

Course brochure

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DENMAN

There's so much to discover at Denman...

Founded over 70 years ago by NFWI, Denman remains a place where you can learn a new skill, be inspired, make new friends and relax. Everyone is welcome.

We are delighted to offer a wide variety of workshops, events, summer schools and over 650 cookery, craft and lifestyle residential courses, there's something for everyone. There are plenty of friendly faces, so you'll never be alone.

The prices shown in this brochure vary from course to course, but you can be assured of great value. With superb teaching facilities and a modern cookery school you'll be spoilt for choice; plus, you get to enjoy our Georgian manor house and grounds too.

What's included in a course price?

- Expert tuition
- En-suite accommodation*
- Breakfast*
- Morning coffee/tea
- Two course lunches
- Tea and cake
- Three course dinners*
- Free pick-up from train stations local to Denman

(*residential courses of 1 Night or more).

Save 10% on courses and events

Why not become a Friend of Denman for just £75 per year and save 10% every time you book. Call us to find out more on 01865 391 991.

Other ways to enjoy Denman

We also offer a variety of day events, day visits, experience days and afternoon teas – see website or call us for more details.

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Key

M Price for current WI members

NM Price for non-members

NEW New course

■ Cookery ■ Craft

■ Lifestyle ■ Special Events

Summer schools

CRAFT

Embroidery (Hand) and Beading: An Octopus' Garden - 4 Night: Pat Trott
27-31 July 2020

This course aims to give students the opportunity to combine the traditional techniques of hand embroidery and beadwork and to encourage students to experiment with new techniques and develop individual ideas.

Everyone is most welcome, from the newcomer to embroidery to the converted addict. During the course students will, through demonstrations and instruction, learn a variety of embroidery stitches and how to apply beads to their embroidery. By the end of the course students will be able to go home with a fantasy underwater scene, having learnt a broad range of embroidery and beadwork stitches, techniques and textures.

M £620 • NM £680

Free Machine Embroidery for Beginners - 4 Night: Claire Muir
29 June - 3 July 2020

This fun filled course will open up the world of free machine embroidery to you. If you have heard of it but wasn't quite sure what it was all about then this is the course for you. The techniques themselves are easy and you will see that with just a little practise how easy it is to "draw with the needle". At the end of the week you will have plenty of samples and two pieces of work; one which can be a picture or a panel for a cushion cover and one three-dimensional piece. You will also have the knowledge to do other projects at home.

M £620 • NM £680



Friends and family workshops

Friends and Family Workshop Weekend - 2 Night: Various Tutors
29-31 May 2020

Open to all. Join us for packed weekend of workshops, fun and entertainment. You will learn and develop new skills by selecting three of the following workshops;

Modern Calligraphy: Jane Lappage - Using a fine point nib you will master the beauty of writing in script, gaining confidence to create a card or gift tag using ink resit and a watercolour wash.

Decoupage: Janine Kilroe – Cut out and create masterpieces for your home with this relaxing craft.

Lantern Making: Natalie Griffin – Create three lanterns from a choice of fabrics.

Silver Clay: Melanie Blaikie – A short introduction allows time for a shiny small pendant ready to wear to be made.

Seasonal Baking: Jill Arthur – perfect your picnic hamper with a range of homemade goodies.

M £400 • NM £425

Friends and Family Workshop Weekend - 2 Night: Various Tutors
3-5 July 2020

Open to all. Join us for packed weekend of workshops, fun and entertainment. You will learn and develop new skills by selecting three of the following workshops;

Flower Arranging: Christine Pearce – Make a floral arrangement whilst understanding the conditioning of fresh plants; learning the principles of floral art design and having fun.

Restorative Yoga: Michelle Parkinson – A short introduction to breathing practices to support energy channels and time out for Yoga, relaxation and meditation.

Modern (Brush Letter) Calligraphy: Jane Lappage – Using a paintbrush to practise script you will create a fabulous glitter card.

Baking: Jill Arthur – Make some yummy food including strawberry shortcake, roulade and scones.

Indian Block Printing: Holly Jones – Use hand carved blocks to create bold and colourful designs onto paper and fabric items including a tea towel, tote bag, cards and tags.

Lantern Making: Natalie Griffin – Create three lanterns from a choice of fabrics.

M £400 • NM £425

Day schools

COOKERY

All About Noodles - Day School:
Wakako Guppy

09 April 2020

This course will help you learn a variety of noodles and how to cook them in different ways. You may not be comfortable to cook noodles that you're not familiar with, but noodle dishes are easy to prepare, can be nutritious with creative ideas. In this course, we'll pick up a couple of noodle types and prepare them in a more Asian style, both warm and cold.
M £150 • NM £170

Canapes Made Easy - Day School:
Paul Bellchambers

31 March 2020

Canapes are food in miniature and have traditionally been vol-au-vents, cocktail sausages, and finger sandwiches. Now, you can create your own canapes easily and quickly for your party or event. This course is designed to take the myths out of making canapes and enabling you to do your own thing with canapes!
M £150 • NM £170

Did you know?

All ingredients are included in the cost of a Cookery School course. What's more - they're all measured and prepped in advance for you!

Chicken Masterclass - Day School:
Paul Bellchambers

09 January 2020

Chicken can be expensive to buy, however buying a whole chicken and jointing it can be a much more cost effective and diverse way to enjoy cooking with and eating. Learn to break down a whole chicken and then use up all of the cuts and joint to make several diverse meals to then take home.

M £150 • NM £170

Chocolates For Christmas - Day School:
Kelly Mauger and Jack Mauger

14 December 2019

Master the art of chocolate making with this fun day school where you will make both capped and dipped chocolates with festive fillings.

M £150 • NM £170

Christmas in Italy - Day School:
Valentina Harris

26 November 2019

There are so many delicious treats that are made in Italy at Christmas time. In this class we will learn about the classic dish of Tortellini in Brodo, tiny pasta pockets filled with different meats and flavoured with freshly grated Parmesan and plenty of nutmeg. We will make Panforte and Ricciarelli: orange scented almond biscuits that are light and chewy. Finally, we will make delicate hazelnut biscuits sandwiched around a chocolate filling known as Baci di Dama, which means Lady's Kisses.

