

# Courses & Events 2011

With 30 years of experience, the Yarner Trust now offers the widest range of creative and sustainable courses in the south west. There are many inexpensive one day taster courses to inspire you, and some exciting new ideas such as Japanese Sumi Inkwork, Making Solar Panels and Glass Blowing.

## Accommodation

It's easy to book into our Grade II listed farmhouse for B&B if you're coming on a course, or simply to visit the stunning coastline of north Devon. Simple, rustic accommodation at reasonable prices completes the experience.

## Summer Camp 7-14th August

Our popular environmental arts camp is entertaining and inspiring for all ages. Make sure you book early.

## Education

Yarner offers school visits, teacher training and outreach work. Bursary support is available and applications are encouraged.

## Volunteering

Opportunities across a wide range of activities are provided. Call for more information.

## Friends Scheme

Become a Friend for £20 a year and enjoy discounted course fees.

## CONCESSIONS AND BURSARIES

If you'd like to do a course but have to think twice about the cost, why not ask about concessions and bursaries – there is a quick and easy application process. All we ask in return is your honesty in paying the full rate where you can afford to do so.

## EMBROIDERY COLLAGE

**Sat 22nd Oct £45 Jill Amanda Kennedy**  
Make a beautiful stitched paper collage panel on this creative textile and mixed media workshop. Wax-resist decorated papers, machine embroidery and handmade embellishments are just some of the exciting techniques used.

## PICNIC BASKETS

**Thu-Fri 3-4th Nov £95 Lin Lovekin**  
Create square bases and partitions for wine in this medium sized basket. Techniques include squarework, waling, randing, corner posts, 4 behind 2 border, handles and ties. Suitable for those with some experience.

## CHRISTMAS WILLOW AND GIFTS

**Fri 18th Nov £45 Maggi Rogers**  
Make your own sustainable willow Christmas tree in the morning and indulge your artistic nature creating wreaths and garlands in the afternoon. Decorate them with twists of beech, cones and hedgerow finds, to make treasures that you can use year after year.

## MADRIGALS FEAST

**Sat-Sun 19-20th Nov £75 Malcolm Woodcock**  
Join us for madrigals and anthems, courtly and rustic dancing, brought to life with costumes and instruments of the period and shared at an evening feast. Perform anthems in costume, by candlelight in the intimate surroundings of St Nectan's Church on Sunday.

## EVENTS

### SEED SWAP

**Sun 20th Feb 10.30am – 3.30pm**  
Bring seeds, plants, cuttings or a cake to donate and join the fun! Plenty of seeds to share, many rare or heritage varieties, so stock up for the new growing season.

### SUMMER CAMP

**7-14th August**  
An environmental arts week for people of all ages, bringing the generations together in a holiday that engages and delights everyone.

### YARNER OPEN DAY

**Sun 23rd Oct 11 – 4pm**  
Join us for a day of fun and family activities sampling some of the skills that Yarner promotes.

## SUSTAINABLE BUILDING AND TECHNOLOGY

### YURT FRAMES

**Sat-Mon 16-18th April £325 & 14-15th May David Baker**

Learn the skills and make the components for your own 12ft yurt frame, to create a portable and sustainable dwelling to use as a workshop space, summerhouse or luxurious tent. Materials extra.



### TIMBER FRAME GREEN OAK BUILDING

**Thu-Mon 28th April-2nd May £325 Simon Osborne**

Build an extension to a local house in Welcombe using large dimension green oak, and learn techniques for making oak pegs, scarf joints, incorporating natural curves and mortice and tenon joints.

### STRAW BALE BUILDING

**Fri-Sun 10-12th June £245 & Sat 17th Sep Ian Westaway**

Learn the techniques and properties of building with straw, and work together to create a new straw bale building. Return in September to lime render, once the building has settled.



### FEED IN TARIFF

**Sat 11th June £55 Tony Sampson**

Anyone can earn more than £10,000 over 25 years from the feed in tariff. A 1kW system costs about £5,700 to install, so it is financially worthwhile to install sustainable technology. Get a clear understanding of the latest technology and tariffs with a registered government installer.

### YURT COVERS

**Sun 26th June £75 Vera Tooke**

Make a cover for your own yurt, and we'll order your canvas and get you started with demonstrations on seams, decoration, patterns and lots more. Materials extra.

### THATCHING

**Sat-Sun 30-31st July £150 James Marshall**

A practical introduction to the ancient craft of thatching. Learn the techniques and use of tools, working with both wheat straw and water reed on our celtic roundhouse.



### LIME RENDERING

**Sat 17th Sep £55 Ian Westaway**

A practical day rendering a straw bale building. Plastering, lime washing, and lime pointing of stonework are all covered.



