

## WILLOW CULTIVATION

February 16<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 4pm

Learn how to plant out a new withy bed using 'setts' whilst also harvesting an existing crop. Taking cuttings, proper spacing, ground preparation, maintenance & different harvesting techniques will all be covered.

## LIVING WILLOW CHAIRS

February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
10am till 4.30pm

Learn how to weave & grow your own living willow chair without using a single nail, screw or joint. The skills you'll learn can be used for many other living willow projects. Make sure you have a pleasant & sunny spot in your garden to plant it in.

## HEDGELAYING

March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10am till 4.30pm

A well managed hedge has always been far more effective than a fence, not to mention its benefits to wildlife. Now you can learn not only how, but why hedges should be managed with this traditional technique.



## CORACLES

March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 5pm

These excellent one man boats are ideal for getting up or down stream, they are even light enough to carry on your back. Making your own is as much fun as paddling one! The focus will be on making an Irish Boyne style coracle with a calico covering, complete with seat & paddle.

## HEDGEROW BASKETRY

March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> or  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 4.30pm

See hedgerows in a completely new light. There's an amazing array of colours & textures available from a wide range of hedgerow materials. Learn how to prepare & utilise them to weave your own unique contemporary style, round basket.



## SHRINK POTS

March 30<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 5pm

Shrink pots are an ingenious traditional design that utilises the way wood shrinks in order to create a tight fitting base that can be, water tight. Learn how to carve your own from just two pieces of coppiced wood.

## FAN BIRDS

March 31<sup>st</sup>  
10am till 5pm

These traditional bird carvings from Eastern Europe are carved from a single piece of green wood. First the body of the bird is hand carved & then each feather is delicately split from the billet in order to create its beautiful & curving wing span.

## WATTLE HURDLES

April 20<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 4.30pm

Learn how to prepare & split hazel rods, before weaving your wattle hurdle. Strong, long lasting & pleasing to the eye, ideal for the farm, allotment or garden.

## GARDEN PLANT SUPPORTS

April 21<sup>st</sup>  
10am till 4.30pm

You can choose to make either a conical (wig wam) type plant support, trellis or a woven panel. All made to measure for your own garden using Willow &/or Hazel. Ideal for pea's, bean's & all sorts of climbers.

## SHAVE HORSES

April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 5pm

From a hand full of round logs learn how to make a useful shaving horse device to take home. An ideal introduction into working with green or round wood. It involves many of the basic coppice craft skills such as cleaving, axing, shaving & creating mortice & tenons.



## FRAME BASKETRY

May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 4pm

Using a combination of Willow & Hazel, learn how to weave a gypsy style oval frame basket complete with handle. Ideal for food foraging.

## BENTWOOD HAZEL CHAIRS

May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 5pm

Create a beautiful bentwood hazel chair for your home or garden, using simple hand tools. The techniques employed can also be used to create many other pieces of furniture.



## DRUID OAK CHAIRS

June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
10am till 5pm

Create a beautiful chair for the home or garden from locally grown Kentish Oak, using simple hand tools. The beauty of this ancient design lies in its simplicity.

## SPLITTING, CLEAVING & RIVING

June 29<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 4.30pm

Quicker & much more efficient than sawing. The skill in splitting, cleaving & riving wood is not to be underestimated. Learn how to cleave wood in many different planes & from the smallest of stems to the biggest of logs. Correct use of froes, brakes, wedges, cleaves, knives, bill hooks, axes & levers will all be demonstrated.

## BOWL CARVING

July 13<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 4.30pm

Carve a contemporary style bowl from a solid piece of wood. Correct use & care of axes, chisels & different types of knives will all be shown along with various different hollowing & carving techniques. The main focus will be on creating a unique design that steers away from the more traditional round forms.



## SPOON CARVING

July 14<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 4pm

Learn how to carve your own spoons from locally grown wood. Various shaping & carving techniques will be used to create your own unique wooden spoon, plus some guidance on keeping your tools sharp.

## GATE HURDLES

July 20<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 4pm

Try your hand at cleaving, shaving, mortising & shaping tenons on the heads & rails. Then brace & strop your mini sweet chestnut gate hurdle together. An ideal introduction into working with green or round wood.

## HAY RAKES

July 21<sup>st</sup>  
10am till 5pm

Make yourself a traditional hay rake from coppiced ash. Learn to form the tynes, head & handle before assembling the rake with mortice & tenon joints.

## CHARCOAL BURNING

July 27<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 5pm

Take the mystery out of the alchemy of charcoal burning. The day will focus on small scale charcoal production techniques & other uses of 'waste' wood as a source of fuel. Covering all the skills you'll need to know from log to saleable graded charcoal.



## WILLOW SCULPTURE

July 28<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 4pm

Various plaiting, weaving, tying, binding & free form techniques will all be used to create several different animal & geometric shapes. Then you can have a go at creating your own masterpiece using a wide variety of different willows.

## WILLOW BASKETRY

August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 4.30pm

Using both traditional & contemporary techniques, learn to weave a round basket using the stake & strand method from a variety of willow types. Preparation of materials, tool use & maintenance will all be covered along with some basketry history.

## BUILD A POLE LATHE

August 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 5pm

Spend the weekend building your own pole lathe to take home. Once you've built the lathe you can spend a further day fine tuning it whilst learning the basic turning techniques as well as some guidance & tips on correct tool use, sharpening, maintenance & care.

## PRIMITIVE BOWS

September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 5pm

Carve yourself a primitive style, self knocked bow from a single stave. It will be fully tillered, strung & test shot before the weekend is out. This course will be co-tutored by bowyer David Sinfield.

## TRUG MAKING

October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
10am till 5pm

Make a traditional Trug from locally coppiced sweet chestnut poles & willow slats. Cleave & shave your handle & rim before steam bending them to shape. Then prepare your willow slats before nailing them into place.

## COPPICING

November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
10am till 4pm

Coppicing native broad leaf trees in winter is a traditional form of woodland management which also benefits wildlife biodiversity. Learn the basic skills & felling techniques using simple hand tools whilst also learning what products can be created from the freshly cut wood.

## YULE WREATHS

December 7<sup>th</sup>  
12am till 3pm

Using completely natural materials you'll make a colourful wreath & other decorative items to brighten up your home during Yule time.