

**Saturday 5th January 2008 Wassailing the Apple Trees
Wilson's' Orchard 4.30-6.30pm**

Apple Cause event: Celebrate old Christmas Day by Wassailing the Apple Trees. This old magic makes sure they bear well in 2008. Eat potatoes hot from the bonfire and drink spicy punch. Wrap up against the weather, including suitable footwear. Oh - and bring a torch.

Wednesday 23rd January Introduction to Fruit Tree Grafting & Pruning (1) Abington Lodge Barn 7.15-9.30pm

The first of three sessions. On these dark nights now is the time to learn the theory behind grafting and pruning and why they are so important.

Monday 4th February Introduction to Fruit Tree Grafting & Pruning (2) The Secret Garden 2.30-5.30pm

The follow-on from January's session. This time we will concentrate on different grafting techniques. There will be material to practice your new skills and there is an opportunity, for a cost of £2.50 to non members to take away a newly grafted apple tree or bring along a twig of an apple tree that you would like to graft.

Tuesday 5th and 19th February Hedge Planting Wilson's' Orchard 2.30-5.30pm

Drop in and help plant a hedge of hawthorn and other local tree species. You'll be welcome if for only part of the time.

Monday 25th February Design and Create a Willow Arbour The Secret Garden 2.30-5.30pm

At the end of last year we redesigned our pond, this has given us space to enjoy a sitting area just by the pond, so we are going to build a seat from willow and soil and give it a camomile seat...interested?

Thursday 6th March Introduction to Fruit Tree Grafting & Pruning (3) Venue to be confirmed 4.30-6.30pm

Got some older fruit trees and don't know how to prune them? As the sap is down it is time to learn. This session can be used as a follow on from the previous 2 or as a stand alone. Please bring your own secateurs (though we will have some spares).

Wednesday 12th March Soap Making Abington Lodge Barn, 7.00-8.30pm

A chance to make melt and pour soap for a gift or even for yourself. We will melt down some soap and add herbs and/or petals of your choice and scent them with essential oils. Each will go home with a bar of soap. Cost to non members £2.50

Thursday 27th March Spring Bug Hunt Kings Heath Community Allotment 11.00 - 2.00pm

Question: Where do the bugs hide in winter and are they coming out yet? Answer: Everywhere! And we're gonna find them. You bring gloves and maybe a hand-lens. We'll have the drinks & pooters (what's that?)

Monday 31st March Nettle Nosh Abington Lodge Barn 7.15-8.30pm Ever tasted the different types of home-made Nettle Soup? Come and be adventurous and join our feast on nettles and take home a recipe sheet.

All events are free for members. For further details about membership and events contact

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Volunteer for 2008

SCE's organic, wildlife and permaculture gardens, orchards and wildlife sites, in Northampton and beyond, need your help.

The Apple Cause needs help from jam, chutney & juice-makers, poster designers, party-organisers and anyone who knows of orchards. Could this be YOU or someone you know?

And Boughton Lane Pocket Park, near Moulton Leys, specially needs more friends. Do you live near? If so please do get in touch.

REGULAR WORK DAYS : All are Welcome.

When	Site	Area
Monday: details vary so please phone	Secret Garden	Kingsthorpe
Tuesday 10-4.00	Wilson's Orchard	Billing Rd East
Thursday 10-3.00	Meadow View	Kingsthorpe
Thursday 10-4.00	Hunthe Garden	Abington
Friday 10-4.00	Abington Lodge	Abington
Details vary so please phone	Boughton Lane Pocket	Moulton Park

Can't manage weekdays?

Ask us about evenings/weekends

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South Court Environmental Calendar of Events January-March 2008



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