



Oatridge Online

April 2010

Welcome to this, the April 2010 issue of Oatridge Online, your monthly newsletter from Oatridge College.

Some of our readers may have missed our March update announcing the results of the Lantra Scotland Landbased Learner of the Year Awards, but we are still basking in the success of four of our students: Darren Broadley, who took the top prize – the fifth time in six years that it has come to an Oatridge student - and was named Agricultural Learner of the Year; Graeme Brown, a young agricultural engineer from Blairgowrie who was named Modern Apprentice of the Year; Christopher Adamson from Bo'ness who was Equine Learner of the Year and Dalmahoy greenkeeper Lee Eaglen, who was runner up for the Horticultural Learner of the Year Award. Congratulations to them.

We have plenty more to tell you this month about our campus in the country and of course, we have all the big stories from the sector in our Landbased Round-up.

You can contribute your news, views and items for the "Your Space" feature, by emailing your stories or leads to: cadams@oatridge.ac.uk and you can give us your suggestions for improving and developing the newsletter by emailing me at: akitchen@oatridge.ac.uk

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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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"Lambing Live" was old hat at Oatridge

Television's "Lambing Live" programme may have caught the imagination of BBC2 viewers in recent weeks, but for Oatridge's agricultural students it was pretty much "old hat". They have been in the thick of it since the first days of the New Year, thanks to the very early arrival of the lambing season on the College farm.

It was all part of a cunning plan devised by farm director Peter Scott to give the Higher National Certificate year group invaluable, hands-on experience, before they go out on work placements to other farms to help out over one of the busiest periods in the agricultural calendar.



Peter says: "What we teach in the classroom can only take the students so far: experience of actual lambing is vital so we decided that we would bring forward the season, so that the students really know what they're doing when they go out on placement. The ewes were kept under cover, so it's not quite the same as having them out on the hill, but as far as we are concerned it's as good as it gets for teaching and learning."

Seventeen year old Jessica Bertram (pictured) from Morpeth in Northumberland was one of the students who have been busy in the lambing sheds since early January.

Petri among the prizes again



Petrus (Petri) Jacobs will have to think seriously about installing a new mantelshelf to house his growing collection of "gongs". He has just come third in the Scottish regional finals of the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition to add to the prizes he has picked up during his time as a student at Oatridge. He has been repeatedly named "Best Student" while gaining qualifications in agriculture, horticultural engineering and landscape management.

Last year Petri and colleague Colin Smith were top scorers in the advanced section of a national competition to find the UK's best young landscapers. He is currently in the second year of a Higher National Certificate course in horticulture. A firm supporter of lifelong learning, his studies at Oatridge began in 2003.

The Young Horticulturist of the Year event is organised by the Institute of Horticulture. The Scottish regional final, which was held at the Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh, marked the 25th anniversary of the competition.

And on the subject of "gongs"...

Four Equine students are to be rewarded for their hard work during the year and commitment to looking after the College's horses. Hazel Steen, who is studying for a Higher National Certificate, has been presented with two free tickets to the British Open Show Jumping Championships; classmate Sam Armstrong has been invited to the Riding for the Disabled charity dinner in October; Certificate student Michaela Kelly was awarded a free ticket to a British Horse Society clinic being taken by Eric Smiley and course-mate Suzanne Cruikshank with a free ticket to the William Fox-Pitt clinic.

Equine team leader Sharon Anderson says: "These students were chosen by the staff because we wanted to show our appreciation for all their efforts over the academic year."

Opening another stable door for equine students

The Equine department at the College has opened another stable door for students hoping for careers in the equestrian industry...by becoming an Approved Centre with the Trekking and Riding Society of Scotland (TRSS)

It is all part of the College strategy to forge ever-closer links with the many landbased sectors it serves, so that it produces graduates who are well educated and have the right skills to move seamlessly into interesting and rewarding jobs.

Sharon Anderson, the Equine team leader (pictured) says: Equestrian tourism is already important to Scotland and is growing every year. Many of our students go on to work in trekking centres and riding schools across the country. The TRSS has been very supportive of the College and in fact, some of our Higher National Certificate and Advanced Certificate students are already on work placements at other approved centres.



"The HNC students are also taking a unit on Equitation in the Leisure Industry and some hope to take the TRSS Ride Leader examination at the end of it."