M £150 • NM £170



Curries of the World - Day School: Bhavini Mistry
21 May 2020

This course will introduce you to some of the fantastic flavour combinations that curries from different countries have to offer. We will explore the traditional curry of India, the fragrant and creamy curries of Thailand to the sweet and mild flavours of Africa. This class will equip you with the knowledge to create spice blends and curry pastes focusing on adding flavour and not just heat using chillies.
M £150 • NM £170

Eat The Seasons - Day School:
Paul Bellchambers

14 January 2020

Join us for a day of cooking with local, seasonal produce. You will create your own 2 course lunch followed by an afternoon exploring further dishes to take home for dinner. Be inspired to cook using what is available from your garden and know how to adapt recipes to suit the produce and time of year.
M £150 • NM £170

Everyday Vegan Cookery - Day School:
Paul Bellchambers

30 June 2020

Are you or a loved one vegan and looking for a little inspiration when it comes to meal times? Join us for a day school to learn some simple, balanced and delicious meals to take home and enjoy and recreate.

M £150 • NM £170

Festive Preserves - Day School: Vivien Lloyd
21 November 2019

Join us to make a range of preserves to eat, share and gift in time for Christmas. Discover how to make a festive marmalade, curd, chutney and jelly using traditional methods championed by the WI. For those who enjoy entering competitions, there will be hints and tips from the tutor who is an NFWI Preserves Judge. This course contains some pair work.

M £150 • NM £170

Gluten Free Baking - Day School: Kelly Mauger
04 February 2020

Gluten Free baking can seem daunting, however this course will highlight how easy it is to create delicious, baked goods including tarts, breads and cakes.
M £150 • NM £170

Healthy Indian Cookery - Day School:
Bhavini Mistry

30 April 2020

Enjoy the flavours and spices of Indian food without the high calorie and fat content associated with traditional curry houses. Join us for a day to learn an array of innovative, healthy, low fat and flavourful dishes that will tantalise your tastebuds but won't compromise on flavour. Recipes will include a healthy chicken tikka massala, lemon quinoa pilaf, vegetable tadka dahl and delicious coriander and chilli uttapam.

M £150 • NM £170

Italian Night: Mariella Bliss

26 May 2020

Join us for an Italian night as you learn to make your own pasta and sauce from scratch, as well as an authentic Italian dessert, then enjoy a restful dinner with a glass of wine to enjoy all of your hard work!

M £75 • NM £85

Low Calorie '5:2 Diet' Dishes - Day School:
Wakako Guppy

12 March 2020

The balance between calorie intake and a happy dietary experience can be tricky when you're on a calorie-restricted diet, however it won't be so difficult when you learn about choices of foods and cooking techniques to prepare delicious, satisfying and also nutritious low-calorie dishes. In this course, you'll prepare Western and Asian dishes which are suitable for the 5:2 diet. All dishes will be fewer than 250 calories.

M £150 • NM £170

Macaron Masterclass: Kelly Mauger
06 May 2020

Thanks to Laurdée and Pierre Hermé the macaron has become the trendiest patisserie on the planet. Learn how to make perfect colourful shells, sandwiched with delicious fillings, including chocolate ganache, jam and lemon curd.
M £75 • NM £85

Pasta and Sauces - Day School: Mariella Bliss
23 January 2020

Join our authentic Neapolitan cook and tutor Mariella, to learn how to make fresh pasta and extend your repertoire beyond bolognese sauce! In this fresh pasta workshop, learn how to make fresh egg and flour pasta from scratch - tagliatelle, pappardelle and tagliolini, then listen to the story of the perfect marriage between pasta shapes and sauces.

M £150 • NM £170

Scandinavian Cookery - Day School:
Linda Hewitt

26 March 2020

Learn the art of Hygge and Fika. Linda will share her experience of living beyond the Arctic Circle in Northern Norway. Scandinavian cookery revolves around a varied diet of seasonal produce to be enjoyed. Recipes will include; Meatballs, dreamy mash and cranberry sauce, Johansson potatoes, Scandi fish soup, Nordic open sandwiches and Rye pancakes with berries and syrup.

M £150 • NM £170

Steak Night: Alex Mackay

13 May 2020

Learn how to cook the perfect steak with Alex Mackay, as well as sides and a sauce, then enjoy a restful dinner with a glass of wine to enjoy all of your hard work!

M £75 • NM £85

Summer Jams - Day School: Vivien Lloyd
09 July 2020

Celebrate the soft fruit season by learning how to make traditional jams. Suitable for beginners and

experienced preservers, spend the day capturing the flavours of summer for the colder months ahead. For those who enjoy entering competitions, there will be hints and tips from the tutor who is an NFWI Preserves Judge. At the end of the day there will be jars of four flavoured jams and at least ten recipes to take home. Jars and lids for the preserves made during the day will be provided. This course contains some pair work.
M £150 • NM £170

Tapas - Day School: Ana Dorez
13 February 2020

Join Ana to create a stunning array of authentic, quick to make and delicious tapas dishes to take home with you to enjoy for dinner with loved ones.

M £150 • NM £170

Vegan Baking and Desserts - Day School:
Kelly Mauger

07 January 2020

Join Kelly for a vegan masterclass, cooking up a beautiful array of cakes, desserts and baked goods. You will become acquainted with chia seeds, coconut butter and aquafaba with top tips on how to replace eggs and dairy in general cooking along the way.

M £150 • NM £170

Vegetarian Indian Cookery - Day School:
Bhavini Mistry

19 November 2019

02 June 2020

With a large percentage of India's population being vegetarian, it is not surprising the countless vegetarian dishes on offer. In this class your taste buds will be tantalised and your eyes opened to the array of vegetarian dishes that are easy to make using only some basic spices and locally sourced ingredients. You will learn some traditional vegetarian dishes that you know and love such as Samosas and Creamy Spiced Dahl, with a few modern dishes thrown in to keep you inspired such as Sweet Potato and Kale Saag Aloo and Spiced Roasted Aubergine.

