


COMBERTON ACADEMY TRUST COURSE INFORMATION

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| Course Title | Growing Vegetables, A Beginner's Guide | | | |  |
| Course Description | The workshop will cover how to grow vegetables, herbs and allied crops, no matter how large or small you plot is (it might be just your balcony/windowsill/hanging basket). We'll look at growing veg outdoors; consider crop rotation; choosing cultivars; how to protect against common pests and diseases and growing veg under cover: cultivars; composts. How and when to start seeds; how to deal with perennial veg crops (e.g. Jerusalem artichokes); how to harvest and store your veg. Also, pollinator-friendly methods of pest control; how to minimise pest attack; many other hints and tips. | | | | |
| Start Date | 4 February 2017 | Day & Time | 10.00am - 4.00pm | Venue | Cambourne Village College |
| Tutor Details | Margaret Waddy (BSc Hort) has taught the RHS Level 2 course at Bottisham Village College, since 2007. She spent 10 years micropropagating plants, before transferring to a marketing role with PBI Cambridge. She liaised with plant breeders and growers at State-aided research stations through the 1980s. She also worked for two years on Gardener's World with the legendary Geoff Hamilton. | | | | |
| No. of wks | 1 | Terms | | 1 | |
| Fee | £27 | Concessionary Fee | | £20 | |
| Course Level: | Mixed ability | | | Yes | |
| | Level 1, Level 2 (equiv. to GCSE / NVQ2) | | | | |
| | Level 3 Equivalent GCE A Level | | | | |
| Skills or qualifications needed for entry into the class | | | None | | |
| Course aims & objectives | | | | | |
| To introduce learners to the techniques for growing vegetables in a range of situations; to build on the learners' experience; developing their confidence to try new crops. | | | | | |
| Progression – after this course what might you do next? | | | | | |
| Study RHS Level 2 at Bottisham Village College. Visit gardens to get inspiration and investigate courses at Cambridge University Botanic Garden. | | | | | |

| How progress & success will be recorded | |
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| Feedback from learners. | |
| Additional course costs (e.g. visits, materials, books, equipment) | |
| None - handouts will be provided. | |
| Materials/equipment required for first class | Tutor will bring pots/seed/compost. Handouts will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch and drink (hot drinks are not available in the school) |
| Contact for further information | Community Education: 01223 264721 commed@combertonvc.org |

Equalities statement

We are fully committed to equality of opportunity and welcome enrolments from everyone. We positively encourage all learners with any concerns about specific needs which might affect their learning to discuss their requirements with us in confidence. We believe that everyone is entitled to learn in an environment that is free from discriminatory behaviour so that we build a community based on mutual trust and respect.

We will ensure that resources and equipment are accessible to all and make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all learners can access activities

Enrolment and payment

Please enrol at Comberton Village College for all courses, including those in Cambourne and Melbourn. Fees can be paid by cheque, cash or debit card. Payments are not processed until classes are viable but please assume the class is running once payment has been sent, unless you hear to the contrary. Please send an SAE or email contact for confirmation or a receipt.

By Post: **Adult Education, Comberton Village College, Comberton, Cambridge, CB23 7DU.**
Cheques payable to: *Comberton Village College.*

In Person Please bring payment to the college reception.

9.00–4.45 pm Mon–Thurs & 7.00–9.30 pm Mon and Weds, term time only.

Summer Holiday: we pick up messages each week and return calls and emails. We are closed in other school holidays.

By Phone 01223 264721 and pay by debit card.

Refunds are only available if we close a class or you withdraw at least two weeks before the start. In the latter case there is a £5 administrative charge. Classes cancelled by us due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. tutor illness or college closure due to heavy snow) will be replaced with an extra class at the end.

Concessionary Fees (25% discount) are available if you receive a means-tested benefit (evidence to be provided). It is also possible to pay by instalments and this method of payment is available even if you do not qualify for a concessionary fee. Please ask for details.

Safeguarding Statement

Arrangements have been made to make sure that you are safe in our centres. If you feel you are not safe for any reason, for example through verbal or physical abuse or you have been discriminated against, please tell your tutor or the centre manager, who will investigate to ensure your safety.