TRSS has been encouraging the development of equestrian tourism for almost 60 years and is recognised as the governing body. It runs training courses and awards qualifications to all levels of staff employed in member centres, regularly inspects centres and it also runs an advisory service.

Monica pioneers education tool



Animal Care student Monica Foster is helping to trial a new online system which provides interpreter services for the hard of hearing.

Grangemouth-based Sign-now was founded in 2006 by deaf entrepreneurs Andrew Thomson and Dean Humphreys to improve access to information and services for people with hearing difficulties and has been growing steadily through partnerships with among others, local police, councils and the health service.

Oatridge has joined Sign-now to test how the technology can be used in education and National Certificate student Monica was able to take part in a genetics class using a laptop computer and a webcam. Normally she would have a signer present to interpret for her.

Tutor Janet Lingard says: "Monica was very impressed by the system and will go on trying different aspects of it. It certainly seems very simple to use and it is available whenever needed."

www.sign-now.com

Students have green and gold fingers!

Oatridge students from the Blackburn Day Centre in West Lothian are proving to have gold fingers as well as green fingers. They've just raised £350 from a two-day sale of spring flower planters they produced at the College's Suntrap Garden, easily topping the £270 they made from a Christmas sale of work.

The students, who are all taking part in the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society's Individual Achievement Award scheme, held their latest sales at the main College campus and at the Blackburn Day Centre, where their customers included students, parents and friends.



Oatridge grows links to horticulture and landscaping



Representatives from Scotland's horticulture and landscape construction sectors have been hearing details of new qualifications to be offered by Oatridge and plans for an employers' day to be held at the College in October.

An industry liaison day held at Ecclesmachan as part of Scotland's Colleges Mean Business week, also heard about the progress of the 2KT+ programme, which is offering small and medium-sized enterprises access to expertise available at Oatridge, five other East of Scotland colleges and two universities.

Details of the new qualifications came from Ann Burns, Oatridge's Curriculum Team Leader for horticulture and landscaping who said that Modern Apprenticeships are now available at both SVQ level 2 and SVQ level 3, offering employers and students alternatives. Level 2 will require day release over 28 days per year at the College while Level 3 requires 30 days per year. There will be a work-based programme available to larger employers.

Ann Burns also gave details of a new National Certificate in horticulture, which will involve students taking 12 mandatory SQA units plus six others in either horticulture or landscaping. Her colleague, Davy Millar outlined available courses in landscaping and announced the plans for the employers' day in October to give them hands on experience of what's on offer.

John Mallon, Instructor-Assessor Landuse, gave a presentation on machinery short courses offering Oatridge College/Employer Training certificate, LANTRA or NPTC Certificate. Training can take place in the workplace or at college.

Russell Parker, the 2KT+ Development Executive based at Oatridge revealed there had been significant demand for knowledge transfer from businesses working in horticulture, landscaping, greenkeeping, animal care, equestrianism and countryside management. John Gillan, who heads landscaping contractors Premier 1, told the meeting about the business benefits his organisation had gained from involvement with the Oatridge College and working with Oatridge staff.

For more information about knowledge transfer or taking part in these meetings, email: rparker@oatridge.ac.uk For courses information please email: info@oatridge.ac.uk

Food and health event at College

The West Lothian Community Planning Partnership Food and Health Steering Group has hailed the success of a conference staged at Oatridge to showcase work being carried out under a local action plan.

More than 70 delegates attended and thanks to the facilities available, were able to network, choose from nine interactive workshops and visit a range of stalls. They were also able to congratulate Community Food and Nutrition tutors and Breastfeeding Peer Supporters who received certificates at the "Recipe for Health Improvement" event.

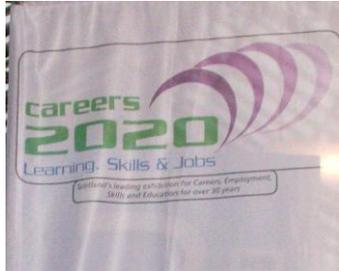
The Food and Health Steering Group tackles health inequalities in children and adults, from early years to older people.