M £150 • NM £170

CRAFT

Bumper Craft Take Away - Day School:
Natalie Green

27 February 2020
05 June 2020

Try your hand at a medley of different craft projects with a contemporary twist. You will make a number of different small projects to give you lots of lovely ideas for your WI craft sessions, to decorate your home or give away as special presents. There will be a range of projects to try, using beautiful fabrics, felts, buttons, threads, beads, papers and all sorts!
M £150 • NM £170

Celtic Design - Day School: David Nicholls
30 January 2020

These beautiful and complex interlacing designs, seen in such manuscripts as the Book of Kells, are remarkably easy to draw if you are armed with a simple and effective technique! You will be amazed what you can achieve to amaze your friends with! No previous experience is required.

M £150 • NM £170

Creative Paper Cutting 3D - Day School:
Christine Green

20 April 2020

Paper cutting is the craft of the moment and with this course you can master the basics of this highly rewarding, low cost and creative craft. With the help of some resource sheets you will master how to use a scalpel safely and accurately. You'll create a unique three dimensional card that could be a birthday, anniversary card or abstract design - it's up to you. If you haven't attended a course before, don't panic, you'll soon get up to speed! Great fun, highly rewarding and suitable for a wide range of creative abilities including the complete beginner.

M £150 • NM £170

Crochet: Pattern and Chart Reading - Day School: Lindy Zubairy

17 April 2020

By the end of this day course your confidence in pattern reading will have soared! During the day we will unpick simple and complex written pattern instructions, investigate antique and vintage approaches alongside modern styles, and demystify the crochet chart. This is a hands on course in which we will be writing and drafting patterns and charts and working some crochet too! It really is easy once you know how.

M £150 • NM £170

Crochet: Teach What You Love - Day School:
Lindy Zubairy

29 February 2020

Pass on your passion! If you love to crochet and would like to teach it but feel unsure of how best to approach it, this course will help build up your knowledge base and confidence to put yourself out there. You'll look at planning, pace, pitfalls and troubleshooting, barriers to learning, modelling good practice, preparing a samples portfolio, demonstrating, inclusion and differentiation. You'll also iron out any wrinkles in your subject knowledge, including looking at advanced techniques and pattern and chart reading.

M £150 • NM £170

Festive Willow - Day School: Norah Kennedy
15 November 2019

Put away the tinsel and the fairy lights and spend a rewarding day creating your own unique Christmas decorations from willow. You can expect to make several items to decorate your home or you may wish to give them as presents. A most enjoyable course and you will return home with a great sense of achievement.

M £150 • NM £170



Flower Arranging: Hand Tied Bouquets - Day School: Christine Pearce

07 February 2020

Have you ever wondered how to create the lovely hand tied bouquets in a bubble of water you see in the florists? Well it isn't rocket science and during this day school I will show you how to use seasonal foliage and flowers to make a bouquet yourself and then wrap it in tissue and cellophane to create one of those bouquets for yourself. We will also make a contemporary bouquet the base of which will be a woven beargrass holder. This day school is for all abilities but you do need to be able to hold the flowers in your hand to make the bouquet.

M £150 • NM £170

Handmade Buttons - Day School:
Natalie Green

22 May 2020

We will make a simple form of Dorset button called a crosswheel, but there are lots of different styles, some of them involving intricate weaving. We will also cover the singleton button, which uses fabric instead of weaving to cover, with a hand stitched felt back and a handmade shank. You can make as many buttons as you like on the day using beautiful cottons, threads and yarns and pretty fabrics. Once you have learned these basics, experiment, add embroidery and beads, vary your weaving, make lots of brightly coloured ones to upcycle your clothes, make unique trims for cushion covers or even turn them into jewellery.

M £150 • NM £170

Learn to Paint in Oils - Day School:
Debrah Martin

09 December 2020
21 May 2020

Always wanted to try painting in oils but it looks too difficult/expensive/messy? Come and try it at Denman and find out how relaxing, rewarding and clean it really is. During this day school, Debrah will take you step-by-step through the basics of oil painting and with such an inspired by at Denman you won't be short of ideas to paint. By the end of the course, you will have painted your own beautiful piece in oils, and have learnt the basics of colour mixing, various brush techniques, and how to paint with a palette knife.

M £150 • NM £170

Leatherwork - Day School: Heather Summers
27 March 2020

Leatherwork is a fascinating and creative medium. This is a practical course in which you learn how to work with leather, and how to use the tools and hardware (rivets, fasteners, eyelets, studs, etc.) associated with it whilst working on small projects. Hands do need to be quite strong. Participants come away with two or more items that have their own completely individual mark upon them. Examples of practical items that can be made: bookmarks (good to start with), mystery braids (good follow up), purses, pouches, small bags, belts, phone socks/cases, glasses cases, and so on - great for oneself, great for presents.

M £150 • NM £170



Needle Felting: Mad March Hares - Day School: Sue Pearl

13 March 2020

Spring has sprung and the mad march hares are out and boxing their way through the countryside. Create your own cute march hare with his lovely long ears. Using lovely soft wool in great animal colours and the needle felting techniques that you will learn on this course, to give your hare the personality it deserves.

M £150 • NM £170

Polymer Clay Jewellery - Day School:
Melanie Blaikie

13 March 2020
26 March 2020

Love bold shapes and bright colours? Then polymer clay (or Fimo) is for you! It's perfect for creating unique jewellery designs that are fun and easy to wear. Starting with basic bead shapes, we'll quickly move on to experimenting with pattern and colour. Expect to make bracelets, necklaces and more. Suitable for complete beginners, this course is a great introduction to creative jewellery making with Fimo, Premo or any of the other widely available brands of polymer clay.

M £150 • NM £170

Did you know?

Did you know you can hire Denman out? Why not plan your next birthday celebration here? Contact us to find out more!

