

Home Growing

Many fruit tree types that grow well in e.g. Kent cannot cope with the climate in Wales rapidly succumbing to disease and failing to thrive. Knowledge of the varieties that can thrive will go a long way in ensuring a good fruit crop at home. This means being able to enjoy fresh fruit that you know the provenance of, not having to wonder about sprays and chemicals applied. Also home growing of fruit drastically reduces the food miles involved. Some of the fruit we buy can have travelled from China!

At the society's meetings, informative talks on fruit tree care, propagation, and identification can help the members gain the knowledge they need.

Using Your Fruit

Once you've produced your fruit what can you do with it? Obviously eat it as delicious fresh fruit, but what about putting your hard fruits through a juicer to make really fresh juice?

Make jams, chutneys and marmalades.

Bake pies, cakes, turnovers.

Try making your own cider and perry

Make your own wine

Try drying fruit to preserve it

Why not visit our web site to see if there are any recipes you like.

Got a really good recipe or a use for fruit we haven't thought of? Please share it with us.

Meetings

The society meets regularly 5 times a year at Scolton Manor near Haverfordwest.

The meetings are typically on the last Monday of the month in February, April, June, September, November.

Each meeting has a theme, passing on information to the members.

Meetings in other areas of Wales are arranged periodically, members will be notified of time location and subject

In 2008 members of TFSW have been involved in an advisory role with the Afallon Teilo project, setting up a community orchard in Llandeilo, and the Creation project in Blaengarw, setting up a 5 acre orchard on reclaimed land. It is hoped to begin the planting of an orchard around the Pineapple House at Scolton Manor in the Autumn of 2008

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The Tree Fruit Society of Wales is a member of the National Orchards Forum



Membership Application

I wish to apply for membership of the Tree Fruit Society of Wales

Name.....

Address.....
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Postcode.....

Phone

E-mail

I enclose:

1. A cheque for £5.00 made payable to Tree Fruit Society of Wales.

2. A stamped self addressed envelope

Please send to

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The Aims of the Tree Fruit Society of Wales

To preserve the old native varieties of Welsh Tree Fruit

To encourage people to grow their own tree fruit.

To help people in the identification of fruit trees, particularly the old native Welsh varieties

To organise events and activities which further these aims

Preservation of Varieties

Where old varieties are identified the aim is to propagate young trees to ensure continuation of that variety. In this way we ensure that the attributes of that variety are not lost and remain available for future generations. As our climate changes, it may be that older varieties are needed to breed new ones which can withstand the differing conditions.

Events and Activities

The Society holds events such as lectures, plant sales and fruit days to encourage the cultivation of fruit and advance knowledge of fruit growing.

Old Native Varieties

In the middle of the 19th century the number of recognised cultivars of fruit trees in Wales was in the thousands. Now only a couple of hundred varieties are known. Despite dedicated searching by a large number of people in 2007 only 20 varieties came to light.

Many of the “Lost” cultivars may still be out there, but as people have moved house, or older family members passed away, the knowledge of the identity of the tree has been lost.

Members of TFSW have been involved in the GLASU project, identifying orchards and fruit varieties in Powys

The Tree Fruit Society of Wales would be only too pleased to hear from anyone knowing the whereabouts of an old unidentified fruit tree, whether on their own land or in a hedgerow

Is the society just for orchard owners and commercial growers?

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in fruit trees. Any level of expertise is welcome, from the lifelong expert to the complete novice. With the availability of different rootstocks, fruit trees can be grown in most gardens. The meetings present a forum for the more experienced and knowledgeable to help the novice with queries and problems