Lynn West, the Conference and Facilities Manager with the College's catering partners Sodexo, says: "Once again we were very pleased that our facilities proved so popular with the delegates. The College now has some of the best conference facilities in the Central belt, within easy reach of most major towns and cities, but without all the hassles of parking."



For more information on Oatridge conference and event management contact Lynn West on 01506 864800 or email: lynn.west@sodexo.com

Talking the talk at Careers events



Oatridge College was among more than 60 employers, training providers, colleges and universities gathered under the cavernous roof of the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow for Careers 2020, one of the biggest events of the year for young people seeking advice on further and higher education and the way into rewarding jobs.

Oatridge Online has heard a whisper that the members of the College delegation talked themselves hoarse such was the volume of interest in opportunities in the landbased sector. Careers 2020 also included seminars covering everything from staying upbeat during the recession, student

placements and the support available for people affected by redundancy.

The College was there for the two day event as a member of the Scottish Countryside Colleges group, which also includes Barony and Elmwood.

Also lecturers and students from the Countryside Management and Landbased Engineering departments attended a networking event for 5th and 6th year school pupils at James Young High School (Livingston), organised by Skills Development Scotland. The event was an excellent opportunity to highlight the wide range of courses across all colleges which are fairly local to West Lothian and broaden the pupil's knowledge of available courses.

Oatridge retains RoSPA Silver Medal

Oatridge College is to receive another Silver Award for Occupational Health and Safety from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. It is a further tribute to the work of Martin Neal who splits his duties between lecturing on agricultural engineering and looking after health and safety on the campus.

The Award will be presented at the annual ceremony in Glasgow in September.



Wilson Marshall takes over as Oatridge chairman



Wilson Marshall, who for almost a decade headed one of Scotland's largest agri-food companies, has taken over as chairman of the Oatridge College Board of Management.

A Certified Accountant by training, he brings to the post 35 years of business experience, during which he helped grow the Marshall Food Group to a point where it employed 3,000 people and had a turnover of £190 million.

He retired as Chairman and Chief Executive in 1998 when the family firm was sold and he became a member of the Oatridge Board in 2005. Since then he has chaired two of the most important committees: Audit and latterly Finance and Resources.

"I thought my business background and my qualifications would be helpful and that I could add value to the Board. I didn't expect to end up being a Chairman", he says, "but I am happy, delighted and honoured. We have a first class Board with people who have a great range of skills and who work well as a team".

"I know we are facing financial constraints, but I wouldn't describe them as 'difficulties'. That is too negative and 'challenges' is the word I would use."

The 62 year old has 480 acres of predominantly arable land near Kirkliston, which he farms under a contract agreement with Dundas Castle Farms of South Queensferry.

He sits on the finance committee and chairs the fundraising committee of the charity Queensferry Churches Care in the Community and is also a member of the Society of High Constables of Edinburgh, which plays an important part in the ceremonial life of the Capital and runs a number of charitable projects. He recently stood down as President of the Scottish Gun Club.

Wilson Marshall takes over the Oatridge chairmanship from Robbie Brechin, who is stepping aside after five years in the job, but will remain a member of the Board for at least another two years.

Linda sweeps out of Oatridge

The College has just said goodbye to Linda Denholm, who has been a cleaner at the College for 15 years. She is off to Dundee to be with her partner. Cleaning supervisor Barbara McGrane says: "Linda was well liked by the whole team and by the students. We'll miss her sense of humour."



Compliments paid to the piper



Oatridge has said a fond farewell to Graeme Bryce, a stalwart of the Greenkeeping team, who doubled-up as piper in residence for all the big occasions at the College, since he joined the staff in 2005.

Graeme's talents as a Grade One piper may not be as much in demand in his new job at Myerscough College in Lancashire but, according to Principal David James, his ability to bring out the best in his students and work with his colleagues and the industry will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Graeme, groups of Oatridge students have had the unique opportunity to work as volunteers at the magnificent Loch Lomond golf course before and during Scottish Open Championships in recent years. As a piper, he played for the Duchess of Rothesay when as Patron she opened the on-campus Scottish National Equestrian Centre. The picture shows Graeme Bryce (Right) with David James after a farewell presentation.

And on the subject of Greenkeepers...