Paper Cutting: Creative and Decorative - Day School: Christine Green

24 February 2020

Creative Paper Cutting is the craft of the moment and with this course you can master the basics of this highly rewarding, low cost, creative craft. With the help of some resource sheets you will master how to use a scalpel safely and accurately. You will learn how to design for successful paper cutting and how to incorporate lettering in to the design. You'll create a unique panel that could be inspired by an image or saying, or a birthday or anniversary card design - it's up to you. Great fun and highly rewarding and suitable for a wide range of creative abilities including the complete beginner. All Materials are included in the course fees.

M £150 • NM £170

Paper Flower Making - Day School:
Paula Milner

29 February 2020

Perhaps you would like to learn a new skill, make your own wedding flowers, exciting table decorations, some new home decor, or even jazz up gift wrapping! You will be shown the techniques of how to make the smallest of daisies up to larger roses and peonies. A wide choice of colours will be available and Paula Milner will talk you through all the steps to make beautiful floral displays.

M £150 • NM £170

Pearl Jewellery - Day School: Elizabeth Hunt
13 July 2020

Students will learn how to create a hand knotted pearl bracelet or necklace. The kit will be sufficient to produce either, along with matching wire work earrings, and students can select from a range of glass beads and gemstones to enhance the freshwater pearls.

M £150 • NM £170

Silver Clay Jewellery - Day School: Louise Simmonds

26 March 2020

Fancy a day designing and making beautiful Silver Jewellery? You will use Silver Clay to create individual Fine Silver pendants, earrings or charms, and learn how to incorporate Semi Precious Stones into your design. This course is suitable for beginners, absolutely no previous experience in Jewellery making or working with Silver Clay is necessary, and you'll learn enough to be able to continue making Silver Clay Jewellery at home.

M £150 • NM £170

Silver Clay for Beginners - Day School: Melanie Blaikie

31 July 2020

Enjoy an adventure into a world of silver with one of the UK's foremost teachers and this amazing new form of pure silver. Learn wonderful techniques & tips to design and create real silver jewellery using just a few simple tools. Expect to make at least two finished pieces that can even be hall-marked. Fun and creative inspiration guaranteed! Melanie Blaikie, author of 'Silver Clay Workshop', recently represented Denman on the BBC's 'Escape to the Country'.

M £150 • NM £170

Did you know?

On your next visit, pop into the Faberdashery Shop - it's an Aladdin's Cave of donated craft goods. You'll be amazed what you find in there!

Silver Clay Jewellery for Christmas Presents - Day School: Louise Simmonds

30 November 2019

Fancy a day designing and making beautiful Silver Christmas presents? You will use Silver Clay to create individual Fine Silver pendants or earrings or charms, and learn how to incorporate Semi Precious Stones into your design. This course is suitable for beginners, absolutely no previous experience in Jewellery making or working with Silver Clay is necessary, and you'll learn enough to be able to continue making Silver Clay Jewellery at home.

M £150 • NM £170

Silver Clay Jewellery Make a Silver Leaf - Day School: Louise Simmonds

21 May 2020

18 July 2020

These relaxed and friendly workshops are an ideal introduction to working with silver clay in paste form. This is a really exciting and creative form of jewellery making, using silver clay which, when fired, is 99.9% pure silver. You'll be taught how to transform a real leaf into a pure Silver leaf to create a stunning pendant or pair of earrings.

M £150 • NM £170

Silver Clay Jewellery: Make a Peapod or Lily - Day School: Louise Simmonds

22 May 2020

Fancy making your own personalised Silver Peapod complete with Freshwater pearls 'Peas' or would you rather design a Cala Lily flower with Freshwater Pearls on a silver stamen? This course is suitable for beginners, absolutely no previous experience in Jewellery making or working with Silver Clay is necessary, and you'll learn enough to be able to continue making Silver Clay Jewellery at home.

M £150 • NM £170

Silver Clay Jewellery: Nature's Treasures - Day School: Louise Simmonds

03 April 2020

If you love a more natural style of Silver Jewellery you'll love this course! You will have the opportunity to collect natural material from the Denman grounds to capture an everlasting memory of your time here. This course is suitable for beginners, absolutely no previous experience in Jewellery making or working with Silver Clay is necessary, and you'll learn enough to be able to continue making Silver Clay Jewellery at home.

M £150 • NM £170

Spoon Carving - Day School: Charles Ash NEW

01 March 2020

Spoon carving is a fantastic way to learn the basics of green wood carving. At the end of the day you will have made your own spoon to use and show your friends. The day starts with a single log. You will cleave it down, use an axe to shape and finish with various knives to smooth and perfect your spoon. This workshop is suitable for all abilities.

M £150 • NM £170

Stained Glass Copperfoil Christmas Decorations - Day School: Anna Conti

14 November 2019

Great fun! Make your own beautiful light catchers, stars, Christmas trees, candle stands and angels to hang on your tree or stand by your window. Some items can be displayed throughout the year. Learn to cut glass, foil, and solder and discover the art of stained glass copper foil work. Working from a selection of set designs (can be improvised) with a wonderful array of glass colours and textures, beginners and improvers will complete approximately 4-6 copper foil items or more (course dependent), plus the techniques and skills to make more stained glass items at home.

M £150 • NM £170

Stained Glass Panels for Beginners - Day School: Anna Conti

01 May 2020

Make your own beautiful genuine stained glass A4 abstract hanging panel or small window, using traditional techniques unchanged for years. A selection of glass of many colours and textures will be available. Professional stained glass artist Anna Conti will introduce the process and show you how to cut glass, 'lead up', solder, cement and install your panel. On this one day course you will be working from set designs provided by Anna so that you are able to take away a completed panel on the day.

M £150 • NM £170

Teach Your Craft - Day School: Melanie Blaikie

01 November 2019

15 February 2020

Whatever your subject, right now, there are lots of exciting and rewarding opportunities for confident, creative tutors. This course covers all the essentials, whether you're planning a new career, looking for a way to supplement your income or just love sharing your creative skills - this day will give you the tools and information you need to take the next step. You'll leave ready to start planning your own successful and profitable classes.

