Fruit varieties for Model Market Garden

Apple

• ‘Blenheim Orange’ was named after the Duke of Marlborough’s estate, Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, where the first seedling was discovered in the 1780s. It has dual use – culinary and dessert
• ‘Cellini’ is a variety that was raised by the nurseryman Leonard Phillips of Vauxhall in 1828 and was grown around London in the C19th. It has dual use – culinary and dessert
• ‘Cox’s Orange Pippin’ is a dessert apple bred by Richard Cox of Colnbrook near Heathrow in the 1820s. It caught on in the 1850s when Queen Victoria’s head gardener, Thomas Ingram, started growing them
• ‘Reverend W. Wilks’ was raised by J. Allgrove of Langley Nursery, Slough, Berkshire. Introduced by Messrs Veitch of Chelsea, London in 1908. Named after the prominent Secretary of the RHS, the Vicar of Shirley, Surrey. Culinary
• ‘Royal Jubilee’ is a culinary apple raised by John Graham of Hounslow in 1887 for Queen Victoria’s jubilee

Pear

• ‘Beurre Hardy’ was raised c.1820 in Boulogne, France. A widely grown commercial variety in France and elsewhere in continental Europe and on a small scale in the UK. Dessert
• ‘Durondeau’ is a dessert pear raised by Durondeau in Belgium c.1811
• ‘Williams’ Bon Chretien’ pear – 1770 – developed by a nursery in Turnham Green by Richard Williams

Plum

• ‘Czar’ – 1874 – developed by famous fruit nurseryman Thomas Rivers in Hertfordshire in 1871. As the Russian Emperor Alexander II was on a visit to the UK at the time the variety was names Czar in his honour. It became an established commercial variety in the UK and elsewhere in Europe. Ideal for cooking and making jam
• ‘Victoria’ – before 1838 – became the most popular variety in Britain. Supposedly from Alderton in Sussex, there appears to be no such place! The original seedling of Victoria plum was found in a garden at Alderton, Sussex. It was bought by Denyer a nurseryman at Brixton in London who introduced the variety c 1840. It is the most widely grown commercial variety in the UK

Cherry

• ‘May Duke’ is an old variety from before 1665 and possibly from Kent – sweet, delicious dessert cherry
• ‘Napoleon’ – 1815 – raised in Ludlow by Charlotte Knight and her father, Thomas Andrew Knight just after the Battle of Waterloo. Very juicy, deep red dessert fruit