Our series introducing readers to the teams of specialists who make the College tick so smoothly pitches up this month with the Greenkeepers. On the left here is **Steve Miller**, who has been at Oatridge for 18 years now and is both team leader and course tutor. His responsibilities cover everything to do with teaching and training in greenkeeping and sports turf management as well as liaising with the industry.

Before joining academia, Steve was a contracts manager, which may be where he acquired a taste for champagne, which he tells us is his favourite tippie.



On the right is lecturer **Alan Jacobsen**, who is a relative newcomer at Oatridge – he arrived just 11 months ago – but a man with 21 years experience in the greenkeeping sector. He went straight into the job after leaving school and ultimately worked in management at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club, which has one of the UK's top 100 courses.



Brian Williams describes himself as "a bad penny" because he "turned up" at Oatridge for the second time in 2007. In between stints at the College he spent a number of years working in and latterly managing social inclusion and employability projects at Midlothian Council. He says: "I'm thankful for the opportunity to work in this field and extremely proud to have had some small part in the successes of a number of my clients."

At Oatridge Brian lectures on a wide range of full and part-time courses in Sports Turf, Horticulture and Landscaping and is year-one tutor for the SVQ3 Sports Turf course. He also designs and delivers bespoke training packages for external clients and like his colleagues, spends a fair bit of time liaising with employers to ensure the College is meeting their requirements.



Your space – where you can promote your company, products or events*

Climate Change Programme – Open to all

Wednesday 5th May, Optimum Manure Management Event, New Deer, Aberdeenshire

The technical session in the morning will include presentations from SAC, Earthcare Technical & SGRPID. They will look at storage & handling, when, where and how much to apply, putting a nutrient value on FYM/slurry, benefits to production, role & benefits of composting and the funding options under SRDP. The event will also include a visit to D & E Smith, Mains of Inkhorn, Ellon, a lowland mixed farm finishing cattle, sheep and pigs, to discuss how these principles can be put into practice. The cost is £40.00 plus VAT.

Thursday 20th May, Managing Livestock in a Changing Climate, Glensaugh, Laurencekirk, Grampian

The technical session in the morning will include presentations from John Vipond, Johnny Mackay & David Ross. Topics to be covered include improving productivity & efficiency through health and diet, selecting and managing livestock to suit changing weather patterns, producing home grown feed; identifying and managing diseases and stresses. Funding options under SRDP/LMO. In the afternoon we will tour Glensaugh Farm to discuss how these principles can be put into practice. The cost is £40.00 plus VAT. For further details call Lyn on 0131 666 0847 or email [lmatheson@soilassociation.org](mailto:matheson@soilassociation.org)

Just the jobs

BEAR Scotland Ltd are looking for a landscape junior who should have experience of Excel and Word. Anyone interested should contact Michael Stretch, Senior Landscape Manager, BEAR Scotland Ltd, Inveralmond Road, Inveralmond Industrial Estate, Perth PH1 3TW or phone 0845 413 0803.

*Contact ebarrero@oatridge.ac.uk to discuss your inclusion in this section.



Landbased Round-up

£2 million for rural heritage projects

Eleven projects around Scotland are to share in £2 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund. They include £49,900 to the RSPB to recruit two community officers for Islay and Colonsay to promote greater public engagement, through £39,000 to Solway Heritage for a two year project to encourage local people in Dumfries and Galloway to record the bugs they find in their gardens, to £6,900 for a plan by a local Community School to conserve the memories of the first people to be born or live in the village of Westquarter in Falkirk district, which was built to replace slum housing in the mining village of Standburn.

www.hlf.org.uk

Anger over Budget whisky hike

The Scotch Whisky Association has slammed as "totally misguided" the Chancellor Alistair Darling's policy on spirit duty, which added 38 pence to a bottle in the latest budget. The Association says that the duty, which is already higher than that on beer, wine and cider has risen 21.6% in the last two years and now accounts for £6.66 on a bottle of Scotch.

Gavin Hewitt, the Chief Executive of the SWA says: The Chancellor's duty escalator policy has failed. Revenue from spirits to the Treasury fell by £49 million in 2009. The duty rise by a Scottish Chancellor will not secure the increased revenue he is looking for and it undermines an industry which brings massive economic benefit to Scotland. He has hit Scotch at home and set a bad example for duty regimes in our export markets."

www.scotch-whisky.org.uk

Delay on animal health "bad news for farmers" – NFUS

The National Farmers Union in Scotland is warning that delays in devolving the animal health budget from Defra to the Scottish Government will prove a bad deal for the industry in Scotland.