M £150 • NM £170



Watercolours: Winter Landscapes in Watercolours - Day School: Jonathan Newey

27 January 2020

This is a one day workshop that will show you how to paint winter landscapes with watercolour paint. Using photos supplied you will be shown how to paint winter skies, trees and landscapes using a limited number of colours and working wet in wet and wet on dry. Other techniques will include colour mixing, working on a tinted background and using white paint. By the end of the day you will have produced a couple of paintings. Ideal for beginners and students with some experience of the medium.

M £150 • NM £170



Willow Christmas Crafts - Day School: Victoria Conner

20 November 2019

Let's get creative with making these wonderful Christmas willow crafts. A selection of willow Christmas trees, stars, an angel and a wreath.

M £150 • NM £170

Willow Structures for the Garden - Day School: Norah Kennedy

17 April 2020

On this informative and enjoyable one-day course you will be introduced to different sizes and varieties of willow, and learn how it is grown, harvested and prepared for weaving. Using simple tools and some basic weaving techniques you can expect to make a wigwam, a fan shaped support, a heart shape and a small trellis.

M £150 • NM £170

Willow: Making Piglets - Day School: Norah Kennedy

22 May 2020

Using some simple basket making techniques and different coloured willow you will make a delightful piglet to display in your home or garden. Learn how to make the body, floppy ears, little fat trotters and a curly tail!

M £150 • NM £170

LIFESTYLE

A Dickens of a time: the making of the Victorian Christmas: Peter Street

04 December 2019

It was the Victorian era which first witnessed the major importance of Christmas in English society and many of the traditions linked with that Festival. We begin with the contribution of Dickens, especially through his writings. Also considered include Christmas cards and decorations, the pantomime, food, presents, carols and music associated with this season, Christmas Day in the Workhouse (and elsewhere) as well as the emergence and popularity of ghost stories and indeed of Father Christmas himself. Illustrated.

M £130 • NM £150

Creative Writing: Autobiographies Turning Bare Fact to Fantastic (non)Fiction - Day School: Debrah Martin

30 March 2020

Ever wanted to write your autobiography? But where do you start, and how do you turn fact into compelling non-fiction? Autobiographies and biographies are still stories, and whether you are writing your life story to share with your family or with a wider audience, this one-day workshop will help you make it a page-turner. You can use personal memories, photographs, genealogy or even a will as the source of your facts, but learn how to be a master of breathing life into bare bones and applying the skills of a polished writer to transform facts into fantastic non-fiction.

M £130 • NM £150

Creative Writing: Polishing and Editing your Book - Day School: Debrah Martin

22 June 2020

Finished your book and thinking about publishing it? Or written some short stories or articles and interested in getting them published in magazines or journals? Then you need to know all about editing and polishing your writing to the highest professional standards. During this day school, Debrah – a best-selling author in her own right, will take you through her unique post-it note editing techniques to refine and finish your work to publishing standard. Editing can be the hardest job to tackle when writing, but it is the most essential, and the only way to get your best writing into the hands of readers all over the world.

M £130 • NM £150

Family History for Beginners - Day School: Jessica Feinstein

16 November 2019

A full introduction to researching your own family history, taking a professional approach to help you create a family tree to be proud of. This informal course will give you an understanding of various methods and sources, make you aware of some of the pitfalls involved in family history research, and equip you with tips and advice. Students must have a basic knowledge of using a computer and the internet so that they can work on their own.

M £130 • NM £150



We shall remember them: religion, the war dead and Remembrance in Britain 1914-1939: Peter Street

07 November 2019

In the centennial year of the unveiling of the Cenotaph the course considers initially how (and which) war dead had been remembered in the past and why remembrance of those who had died in the Great War were treated differently; both during the conflict itself and its aftermath. Aspects which feature include street shrines, the annual observance of 4 August and the decision not to repatriate the dead together with the emergence of the (then) Imperial War Graves Commission. Also considered is the background to the Great Silence, the Unknown Warrior and Festival of Remembrance and (battlefield) pilgrimages.

M £130 • NM £150

Special events

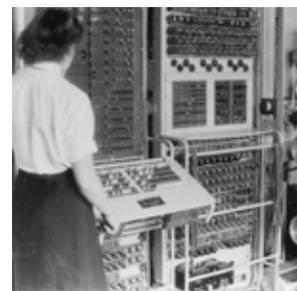


Denman Open Experience Day

11 June 2020

Join us for the first-ever Denman Open Experience Day! This is a fantastic opportunity for those who have never been to Denman before to come and try it out for the day! All you need to do is make the difficult decision of which two workshops you'd like to do! Choose from Silver Clay Pendant with Louise Simmonds; Tai Chi with Alan Baker; Digital Photography with David Clarke; or Flower Arranging with Christine Pearce (additional material cost £20). A warm welcome awaits.

M £80 • NM £85



Talk & Trip to Bletchley Park

23-24 April 2020

Peter Lawrence, respected tutor entertains with his talk 'This Policeman's Lot – From the Krays to the Crown' after a superb Denman evening meal. After a restful night and delicious buffet breakfast you will depart to Bletchley Park, the home of British code-breaking and a birthplace of modern information technology where you will spend the day exploring the site.

M £164 • NM £174



Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

22 March 2020

Come and spend a glorious couple hours at Denman for a wonderful Mothers' Day premium afternoon tea! With a delightful selection of sandwiches, cakes and scones and a glass of prosecco, what better way to spend time with Mum! There's also a small gift to take home for all the wonderful ladies too. 3 time slots available.

With Prosecco **M £20 • NM £20**

Without Prosecco **M £18 • NM £18**

The Living Jigsaw with Val Bourne

23 March 2020

A great afternoon with gardener extraordinaire Val Bourne. Val is a celebrated garden writer, photographer and lecturer who has won multiple awards including Journalist of the Year from the Garden Media Guild. Val contributes to Country Life, Amateur Gardening and Garden Answers among others. Val is a hands on gardener and a committed plant-aholic and she manages her third of an acre garden without using any chemicals at all – something she has always believed in. Her newest book, *The Living Jigsaw* published by Kew, explains how it all works.