### MAKING SOLAR PANELS

**Sun 18th Sep £140 Tony Sampson**

Make a small, portable solar panel with discharger and battery to take home to power some garden lights or small outdoor project. Learn how to scale up and produce your own solar power at home. Materials included.



## WILDLIFE AND NATURE

### BUTTERFLY BREAK

**Fri-Mon 29th April-2nd May £145 Gary Pilkington**

The break includes three guided visits to the Devon Wildlife Trust's nature reserve at Marsland, famous for the rare Pearl Bordered Fritillary. Also planned are spring flower walks, a look at woodland management for dormice, an evening monitoring moths followed by a backwoods BBQ, a photography competition and dawn chorus walk to identify birdsong with breakfast in the woods.



### NATURE FROM LIFE

**Sat-Sun 14-15th May £125**

Wildlife artist Jennie Hale specialises in working from life, giving demonstrations and guidance on anatomy and colour mixes. A weekend drawing ducks, small mammals and moths, culminating in a wonderful opportunity to draw birds of prey from life.



### WILDLIFE GARDENING

**Sat 11th June £55 Rob Meredith**

Wildlife gardening can be integrated into any garden creating natural beauty and encouraging wildlife to aid pest control and bring natural harmony to your garden.



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For information on any of our courses or to book a course contact us:

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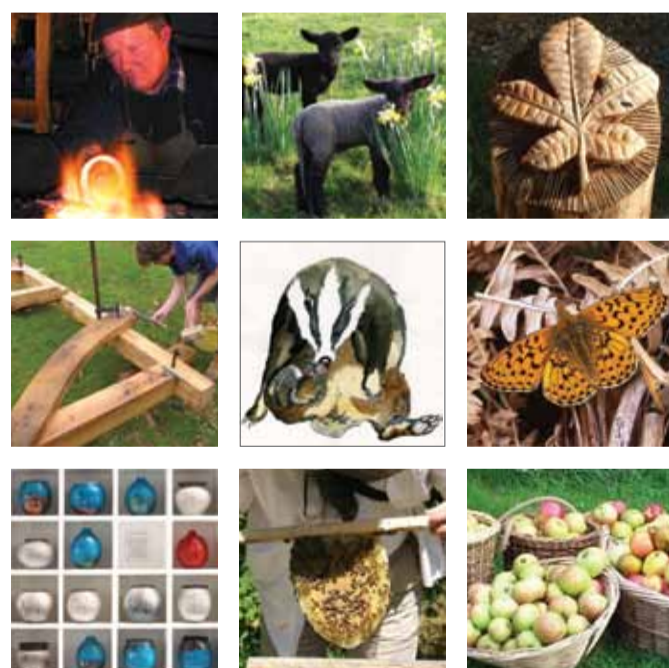
Sustainable Transport Links: train to Barnstaple, 319/519 bus to Welcombe Cross via Hartland, or Train to Exeter St David's, X9 bus to Bude, then 319 to Welcombe Cross.

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## Yarner Course Brochure 2011

Over 70 courses for sustainable and creative living.



Rural Skills and Creative Crafts  
Smallholding, Food & Health  
Sustainable Building & Technology  
Wildlife and Nature



# SMALLHOLDING, FOOD AND HEALTH

## HOME CHEESE MAKING

Sun 13th Feb £75  
or Sun 22nd May Vera Tooke

Make three types of cheese with warm milk straight from the cow, including hard and soft cheese, as well as mozzarella. Take home 1.4kgs of cheese to brine and mature.



## EXOTIC BREAD

Sat 12th March £45 Rosie Beat

Learn how to go beyond the basic loaf to make a delicious range of sweet and savoury breads from around the world. Take home the fruits of your labours.

## LAMBING

Sat 19th March £55 Alan Beat

Spend the day among a small breeding flock during lambing, covering successful management for both ewe and lamb. Experience new born lambs and hopefully see the arrival of more.

## INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL BEEKEEPING

Fri-Sun 6-8th May £155  
or Fri-Sun 9-11th Sep Phil Chandler

Learn about small-scale, sustainable, chemical-free beekeeping, involving minimal disturbance to the bees. Beekeeping simplified and made accessible to all, as there is no heavy lifting involved.

## POULTRY FOR MEAT

Sun 19th June £55 Pammy Riggs

Learn how to make the best of rearing organic chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys for meat, including a demonstration of the legal way to kill and dress a bird for home use, at Providence Farm.



## SMALLHOLDING & SELF-RELIANCE

Fri-Sun 24-26th June £165 Alan & Rosie Beat

To escape the rat-race for "the good life" is the dream of many people today. Look at the reality of a self-reliant lifestyle, on a few acres of land, producing much of your own food in a sustainable and satisfying way.

