

## HISTORIC LIFE

### HIGH SUMMER DYES FROM THE COTTAGE GARDEN

Prepare dye pots of unusual colours and dip and dye wool samples to take home. Try simple spin and weave techniques.

**Tutor: Janet Bradley**

Sunday 31 August

Cost: £55

### FAMILY HISTORY FOR BEGINNERS

Research origins of surnames, birth, marriage and death records, census returns, parish registers, records and maps to help build your family tree.

**Tutor: Janet Bradley**

Sunday 28 September

Cost: £40

### BAKING DAY IN THE FARMER'S COTTAGE

Take part in a Victorian baking day, using the bread oven to bake loaves and Shrewsbury Cakes. Make a Shropshire Heart, a very special corn dolly.

**Tutor: Margaret Newsome**

Monday 29 September

Cost: £60

### A VICTORIAN HOUSEWIFE'S SEWING BOX

Explore Victorian costume and textiles. Prepare a lavender bag and try rag rug making, using traditional tools and techniques.

**Tutor: Janet Bradley**

Sunday 5 October

Cost: £55

## COTTAGE CRAFTS & TRADES

### PATCHWORK AND QUILTING FOR BEGINNERS

An introduction to the basics of patchwork, quilting and applique and the individual techniques needed.

**Tutor: Stephanie Jacobs**

Sunday 11 May

Cost: £55

### SPINNING FOR BEGINNERS

Learn how to card wool and spin using a drop spindle and a spinning wheel. Work with wool from our Shropshire sheep, flax, silk and alpaca.

**Tutor: Margaret Newsome**

Saturday 14 June, Saturday 28 June

Cost: £55

### BRINKLEY LOOM WEAVING

Learn to weave on the simple and unique Brinkley Loom with a rainbow of plant dyed and natural coloured fleece and yarn.

**Tutor: Jane Meredith**

Saturday 21 June

Cost: £65

### MAKING BOBBIN LACE - BEGINNERS COURSE

Wind your bobbins, dress your lace pillow and learn the basic stitches to set you on the path to creating beautiful lace.

**Tutor: Margaret Newsome**

Saturday 16 August

Cost: £55



Many of these courses make ideal presents. Please phone us if you would like the day to be a surprise!

### RAG RUG MAKING I

Learn the traditional techniques of hooking and propping strips of fabric through hessian backing to make rugs, wall hangings or seat mats.

**Tutor: Jenni Stuart-Anderson**

Saturday 23 August

Cost: £55

### VICTORIAN CRAZY PATCHWORK CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Create your own Christmas stocking using crazy patchwork and decorative stitching skills.

**Tutor: Stephanie Jacobs**

Sunday 19 October

Cost: £55

### RAG RUG MAKING II

Learn plaiting as well as hooking and propping; essential skills for making a braided rug.

**Tutor: Jenni Stuart-Anderson**

Wednesday 22 October

Cost: £55

### DECORATE A CHRISTMAS WREATH

Starting with a ready-made rattan wreath, create a stunning Victorian style wreath.

**Tutor: Stephanie Jacobs**

Sunday 2 November

Cost: £55

## ART & TEXTILES

### DRESSMAKING SKILLS FROM THE PAST

An introduction to cotton and linen clothing from the 18th and 19th centuries. Plan a garment or make a pattern and practice fine hand stitches.

**Tutor: Sarah Thursfield**

Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 August

Cost: £90

### FLOWERS FROM THE BAILIFF'S GARDEN - A DRAWING AND WATERCOLOUR CLASS

Learn how to draw and paint a variety of plants and flowers in season selected from the Bailiff's garden and vegetable plot.

**Tutor: Angela Gladwell**

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 August

Cost: £80

### VICTORIAN CORSETS

Try out the specialist construction methods for corsetry, and learn a personal drafting system to make a corset to suit you.

**Tutor: Sarah Thursfield**

Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September

Cost: £90

## DAIRYING, BAKING & PRESERVING

### INTRODUCTION TO BREADMAKING

Learn basic breadmaking from a master baker; including how to mix, knead, ferment, shape and bake dough.

**Tutor: Peter Cook**

Thursday 22 May, Thursday 25 September

Cost: £90

### CHILDREN'S FARMHOUSE BAKING

An afternoon of fun learning how to bake farmhouse tea time treats with a child. One adult to two children aged 7 and over.

**Tutor: Sally Jones**

Sunday 1 June, 1.30 – 4.00

followed by a short tea party

Cost: £30 per adult, £10 per child

### MAKE A PORK PIE & PICKLE

Make a traditional hand-raised pie, made using hot water crust pastry and the finest local pork.

**Tutor: Sally Jones**

Sunday 22 June

Cost: £60

### INTRODUCTION TO TRADITIONAL DAIRYING

Make your own soft cheese and butter with an experienced dairymaid. Try milking one of the Acton Scott shorthorn cows!