M £42 • NM £47



Willow and Flowers

27 March 2020

Two of Denman's most popular tutors; Norah Kennedy and Christine Pearce, offer a day of willow making and flower arranging workshops in one! Using some very simple basket making techniques, you will create an attractive open basket ideal for displaying a flower arrangement. Plus you will learn to make a lovely hand tied bouquet, so your vases will look stunning.

M £95 • NM £100

Cookery

Afternoon Teas: Kelly Mauger

28 February - 1 March 2020

Create a high-end afternoon tea featuring a mixture of traditional and modern styles. Recipes will include: Scones, Battenberg, Macarons, Pannacotta, plus a demonstration and tasting of Raspberry and Vanilla Marshmallow filled Chocolate Teacakes and Sandwiches.
M £400 • NM £440

American Baking: Kelly Mauger

5-7 June 2020

Join Kelly for a trip stateside, as you bake your way through delicious goodies and desserts including Florida's key lime pie, donuts, bagels, whoopie pies and New York's infamous cheesecake.
M £400 • NM £440

An Introduction to Asian Cuisine:

Wakako Guppy NEW

4-6 March 2020

Join Wakako for a culinary journey around Asia where you will be cooking up some famous and lesser known dishes from this region, full of fresh flavours and spices to excite your taste buds and bring some new appetiser and meal recipes to your dinner table.
M £400 • NM £440

Around the World in 8 Preserves:

Lindy Wildsmith NEW

20-22 April 2020

Join Lindy for an interesting exploration of contrasting preserves pickles, ferments, jams, chutneys, relishes and sauces from Japan, Korea, Scandinavia, USA, Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean, South America and Africa.
M £400 • NM £440



Artisan Bread: Dede Liss

15-17 November 2019

14-16 February 2020

Take your bread making to another level by learning the art of sourdoughs and long fermentation dough. Suitable for beginners and experienced bakers.
M £400 • NM £440

Artisan Winter Preserves: Lindy Wildsmith

27-29 November 2019

If you are into jam making and preserving, why not try your hand at our winter themed preserving course featuring pumpkin and orange marmalade, ginger and lemon curd, spiced root vegetable chutney, fermented pickled shallots, gut busting Korean kimchi, confit of duck and potted venison.
M £400 • NM £440

Baking Basics: Linda Hewett

Linda Hewett NEW

19-21 February 2020

Join Linda to master the basics of baking, from a variety of breads to scones to the perfect Victoria sponge! Also learn how to make a French set jam and some delicious condiments to go with your breads.
M £400 • NM £440

Bread Making - Part 1: Alison Haigh

13-15 March 2020

Alison Haigh grew up in an artisan bakery and she will be sharing her experience on this special weekend bread course. You will learn how four simple ingredients can be combined to produce wonderful breads. Recipes include rosemary and potato focaccia, cinnamon swirls, sultana and walnut loaf, and curried naan bread.
M £440 • NM £480

Cake Decorating: Natalie Green

23-25 March 2020

You will start with baking using a tried and tested recipe for a well risen and firm cake with good keeping qualities which is perfect for celebration cakes. Then you will look at all the professional techniques to prepare your cake for decoration, cover with sugar paste and adding incredible decorative touches. You will be stacking, dowelling, crimping, colouring, making cut outs and flowers and even doing some royal iced piping. You will come away with everything you need to know to create amazing cakes of your own at home and some professional tips and secrets too.
M £400 • NM £440

Classic Japanese Cookery:

Wakako Guppy NEW

24-26 June 2020

This course is for Japanese-food lovers! You'll cover staple Japanese foods such as sushi and tempura, along with other authentic Japanese dishes that Japanese people eat daily and which are also good for British tastes. You will also learn 'Insider' cookery tips which you are not likely to find in written recipes and transferable culinary skills that can be used in all types of Western cookery too.
M £400 • NM £440

Classic Thai Cookery: Bhavini Mistry

Bhavini Mistry NEW

15-17 July 2020

Join us for our Classic Thai Cookery Course to explore and learn more about the amazing flavours of Thai cuisine. A cuisine that covers all the taste profiles - Spicy, fresh, sour and salty. On this course you will learn how to balance fresh herbs and spices perfectly to create some aromatic and mouth-watering dishes, including some well known curry dishes, a pad thai, lighter bites and a salad.
M £400 • NM £440

Cook Ahead For Christmas:

Paul Bellchambers NEW

11-13 December 2019

Take the stress out of Christmas by coming along to the cookery school to prepare many of the components for your Christmas dinner and over the festive period, including stuffing, gravy and side dishes, plus delicious truffles. Take it all home and freeze in preparation for the big day so that you can relax and enjoy yourself, knowing that all of the hard work has already been done!
M £400 • NM £440

Cooking the Americas: Peter Lien

17-19 February 2020

This course is a journey through the Americas, with stops in Spanish influenced Argentina, Peru, Mexico and the USA.
M £440 • NM £480

Curries of the World: Peter Lien

13-15 November 2019

This course will be a real adventure. Take a journey into cuisines that you haven't tried before. The Caribbean, Malaysia, and even South Africa all have their own curries. So join us to sample fragrant fish, meat and vegetable dishes flavoured with spice pastes and powders.
M £440 • NM £480

Curry House Favourites: Bhavini Mistry

27-29 March 2020

With Indian food now known as Britain's adopted national cuisine, it is no surprise that everyone has their go-to favourites when they visit their local curry house. In this course, you will learn to cook some of the dishes that are reminiscent of every good curry house.
M £400 • NM £440

Easter Baking and Treats: Linda Hewett

Linda Hewett NEW

6-8 April 2020

Join Linda for a baking extravaganza, celebrating some traditional and contemporary recipes to share and enjoy over the Easter period.
M £400 • NM £440

Eastern Feasts: Ashley Keen

15-17 April 2020

Simple, colourful and vibrant food from the great reaches of the Middle East, guaranteed to bring sunshine to any occasion. Explore techniques, ingredients and recipes inspired by travels through the Bosphorus, Black Sea, Aegean, Mediterranean, North Africa, and Persia.
M £400 • NM £440

Edible Gifts: Kelly Mauger

2-4 December 2019

9-11 December 2019

There's no gift as special as something homemade so join us for a cookery class that will not only get you in the festive spirit but will also help you reduce your Christmas shopping!
M £400 • NM £440

