

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 proggng 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 proggng; 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**