GILLIFLOWER **Culinary/dessert apple**

A very old English apple dating at least from Parkinson in 1629, historically grown from Cumberland to Kent.

WILLIAMS BON CHRÉTIEN **Pear**

Bon Chrétien pears were known by the Romans, and in the 16th century were considered the best pear of all.

VIOLETTE **Dessert/culinary apple**

Known in France by 1628, and in England later that century. Named Violette because of its dark colour and violet bloom.

KIRK'S SEEDLING **Culinary/dessert apple**

Possibly originated with Kirk of Derby, who exhibited it in 1900. The skin has a strawberry scent. The flesh does not discolour when cut.

GLADSTONE **Dessert apple**

A seedling that arose around 1780 and was found in a field near Kidderminster by William Jackson of Blakedown Nursery. It was introduced as Jackson's Seedling in 1868 and was renamed in 1883.

PUCKRUPP PIPPIN **Dessert apple**

A late dessert apple, first described in 1872, though possibly a much older apple. It may have originated in Puckrup, Gloucestershire. An apple with a sweet, citric flavour and firm, deep cream flesh, storing until February.

STRIPED BEEFING **Culinary/dessert/cider apple**

Discovered in 1794 in the garden of William Crowe of Norwich, but not widely grown until the mid-19th century. A late culinary/dessert apple with large, striking fruit, of irregular shape and with broad dark red stripes, which stores until May.

ACKLAM RUSSET **Dessert/culinary apple**

From Acklam, near Malton, Yorkshire. Its first known date was thought to be 1768, but a document at Aldby Park suggests its origin is before 1750.

ROUSSELET DE RHEIMS **Pear**

A truly ancient pear first mentioned by Le Lectier in 1628. It has also been known in Britain since the 17th century. Scott (1872) said "no pear has been more sought after or esteemed in times gone by".

RED DEVIL **Desert/cider** Apple

A cross of Discovery with pollen from Malling Kent and introduced in 1975. The red fruit is multipurpose which means it can be used as a desert, for cooking or making cider. The white flesh is stained pink with pink stains. Crisp and juicy, the sweetness develops a pronounced strawberry flavour in storage.

BELLE DE LOUVAIN **Plum**

An old variety, possibly raised by Van Mons in Belgium since it was found in his collection in 1845.

MEADFOOT **Pear**

An old variety, the original name of which is obscure and unlikely to be discovered.

LANGTON'S NONSUCH **Culinary apple**

This was originally called Langton None Such when described by the Reverend William Hanbury of Church-Langton, Leicestershire in 1770. It was also noted by Richard Weston in 1773. Hanbury said it "is a large, beautiful Apple, finely stained, or variegated with red and yellow next the sun, and of a greenish-yellow colour on the opposite side. The flesh is tender, and full of juice, which, in dry, warm situations, is so rich as to render the fruit equal to an orange in goodness." Tests show that their vitamin C is high by some distance.

LEMON PIPPIN **Dessert/culinary apple**

A very old apple, thought to be English or Norman, in existence in England before 1685. In the 18th and 19th centuries it was dried and used for tarts as well as being eaten for dessert.

RENAISSANCE **Dessert apple**

An old, now unknown variety brought to light by Geoff Goodchild of Hughenden Valley, Bucks. Aware of it being such a superior apple, he sought the name without success, and it has been compared with thousands, without a match. It has been renamed 'Renaissance' in the sense of 'reborn'.

ARCHIDUCHESSE SOPHIE **Dessert apple**

Around 1823, an apple was raised by Joseph Schmidberger at the monastery of Saint-Florian near Linz, Austria. It was late known in France and England by the name of Archiduchesse Sophie.

ETHELBERT OAKENFULL **Dessert/culinary apple**

Mr Ethelbert Oakenfull (known as Bert) found a 4-foot sapling growing at a disused Italian POW camp at Hatfield Hyde, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, in 1956. The old World War II Nissen Huts were used by Murphy Radios, where Bert was a French polisher. Two saplings were growing in an overgrown hedgerow. Bert took one and planted it in his back garden at Green Acres, Welwyn Garden City, where it still grows today.

NANCY LEE **Dessert/culinary apple**

A mature tree, probably arising as a 'Wilding', from a discarded core or dropped apple. It was 'adopted' by Dr Alexandra Freeman of Steventon, Oxfordshire, who lived close to it many years ago, outside Blewbury, and named it Nancy Lee, after her grandmother. The very tall tree is buried within a hedgerow, on the edge of the ancient Woodway Road that leads up to the Berkshire Downs.

LAPINS **Cherry**

Obtained in 1983, it is a variety of Canadian cherry of the 'picota' type. It is currently the cherry variety most planted in the world.