Everyday Preserves: Vivien Lloyd

15-17 January 2020

Many preserves can be made throughout the year, join us to make a range of recipes to keep, eat and share, using the traditional methods championed by the WI. This course is practical with some tutor demonstrations. Learn how to make a marmalade, jam, chutney, curd, pickle, syrup, and fruit in alcohol. For those who enjoy entering competitions, there will be hints and tips from the tutor who is an NFWI Preserves Judge. This course contains some pair work.
M £400 • NM £440

Express Dinner Parties: Alex Mackay

11-13 November 2019

Take the stress out of cooking for dinner parties by learning some speedy yet impressive starters, mains and desserts to wow your guests.
M £400 • NM £440



Festive Baking and Treats: Jill Arthur

Jill Arthur NEW

4-6 December 2019

Join Jill on a Festive baking masterclass as she incorporates seasonal ingredients and spices into some of your favourite or soon to be favourite Christmas themed bakes and treats. Covering an array of cakes, doughs, biscuits, pastry and preserves, this course is one not to miss for anyone who loves baking and wants to extend their recipe repertoire and knowledge to feed loved ones over the festive period.
M £400 • NM £440

Foundations of Fermentation:

Ashley Keen NEW

9-11 March 2020

Discover the processes of fermentation and how it can be used to enhance menu planning and health. This course will cover techniques and recipes to create tasty fermented foods and drinks like kombucha tea, sauerkraut, labneh, yoghurt and pickles and even create your own sourdough starter for homemade sourdough.
M £400 • NM £440

Glamorous Grains and Pulses:

Alex Mackay NEW

22-24 April 2020

Quinoa, freekeh, Puy lentils, Beluga lentils, Spelt, Wheatberries, Barley, Black beans, Soya beans and so many more. Grains and pulses are more available and more important than ever as we want to eat ever more healthy and delicious food. They're good for us, better for the environment, cheap, great at carrying other flavours, infinitely variable and able to be prepared in advance. Alex will take you through how to use dried and pre-cooked versions and how you can include grains and pulses in your diet no matter what the meal or time of day. This course contains pair work.
M £440 • NM £480

Did you know?

Join as a Friend of Denman and save **10% off any course or event - all year round!** Membership is only **£75 per year.**

Gourmet Salads - 2 Night: Paul Bellchambers

8-10 June 2020

22-24 July 2020

Forget limp lettuce and curling cucumbers, salads have gone glam! Salads are no longer an afterthought or a side dish. They can be a real showpiece of the dinner table. A selection of satisfying, interesting salads that will cover dinner, lunch or both, eat as they are or topped with a piece of fish or meat. No boring packed lunches ever again!

M £400 • NM £440

Let's Make Cheese - Part 1 - 2 Night: Louise Talbot

27-29 January 2020

18-20 March 2020

27-29 May 2020

Join farmer's wife and cheese maker Louise Talbot for a fascinating course in making cheese at home. Louise will show you how to make a range of soft cheeses using domestic kitchen utensils and cover Halloumi, Feta, Mozzarella, Mascarpone, Butter, Cream Cheese, and Ricotta, as well as a discussion on the principles of hard cheese. Please bring a brand new pair of Marigold gloves for handling the Mozzarella.

M £400 • NM £440



Let's Make Cheese - Part 2 - 2 Night: Louise Talbot

8-10 November 2019

29-31 January 2020

17-19 June 2020

Join farmer's wife and cheese maker Louise Talbot for a fascinating course in making cheese at home. Louise will show you how to make clotted cream, plus a range of hard cheeses, including cheddar and camembert. She will also share some great recipes that incorporate cheese. This is a follow-on course so it is essential that you have completed the introductory course Let's Make Cheese - Part 1 or our Cheese Making Day School first as it will have given you the grounding and knowledge to make the more complex cheeses.

M £400 • NM £440

Let's Make Cheese - Part 3 (The Blues) - 2 Night: Louise Talbot

1-3 July 2020

Join farmer's wife and cheese maker Louise Talbot for a fascinating course in making cheese at home. Louise will show you how to make a blue goats log, cambozola and a stilton, plus a range of delicious recipes incorporating blue cheeses. This is a follow-on course so it is essential that you have completed the introductory course Let's Make Cheese - Part 1 or our Cheese Making Day School first as it will have given you the grounding and knowledge to make the more complex cheeses.

M £400 • NM £440

Low Carb Living - Menu 2 - 2 Night: Ashley Keen NEW

26-28 February 2020

Join us for a new set of recipes for 2020 for this popular course! Are you looking to reduce the amount of sugary foods, pasta and bread in your diet, but unsure how to keep it exciting and tasty? This course will show you delicious meals that are high in protein and healthy vegetables and would suit people who want to reduce the refined carbohydrate from their diet due to blood sugar imbalance, weight loss or for generally healthier lighter living.

M £400 • NM £440

Marmalade Masterclass - 2 Night: Vivien Lloyd

5-6 February 2020

If you are a novice or an experienced preserver keen to develop your skills, join us for an overnight stay and make seasonal Seville orange marmalade and all the year round marmalades with other citrus fruit. This course contains some pair work.

M £210 • NM £235

Meals in Minutes - 2 Night: Paul Bellchambers

10-12 February 2020

Many of us don't have the time or inclination to create culinary masterpieces after a long, busy day, however we still want to eat well. Join Ashley to learn how to make some interesting, quick, delicious and nutritionally balanced meals to spice up your recipe repertoire. Make 8 meals to take away with you, all including interchangeable ingredients which you are likely to have in your cupboards at home. Recipes will include: Sri Lankan Fish Curry, Root Vegetable Rosti with green vegetables and eggs, chicken schnitzel with green bean tabbouleh and pork, coconut and noodle soup.

