Scotland to produce energy which is sold to the National Grid, while making brites to heat domestic and commercial premises. The Danish order for 2,700 tons of fuel sailed out of the Cromarty Firth just before Christmas.

[www.balcas.com/](http://www.balcas.com/)

### **Renewable energy sparks expansion**

Orkney-based company Bryan J Rendall (Electrical) Ltd is to expand its specialist workforce to meet the growing demands for skilled workers for the wind, wave and tidal energy developers.

The company, which has close links to the Stromness-based European Marine Energy Centre, has seen a 40 percent growth in business in the past year and now needs to take on five new staff. It currently employs 12 people. [www.bjre.co.uk/](http://www.bjre.co.uk/)

### **SFF calls again for decentralisation**

The Scottish Fishermen's Federation has called again for the European Commission to decentralise fisheries management, claiming that the Common Fisheries Policy has failed in its aim to provide the industry with sustainable economic, environmental and social conditions.

Chief Executive Bertie Auld says: "We have long been pressing for the decentralisation of the CFP as the way forward for effective fisheries management, with special arrangements put in place for stocks that migrate across international boundaries. The best way forward to meet the aim of sustainable harvesting of our wonderful natural resource is to properly involve the professionals with first hand knowledge. We have committed to that in Scotland and will continue to expand upon the successful start we have made in working together with government and scientists." [www.sff.co.uk/](http://www.sff.co.uk/)

### **Aquaculture "a Scottish success story"**

Marine Harvest, one of the world's leading fish farming companies, is looking to recruit 40 people to fill vacancies at new sites in the Western Isles. The firm will work with Job Centre Plus to fund and deliver pre-employment training for the unemployed in a number of remote, local communities. The news comes as the results of the 2008 Scottish Fish Farm Annual Production Survey show that employment in the sector is on the increase and that production per head is growing.

[www.marineharvest.com/](http://www.marineharvest.com/)



### **Every little helps!**

A small smokehouse on South Uist was given a post-Christmas boost with the news that it had landed a contract with supermarket giants Tesco. Salar Flaky Salmon is being promoted and sold at 25 of the group's stores across Scotland. The company sources its fish from Loch Duart, which is RSPCA Freedom Foods approved. Its unique recipe has won numerous awards over recent years. [www.salar.co.uk](http://www.salar.co.uk)

### **JUST THE JOBS**

#### **Landscape General Manager**

Excellent remuneration package

This is a rare and exciting opportunity to lead a successful and expanding landscaping company in Scotland. As well as considerable landscaping experience and enthusiasm, you will have strong personnel management skills and a creative flair to match. You will need an ability to develop the business and oversee planned growth into other areas. You will be responsible for a budget of £1m and over 70 staff. A driving licence is essential, and horticultural qualifications would be an advantage.

We are an ever-expanding company and are looking for someone with a positive attitude, the ability to work under pressure, previous project responsibility and contract knowledge.

You will be joining a Group with 245 employees. The landscaping division operates throughout Scotland, with bases in the West of Scotland and Aberdeen. This position will be based in the West of Scotland.

Please submit your CV, in the first instance, by e-mail to: [swright@fairpley.co.uk](mailto:swright@fairpley.co.uk) or by post to: Fair Pley, Alexander Stephen House, Holmfauld Road, Glasgow, G51 4RY.

#### **Landscape Operations Manager**

Excellent remuneration package

Our client is an established landscaping company that has been operating throughout Scotland for more than twenty years. This is a rare and exciting opportunity to play a key management role in a successful and expanding landscaping company in Scotland. You will be responsible for managing the operational aspects of our growing landscaping business.

You will assist our Landscape General Manager to achieve our ambitious development plans and ensure that our clients receive the highest service quality.

You will be an experienced manager with previous knowledge of controlling the daily operations for a successful and well-established landscaping company.

Naturally, you will have strong landscaping experience in grounds maintenance, as well as soft and hard landscaping. Previous experience of managing teams of staff is essential, as the role entails managing a workforce of more than sixty, together with a small supervisory team.

A driving license is essential and horticultural qualifications would be an advantage.

You will be joining a Group with 245 employees. The landscaping division operates throughout Scotland and currently employs 70 staff in offices in the West of Scotland and Aberdeen. The position will be based in the West of Scotland.

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## 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 Feb, 8-11 Mar, 12-15 Apr, 10-13 May, 7-10 Jun £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. Dates TBA £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, 4 Mar, 7 Apr, 11 May £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 Mar, 8 Apr £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 Apr, 1-3 Jun £120

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

**\* Emergency First Aid** 1-day Oatridge Attendance Certificate  
19 Feb, 29 Mar £60

\*Manual Handling 1 day. Dates TBA £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 Moira Montgomery at Oatridge College [mmontgomery@oatridge.ac.uk](mailto:mmontgomery@oatridge.ac.uk) Latest information can be found at: [www.oatridge.ac.uk/short\\_courses](http://www.oatridge.ac.uk/short_courses)



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## Scottish National Equestrian Centre Courses

### \*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](mailto:gblackie@oatridge.ac.uk)



## Oatridge Courses

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

## Leisure – Pet Care

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

**For further information** and to make bookings please contact Moira Montgomery at Oatridge College  
[mmontgomery@oatridge.ac.uk](mailto:mmontgomery@oatridge.ac.uk)



## Suntrap Garden

- \* **Introduction to gardening** - 10 weeks  
Thursdays:15 Apr – 17 Jun (7 – 9pm) £ 80
- \***Design your own garden** - 11 weeks  
Wednesdays: 14 Apr-23 Jun (7 – 9pm) £105
- \***Introduction to flower arranging** - 3 weeks £35  
Mondays: 8,15, 22 Feb (7 – 9pm)
- \***Flower arranging for all occasions** - 10 weeks £105  
Mondays: 12 Apr – 23 Jun (7 – 9pm)

### Saturday Workshops at Suntrap

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

**A refresher session on fruit pruning - Sat 6 Feb**

**Better 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](mailto:suntrap@btopenworld.com)