**Tutor: Jan Hawkins**

Saturday 28 June

Cost: £55

### MAKE A GAME PIE & SHREWSBURY SAUCE

Make a hand-raised game pie using hot water crust pastry and a selection of local game.

**Tutor: Sally Jones**

Sunday 12 October

Cost: £65

### HEDGEROW FRUITS PRESERVING DAY

Make a hedgerow jelly, a vibrant damson curd and a unique sloe and bullace ketchup.

**Tutor: Sara-Jane Brough**

Saturday 20 September

Cost: £60

### ORCHARD FRUIT PRESERVING DAY

Make medlar chutney, quince cheese and a mincemeat of quince, russet and bramley apple, cobnuts and walnuts.

**Tutor: Sara-Jane Brough**

Saturday 18 October

Cost: £60

### INTRODUCTION TO CIDERMAKING

Learn how cider is made and the management of the apple juice for fermentation. Wash and mill the apples before pressing the pulp in a single screw cider press.

**Tutor: Chris King-Turner**

Sunday 26 October

Cost: £80

### SELECTION FOR A CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Make a traditional pudding, chutney, delicate flavoured oil or vinegar and festive iced gingerbreads to fill a small Christmas hamper.

**Tutor: Sally Jones**

Sunday 2 November

Cost: £60



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## HEAVY HORSE DAYS

### WORKING WITH HEAVY HORSES

Learn how to care for, harness and drive Acton Scott's heavy horses and undertake fieldwork. **Tutor: Simon Trueman**  
Saturday 26 April, Saturday 17 May, Sunday 15 June, Saturday 13 September, Saturday 4 October, Saturday 18 October  
**Cost: £80 including a ploughman's lunch.**

### INTRO TO WORKING WITH DONKEYS

Learn how to care for, harness and lead Acton Scott's donkey into the fields to drive the cart. **Tutor: Simon Trueman**  
Saturday 27 September 10.00am – 1.00pm **Cost: £45**

### PLOUGHING WITH HEAVY HORSES

Work with champion ploughman Jim and his experienced horses, learning the basics of ploughing. **Tutor: Jim Elliott**  
Monday 29 & Tuesday 30 September  
Wednesday 1 October & Thursday 2 October  
Friday 3 & Saturday 4 October  
**Cost: £195 including a ploughman's lunch**

### INTRO TO WORKING WITH HEAVY LEATHER

A beginner's guide to selecting leather and tools, cutting methods and traditional stitching. **Tutor: Terry Davis**  
Saturday 21 June **Cost: £70**

### HARNESS MAKING

An introduction to harness types, leathers and tools for those with some experience. You will make a harness-related item to keep. **Tutor: Terry Davis**  
Monday 13 – Friday 17 October **Cost: £420**

## GREENWOOD & WILLOW WORKING

### INTRO TO GREENWOOD & THE POLE LATHE

Learn the skills of a bodger by converting fresh logs into useful items to take away and use at home. **Tutor: Ian Wall**  
Saturday 26 April, Sunday 27 April, Saturday 10 May, Sunday 11 May, Saturday 14 June, Sunday 15 June **Cost: £65**

### WILLOW OBELISKS

Weave two beautiful willow plant supports to take home and grace your garden. **Tutor: Dave Jackson**  
Saturday 17 May **Cost: £70**

### WILLOW HURDLES AND SCREENS

Make a stunning willow hurdle that can be used as a screen or as a feature in your garden. **Tutor: Dave Jackson**  
Sunday 18 May **Cost: £70**

### MAKE A CORACLE

Create your own unique coracle frame and fit a traditional or extra-durable modern cover. Practice the peculiar art of coracle paddling. **Tutor: Alistair Phillips**  
Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 June  
**Cost: traditional cover (calico) £280, modern cover (PVC) £325**

### STICK CARVING & WHITTling

Focus on knife work to carve and whittle whistles, gypsy flowers, whirly gigs, birds and figures from sticks. **Tutor: Dave Jackson**  
Sunday 15 June **Cost: £65**

### CORN DOLLY MAKING

Make a beautiful Shropshire Heart, a Welsh Border Fan, a Suffolk Horseshoe, and a Corny Mouse. **Tutor: Margaret Newsome**  
Saturday 12 July **Cost: £55**

### MAKE A RAKE

Use traditional sharp tools to make all the parts of a rake including head, tines, stail and steam bent brace. **Tutor: Ian Wall**  
Saturday 19 July **Cost: £70**

### MAKE A BENT STICK CHAIR

Create your very own sculptural and natural bent wood chair from sustainably coppiced hazel. **Tutor: Dave Jackson**  
Saturday 16 August & Sunday 17 August  
10.00am – 5.00pm each day **Cost: £150**

### WILLOW BASKETMAKING FOR BEGINNERS AND IMPROVERS

Using a variety of techniques, make a beautiful round basket, with or without a handle. **Tutor: Jenny Pearce**  
Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 October **Cost: £140**

