

Bishops Waltham Community Orchard

Fruit Descriptions

APPLES

Hampshire Heritage Varieties:

Hambledon Deus Ans; Dual purpose. Silver-green, turning golden- yellow. Ready in late September, keeps to April – sometimes keeps for 2 yrs, hence its name! Hambledon, Hants. 1750

Ernie's Russet: Not strictly a Heritage but Isle of Wight-raised. A large colourful russet apple. Ready in September keeps til end of October.

Howgate Wonder: Cooker. Light sweet fruit which keeps its shape when cooked. Holds record for the biggest apple! Ready October, keeps to March. Bembridge, IoW. 1915

Other Varieties;

Bramley: The iconic and well-known cooker! Large green apple flushed red on sunny side. High vitamin C content. Ready October/Nov. keeps to March. Nottinghamshire 1875

Discovery: Bright scarlet fruit with sweet 'strawberry' flavour. Ready August and keeps longer than other early varieties.

Pinova: A Cox cultivar. An attractive yellow apple with a pink/orange flush. Ready September, keeps to Nov/December. Introduced from Germany 1986

Scrumptious: The name says it all! Red, aromatic, crisp and firm with a sweet flavour. Ready September, keeps to January.

Pears

Beth: Attractive small smooth-skinned, yellow fruit, very sweet and juicy. Ready August.

Beurre Hardy: Dual purpose. Large russet fruit, tender and juicy. Pick when still hard on tree. Ready September. France 1820

Concord: Conference/Comice cross. The best new pear! Large with a perfect sweet flavour. Ready October, keeps to December.

Damson

Merryweather: Cooker. Very prolific and hardy, with large blue- black fruit. Good for freezing and bottling. A self-fertile, spreading tree. Ready - September.

Gage

Denniston's Superb: Very hardy and reliable dessert variety. Similar to the original greengage but has larger, dark green/yellow fruit. Ready from August

Quince

Vranja: large golden-yellow fruits. Great for jellies/marmalades and for adding to apple dishes to improve flavour. Ready - October/November. Serbia 1800

Mulberry

St. James: It may be a few years before it produces its large black Logan berry-like fruit; when it does, they are extremely juicy with amazing flavour! - wonderful for jellies and coulis. Ready - August/ September.

Crab Apples

Included because they are good pollinators for the orchard, will attract beneficial insects and provide winter food for wildlife, so please leave some for the birds!

Red Sentinel: White blossom in April/May followed by large clusters of striking, deep red fruit which lasts through the winter.

Golden Hornet: White blossom followed by bright yellow fruit in abundance.

Neville Copeman: 'Purple Crab.' Purple young foliage and pale purple flowers in spring, followed by orange-red fruits.