Scottish Ministers were expecting the switch to happen on April 1st 2010, but it became clear in the Budget that it would not happen and the issue is unlikely to be resolved for at least a year. Scotland is in charge of animal health and welfare policy, but thanks to an anomaly in the devolution settlement, the budget remains with the Treasury.

NFU Scotland president Jim McLaren says: "The fact that no settlement may be forthcoming for a further 12 months is unacceptable and the nation's farmers deserve a full explanation as to why this has dragged on for so long before Defra chose to indicate that it's not going to happen in April as planned".

"The announcement also comes against the backdrop of the substantial departmental funding cuts that emerged in the surrounds of the Chancellor's Budget. There is a real fear that there may be little money left for Scotland by the time the budget is devolved."

www.nfus.org.uk

Pelamis given go-ahead for three wave projects

Edinburgh-based Pelamis Wave Power has won lease options from the Crown Estates for three major offshore wave energy projects, in the world's first seabed leasing round. Working individually with Scottish Power Renewables and E.ON they will develop two 50MW offshore projects off the west coast of the Orkney Islands and they plan to construct their own 50MW wave farm off the north coast of Sutherland.

www.pelamiswave.com



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Argyll community buys the forest and the trees

The Kilfinan Community Forest Company (KCFC) has successfully completed the first phase of a plan to buy the Acharossan Forest from the Forestry Commission with the aim of halting the depopulation of the remote and fragile area.

KCFC raised £130,000, just days short of the deadline, to purchase 125 acres near Tighnabruaich and plans to snap up a further 325 acres and develop a whole range of projects to bring jobs to the surrounding settlements of Kames, Ardlamont, Millhouse, Portavadie, Kilfinan and Otter Ferry. The population of this part of Argyll has fallen from 3,500 to just 700 in the past 50 years.

www.kilfinancommunityforest.com

EMEC recruits

The European Marine Energy Centre on Orkney, which is rapidly developing as a work-leader in testing wave and tidal energy technology, is expanding its workforce to meet growing demand.

Five new members of staff are to be added to the 13-strong team already employed by the Centre.

www.emec.org.uk

Raising a glass to Abhainn Dearg

The first cask of whisky distilled on Lewis in 170 years has left the island and will feature at the Europe's largest whisky festival, which will welcome 3,000 buyers from around the world.

The cask of Abhainn Dearg (Red River) was snapped up by Alba Imports and will be opened at the Limburg Festival. The single Malt will be known as Spirit of Lewis and is produced using island-grown barley. It is planned to double production and produce its first bottling next year, in time for the Royal Nation Mod's return to the Outer Hebrides.

www.abhainndearg.co.uk

Nevis Bakery plans major investment

Nevis Bakery is planning a £280,000 investment at its Fort William premises to meet growing demand for its premium range of biscuits, shortbread and loaf cakes. The family run business supplies supermarkets, delicatessens and other food outlets all over the UK and is taking over a larger unit adjoining its existing bakery on the Annat Industrial Estate and plans to move into the new facility during April.

www.nevisbakery.com

Date for SNH and DCS merger

The Deer Commission Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage are to merge on July 1st this year, it has been announced. The two organisations already share headquarters in Inverness and have been working closely together since the Scottish Government announced that it wanted to cut the number of public bodies.

Roseanna Cunningham, the Minister for the Environment, says: "Bringing the responsibilities of the Deer Commission for Scotland into Scottish Natural Heritage is a sensible move, which will combine the strengths of both."

www.scotland.gov.uk

And now the haggis pakora...

Scotland brought the world the deep fried Mars Bar – among other things – and now it is bringing North America the haggis pakora. Award-winning chef Tony Singh will join a host of politicians, tourist chiefs and business bosses who will be visiting the United States and Canada later this month for Scotland Week. Also on Tony's menu to impress guests and media representatives with the quality and freshness of Scotland world-class cuisine, will be Punjabi Salmon.

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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.

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

The courses included on the following 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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ILA funding for Courses

In the following pages, all courses marked * are ILA Approved. ILA Scotland is a Scottish Government scheme that helps you pay for learning that you can do at a time, place, pace and in a way to suit you.