### STARS & ANGELS

Create a tied straw angel for the top of the Christmas tree, delicate snowflake stars and a straw marquetry star. **Tutor: Margaret Newsome**  
Saturday 25 October **Cost: £55**

## CRAFTS & TRADES

### AN INTRODUCTION TO BLACKSMITHING

Cover some fundamental metal forging techniques to make a piece of ironwork to take home. **Tutor: Frazer Picot**  
Saturday 10 May, Sunday 11 May  
Saturday 7 June, Sunday 8 June **Cost: £100**

### DECORATIVE BLACKSMITHING

Learn a range of forging techniques and make a decorative piece of ironwork to take home. **Tutor: Frazer Picot**  
Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 June  
Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September **Cost: £200**

### THE ART OF REPOUSSÉ

Learn the basic techniques and create a decorative piece of Repoussé work to take home. **Tutor: Frazer Picot**  
Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 October **Cost: £250**

### BUILDING A COB OVEN

Help build a cob oven using simple techniques. Fire up an oven and cook your own pizza. **Tutor: Matthew Lloyd**  
Saturday 24 May, Saturday 12 July **Cost: £65**

### WORKING WITH LIME AND TRADITIONAL PLASTERING & RENDERING

Prepare and apply a range of traditional lime mortars, lime renders and lime wash for historic building repair and construction. **Tutor: Colin Richards**  
Friday 13 June, Friday 19 September **Cost: £65**

### HOW TO IMPROVE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF YOUR TRADITIONAL BUILDING

A practical and lecture based day that will cover various techniques to improve heat retention and energy conservation. **Tutor: Colin Richards**  
Saturday 13 September **Cost: £65**

### WHEELWRIGHTING

Each participant is responsible for elements of making a 14 spoke carriage wheel including turning the hub, shaping the spokes and cutting the felloes. **Tutor: Mike Davies**  
Friday 17 – Sunday 19 October **Cost: £325**

## TRADITIONAL COUNTRYSIDE SKILLS

### CREATING A DRY STONE WALL

Learn how to select the right stone, create the footings and build a retaining wall. **Tutor: Dave Marpole**  
Saturday 5 July, Saturday 26 July  
9.30am – 4.00pm **Cost: £70**

### HEDGELAYING

Learn hedgelaying techniques and transform a wild unkempt hedge into a growing boundary using the tools of the trade. **Tutor: Dave Marpole**  
Saturday 25 October, Saturday 1 November  
Saturday 8 November, Saturday 15 November  
9.00am – 4.00pm **Cost: £70**

### ORCHARD RESTORATION

Includes choosing suitable varieties, pruning, disease prevention and restoring unproductive old trees. **Tutor: Paul Davis**  
Saturday 1 November  
10.00am – 3.00pm **Cost: £65**

## SMALLHOLDING SKILLS

### KEEPING PIGS FOR PORK AND BACON

Everything you need to know to get from weaner to plate; from choosing a pig to where to go for advice and help. **Tutor: Sam Jones**  
Sunday 13 April **Cost: £80**

### THE PLIGHT OF THE BEE - AN INTRODUCTION TO SOLITARY BEES AND THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING.

Learn how to identify solitary bees and how to keep honeybees in both traditional hives and by natural bee friendly methods. **Tutor - Brian Goodwin**  
Saturday 26 April, Saturday 11 May **Cost: £45**

### PIG BREEDING FOR SMALLHOLDERS

Everything you need to know to start breeding pigs; from keeping a boar to ear tagging. **Tutor: Sam Jones**  
Sunday 27 April **Cost: £80**

### INTRODUCTION TO THE USE OF THE SCYTHE

Set up the scythe and learn how to hone the blade. Practice scything and find a comfortable, efficient mowing technique. **Tutor: Alastair Inglis**  
Saturday 3 May **Cost: £80**

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### A VICTORIAN HOUSEWIFE'S HERB GARDEN

Identify, sow, plant, grow and harvest herbs. Make a herbal soap and plant up a mini herb garden to take home. **Tutor: Janet Bradley**  
Sunday 15 June **Cost: £55**

### A VICTORIAN HOUSEWIFE'S HERBAL

Find the secret ingredients of a housewife's herbal and make up herbal remedies to take home. **Tutor: Janet Bradley**  
Sunday 6 July **Cost: £55**

### A VICTORIAN HOUSEWIFE'S STILL ROOM

Make scented lavender and rose pot pourri, lemon and rose wash balls. Compose a tussie mussie posy that carries a message for a lover or friend. **Tutor: Janet Bradley**  
Sunday 3 August **Cost: £55**

### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A VICTORIAN FARMER'S WIFE

Change into costume and undertake tasks in the farmyard, the scullery and the dairy. Work on a rag rug, and try your hand at patchwork. **Tutor: Margaret Newsome**  
Monday 4 August **Cost: £60**