## NATURAL BEEKEEPING-INTERMEDIATE

Fri-Sun 8-10th July £155 Phil Chandler

For those with some knowledge and experience. The focus will be on 'natural beekeeping' in top bar hives and owners of National or similar hives will also find plenty to interest them including swarming and swarm management, disease recognition, and splitting colonies for increase or making up winter losses.

## MORE CHEESE MAKING

Sun 24th July £75 Vera Tooke

If you enjoyed Home Cheese making, you can extend your range to make hard cheese with flavours, soft and smelly cheese, see a demonstration of blue cheese, and make ricotta with the left over whey. Ending with a problem solving session with 1kg of cheese to take home.

## HERBAL REMEDIES

Fri 29th July £55 Diana Lee

Identify local medicinal plants, then make teas and remedies. Have a look at how to plan your own medicinal garden and learn what herbs best suit the British climate.

## FOREST GARDENING

Sat 30th July £55 Rob Meredith

Forest gardening mimics natural forest ecology to produce nuts, berries, fruit, fungi, herbal medicines and timber. Learn about forest ecology, the principle species involved and how to design your own forest garden.

## SHEEP MANAGEMENT

Sat 3rd Sep £55 Alan Beat

Spend the day on a working smallholding to learn about the annual cycle of sheep management, with hands-on experience of a small flock.

## WILD AND EDIBLE

Sat 24th Sep £55 Rob Meredith

Learn to identify a wealth of tasty, edible food on a ramble through some of north Devon's most beautiful landscape. Natural foods can be your medicine, improve your nutrition and taste wonderful throughout the seasons.

## FUNGAL FORAY

Fri 30th Sep £45 Dr David Allen

Have fun learning the characteristics that distinguish edible mushrooms from toadstools and sample some of the best edible species.

## APPLES & CIDER

Sat-Sun 1-2nd Oct £110 George Travis

Learn about orchard management, press your own apple juice, and make herb and fruit flavoured vinegars. Next, it's cider making – choosing the best varieties, yeasts and fermentation techniques to produce tasty cider made exactly to your palate.



## CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATES

Sat 8th Oct £55 Carlo Melchior

Join master Chocolatier Carlo Melchior to create the finest truffles and pralines, and make your own delightful Christmas moulds. Learn the skill of tempering, how to work with chocolate and take home your creations.

## SEED SAVING

Sat 8th Oct £45 Rob Meredith

An introduction to vegetable and herb seed saving techniques that can be used at home. Become a seed guardian helping to protect our vanishing vegetable heritage, and save money in the process. Includes samples of seed to take away.

## MAKING BEER AT THE FORGE

Sat 22nd Oct £55 Dave Lang

Spend a day at the Forge Brewery, Hartland and learn how to produce a symphony of colours, aromas and tastes to make delicious real ale and beers, and take home your produce.



## WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

Sun 13th Nov £55 Gary Pilkington

Visit Devon Wildlife Trusts' Marsland Nature Reserve to learn methods of woodland management and coppicing that can be used in small private or community woods to optimise wildlife productivity and recreation. See how these have provided habitats for endangered species including dormice and pearl bordered fritillary butterflies in Marsland.

# RURAL SKILLS AND SUSTAINABLE CRAFTS

## GROWING & USING WILLOW

Sat 19th Feb £55 Maggi Rogers

Discover all you need to know to start your own willow beds, from preparation of the site, varieties of willow, planting to harvesting. After a visit to Yarner's willow beds harvesting some weaving varieties, you'll make a stick platter or fish dish to take home.

## JAPANESE SUMI INKWORK

Sat 19th Feb £55 Christine Flint Sato

Learn the techniques, using shape and simple Chinese characters to paint your own artwork. The materials lend themselves to free, spontaneous expression and working with them is an absorbing, enriching experience.

## LIVING WILLOW

Sat 12th March £55 Jennifer Jones

Create a range of decorative features in gardens and community spaces such as arches and bowers, trellises and fences, play houses and tunnels using simple weaving techniques.

## TRADITIONAL SOAP

Fri 18th March £55 Sara Rock

Discover the traditional art of cold process soapmaking. Learn about the history and chemistry of soap and have a go at making some yourself, taking home your produce.



## GREEN WOOD GARDEN STRUCTURES

Sat 19th March £45 Tom Hyde

Design and make a green wood bird table, trellis or arch learning how to use the tools required and work with green wood. Take home your structure at the end of the day.

## FRAME BASKETS

Sat-Sun 26-27th March £95 Maggi Rogers

The ancient craft of frame basketry lends itself to simple, organic shapes and the use of wild and hedgerow material. Make a small, round egg or berry basket using colourful willow. Suitable for beginners.