You could get help towards the cost of learning with a learner account from **ILA Scotland**.

See <http://www.ilascotland.org.uk/ILA+Homepage.htm>

To apply for an Individual Learning Account Tel: 0808 100 10 90



Please find in the next pages a list of our short courses...



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Chainsaw Operations

***Maintenance, Crosscutting and Felling Small Trees up to 200 mm** (Lantra Awards Accredited) 4 day course.
Dates: 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: 19-23 April, 24-28 May £780

*Forklift Operation

(Lantra Awards Accredited) 3 day course
Dates: TBA £450

***Brushcutters** Course (Lantra Awards Accredited) £225
Dates: TBA 2 day 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: 14 Sep £200

*** Blacksmithing – An Introduction (Basic)**
A 4 day intensive course. 9-12 Aug £200

*** Welding – An Introduction (Basic)**
A 10 week programme an introduction to welding skills (Evening Course - 6.30-9pm)
Course start dates: 15 Sep £200

*** Welding– An Introduction (Basic)**
A 4 day intensive course. 9-12 Aug £200

Vermin Control

*** Vermin Control - Rabbits, Moles & Rodent Control**
Lantra Awards Accredited 2 day course: Dates: 26-27 Apr; 14 -15 Jun; 19-20 Jul £210

*** Vermin Control – Rabbits and moles**
Lantra Awards Accredited 1 day course: 26 Apr; 14 Jun; 19 Jul £165

- **Vermin Control – Rodent Control**
- Lantra Awards Accredited 1 day course: 27 Apr, 15 Jun; 20 Jul £165

Using Sprayers

*** Safe Use of Pesticides – Training for PA1 Foundation** (NPTC Accredited) 1 day course:
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 : 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 TBA £150

PA2A Tractor Mounted Applicator test
Dates arranged following training (above) £220

Health and Safety

*** First Aid at Work HSE** Accredited 3 day course:
1-3 Jun £120

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

*** Emergency First Aid** 1-day Oatridge Attendance Certificate
31 May £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**
1 day course : dates TBA £TBA

Construction Skills - for DIY or Trade Skills Updating
* Drystone Dyking A 5 day training course: 14-18 Jun £350

*Introduction to basic brickwork & trowel skills
An Oatridge 3 day course: TBA £300

* Brickwork & Trowel skills update
An Oatridge 3 day course: 28-30 Apr £300

* Timber Decking
An Oatridge 3 day course TBA £300

* Introduction to Garden Paving
An Oatridge 3 day course, 14-16 Apr £300

* Paving Skills Update 3 days, 12-14 May £300

For further information and to make bookings contact, please contact Moira 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

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

Course 1: 8 x 3hour sessions. Dates 29 Jul-3 Aug
All sessions 9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm £180

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

Course 1: 4 x 3hour sessions. Dates 29 Jul-3 Aug
All sessions 9am – 12pm or 1pm – 4pm £100

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

Course 1: 4 x 3hour sessions. Dates 29 Jul-3 Aug
All sessions 9am – 12pm or 1pm – 4pm £100

***Training for BHS Stage 2: Horse Knowledge, Care and Riding**

Course 1: 12 x 3hour sessions. Dates 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25 Aug
All sessions 9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm £225

***Training for BHS Stage 2 Horse Knowledge & Care Only**

Course 1: 6 x 3hour sessions. Dates 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25 Aug
All sessions 9am – 12pm or 1pm – 4pm £150

***Training for BHS Stage 2 Riding Only**

Course 1: 6 x 3hour sessions. Dates 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25 Aug
All sessions 9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm £150

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
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Telephone 01506 865714 Fax 01506 865716
E-mail gblackie@oatridge.ac.uk



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Leisure – Pet Care

Dog Agility – Basic -10 weeks: 14 Sep 2010; 11Jan 2011; 29 Mar 2011 (Evening Course 5.45-6.45 £50

Dog Agility – Advanced -10 weeks: 14 Sep 2010; 11Jan 2011; 29 Mar 2011 (Evening Course 6.45-7.45 or 7.45 – 8.45pm) £50

For further information and to make bookings please contact Moira Montgomery at Oatridge College
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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

***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)

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*
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