## LANDSCAPES IN FELT

Fri 1st April £45 Jill Denton

Explore the wonders of handmade felt, learning several techniques to produce a beautiful panel or wallhanging.



## GLASS BLOWING

Sat 2nd April £95 Matthew & Lars Persson

Learn the techniques of glass blowing, forming and casting with Matthew and Lars, master glassblowers, and take home your work.

## SPRING INTO SONG

Sat 2nd April £15 Malcolm Woodcock

Join other singers to rehearse Vivaldi's Gloria in the intimate setting of the medieval barn at Welcombe Barton, culminating with an informal performance in St Nectan's Church.

## WATTLE & WEAVING FOR GARDENERS

Sun 10th April £55 Maggi Rogers

An opportunity to make a support for climbing plants, a wattle hurdle, a pot cover or even a compostable compost bin, using simple willow weaving techniques.

## BASKETS FROM THE BEACH

Thu-Fri 12-13th May £95 Lin Lovekin

After a morning beachcombing at Welcombe Mouth, learn techniques such as pairing, waling and randing to create your individual basket. Suitable for both beginners and improvers.

## TRADITIONAL STAINED GLASS

Sat-Sun 21-22nd May £95 Robert Paterson

Create your own traditional stained glass panel and learn the traditional techniques of glass cutting, 'leading up' and soldering with Robert Paterson of the Appledore Crafts Company.

## WOOD CARVING

Sat 25th June £65 Pete Martin

Have fun learning the skills to relief carve and letter in wood, using green sweet chestnut. Bring your own ideas and see them transformed into three dimensions, take home the result and the skills to do more.

## MOSAIC PANELS

Sat-Sun 2-3rd July £110 Kathy Badcock

Inspired by nature, learn the techniques of the ancient art of mosaic to create a panel or triptych ideal for the house or garden.



## RUSH SUMMER HATS

Sat 23rd July £45 Maggi Rogers

This workshop is suitable for all abilities and covers the skills of rush weaving. Use this beautiful, soft material and decorate with natural finds to create a perfect summer hat to take home.

## STONE CARVING

Sat-Sun 23-24th July £125 Pete Martin

Enjoy learning the skills necessary to create a carving in Bath stone. The stone is soft, easy to carve, so ideal for beginners. Bring your own design or be tutored through a relief carving step by step by the stone mason and take home your masterpiece.

## HEDGEROW CHAIRS

Fri-Sun 2-4th Sep £165 David Baker

Anyone can make an individually designed rustic chair using coppiced wood. Explore design, main construction methods and styles of rustic furniture as well as developing a knowledge of traditional hand tools. Materials extra.

## HERB BASKETS

Sun 4th Sep £55 Maggi Rogers

Create an attractive basket for drying herbs, or flowers, or storing vegetables or fruit in the kitchen. The techniques are simple and suitable for beginners.

## BLACKBERRY BASKETS

Thu- Fri 15-16th Sep £95 Lin Lovekin

A simple and traditional basket, suitable for beginners and improvers. From a round base you will learn pairing, waling and English randing with a mock wale which spirals up the sides.

## NATURAL DYEING ON SILK

Sat 17th Sep £55 Rosie Beat

Learn how to extract wonderful coloured pigments from plants then apply them to squares of silk using folding techniques to create beautiful patterns. The squares can later be made into silk scarves or cushions.

## RAKU POTTERY

Sat 24th Sep £65 Dave Westcott

Explore the ancient process of raku pottery by handbuilding your own pot, glazing and firing it at Welcombe Pottery. Learn the techniques and enjoy plenty of earth, fire and water. No experience needed.

## DRIFTWOOD CREATIONS

Sun 25th Sep £45 Sue Papa

Bring your driftwood treasures and work with florist and artist, Sue Papa, to create your own design, either practical or decorative.

## EMBROIDERY WITH METALS

Fri 30th Sep £45 Jill Amanda Kennedy

Make a dazzling, metallic, stitched panel on this inspiring and creative mixed media metals workshop. Use machine and hand embroidery together with patinated metals, wire and beads to create a stunning panel.

## BASKET BORDERS

Fri 7th Oct £55 Lin Lovekin

Using willow set in formers, explore, develop and practice borders without ruining a basket! Learn to overcome problem borders and try something new. Suitable for those with some experience.

## BLACKSMITHING

Sat-Sun 8-9th Oct £155 David North-Lewis

Come to a working smithy and make your own ornamental fireplace poker to take home. Watch David demonstrate making the poker and learn about the use of tools, forge temperature, shaping and bending.



## FELT SCARVES

Fri 21st Oct £45 Jill Denton

Discover the wonders of felt making exploring colour and texture. Suitable for beginners or those with a little experience, the workshop will guide you through feltmaking techniques to create a beautiful scarf.