M £400 • NM £440

Mediterranean Magic in Spring - 2 Night: Alex Mackay

16-18 March 2020

This March, escape to the Mediterranean with Alex. Spring is a beautiful time of year with early crops of sensational fruits and vegetables to incorporate into your cooking. The food is still light with lots of hints towards what is to come with summer approaching but warming enough to take you through chilly evenings. This is holiday food made accessible to you at home. This course will be full of dishes that are ablaze with colour and full of vibrant flavours from everybody's favourite cuisine. This course contains pair work.

M £440 • NM £480

Mediterranean Magic in Summer - 2 Night: Alex Mackay

15-17 June 2020

Join Alex Mackay, our Provençal expert and author of the award winning *Cooking in Provence* to celebrate the glorious cooking and love for life of the Mediterranean. From meals to snacks to sweets, Alex will show you how to bring sunshine into your English Kitchen and onto your tables. This course contains pairwork.

M £440 • NM £480

Mediterranean Magic in Winter - 2 Night: Alex Mackay

31 January - 2 February 2020

Winter food doesn't need to be drab and this is a course full of wonderful ways to spice up your winter fare. Dishes that sparkle with citrus and spice without too much heat that are both comforting and light. Lemon curd and grapefruit tart, seabass with winter minestrone and a winter version of Greek salad are just a few of the fantastic dishes you will learn. You will also learn a ton of techniques that you can apply to many other dishes, so that your winter food can sparkle with Mediterranean sunshine no matter the weather. This course contains pairwork.

M £440 • NM £480

Modern Cakes - 2 Night: Kelly Mauger

1-3 November 2019

17-19 January 2020

Join Kelly for a cake baking and decorating course using traditional and contemporary techniques to create two modern masterpieces, including an American chocolate fudge cake covered in a seamless layer of chocolate ganache and finished with mirror glaze, plus a 6 layer rainbow cake, decorated with ombre Swiss meringue buttercream frosting, chocolate ganache drips and featuring a melting ice cream illusion effect on the top. Kelly will also demonstrate a 2 tiered Mojito inspired Genoese 'naked' cake decorated using fresh flowers and crystallised mint leaves.

M £400 • NM £440

Modern Vegetarian - 2 Night: Paul Bellchambers

1-3 April 2020

Are you or a family member vegetarian? Love to have dinner parties but do not want to cook two different meals? Let us introduce you to an array of exciting, modern vegetarian meals.

M £400 • NM £440



Moorish and Middle Eastern - Menu 1 - 2 Night: Peter Lien

2-4 March 2020

At the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa, the region known as the Middle East has taken its culinary influences from many places and people, including the Moors. Learn about the traditions of Moroccan, Persian and Lebanese cookery and local ingredients such as sumac, salted lemons, pistachios and rose water. Together you'll make a delicious lunch of mezze salads and dips, then go on to make Persian Chicken with Harissa Pilaf, a fruity Tagine, and some delicious Orange and Sumac biscuits.

M £440 • NM £480

Moorish and Middle Eastern - Menu 2 - 2 Night: Peter Lien

20-22 January 2020

If you loved Peter's first Moorish and Middle Eastern course, join him for further recipes, featuring a brand new selection of dishes from the region. The group will prepare a new range of mezze dishes for lunch on the first day, and then move on to a variety of slow cooked dishes, and sweet treats.

M £440 • NM £480

Patisserie - Part 1 - 2 Night: Kelly Mauger

4-6 November 2019

17-19 April 2020

This patisserie course will cover many of the classics of French pastry work using an array of skills which you will learn and practice, including blind baking and piping. We will make base recipes of pate sucee, choux pastry and crème patisserie which we will turn into Tart Au Citron, Choux Buns filled with Crème Diplomat and Macarons. With these base recipes and skills learned during the course you will be able to go home and create a wide variety of patisserie items with confidence and ease.

M £400 • NM £440

Pescatarian Dining - 2 Night:
Ursula Ferrigno NEW

21-23 February 2020

Why eat fish? The answer is manifold. It's delicious, nutritious, protein rich, light, versatile and there is very little waste. Join Ursula for this enjoyable course where you will learn some wonderful recipes which are easy to prepare using a variety of different fish which can be made year round. Dishes will include: Mackerel and Spinach Cannelloni, Gravlax, 'Best Ever' Herb Fishcakes with Tartare Sauce, Squid Ink Pasta with Scallops and Seabass Baked in a Salt Crust with Lemon.
M £400 • NM £440

Pizza, Pasta and Sauces - 2 Night:
Mariella Bliss

13-15 July 2020

Join our authentic Neapolitan cook and tutor Mariella, to learn how to make fresh pizza and pasta and extend your repertoire beyond Bolognese sauce! Learn how to make pizza dough and fresh egg and flour pasta from scratch - tagliatelle, pappardelle and tagliolini, then create some delicious and varied sauces which will compliment the pasta shapes, including a mushroom and Marsala sauce and the famous 'pasta alla norma' sauce, plus you will have an array of authentic toppings for your pizzas to choose from.
M £400 • NM £440

Portuguese and Spanish Cookery - 2 Night:
Ana Dores NEW

22-24 May 2020

Join Ana Dores to make some infamous and delicious recipes originating from Portugal and Spain to summon memories of relaxing, sun drenched holidays. Recipes will include greatest hits from these regions, including Portuguese custard tarts, drunken chicken, lamb and chorizo Paella and a demonstration and tasting of churros and sangria.
M £400 • NM £440

Reduce Your Food Waste - 2 Night:
Lindy Wildsmith

27-29 July 2020

This course is aimed at anyone who is trying to cook and run their home with zero waste in mind. There are many ways we can cut back on unnecessary plastics and waste and to shop and live responsibly. We can share our ideas and will make our own yogurt and fermented drinks, pates and cook pulses from scratch to make falafel, hummus, spreads, mezze and salads.
M £400 • NM £440

Rustic Farmhouse Cookery - 2 Night:
Lindy Wildsmith NEW

24-26 February 2020

The Farmhouse kitchen is rich in unique and delicious ways of cooking, preserving and serving meat and poultry for the family table. Confits of duck and game, to serve as simple-to-make, dinner party dishes including hearty, salted belly pork, rillettes and rillons of pork for mouth-watering tarts and rich salads, plus crepinettes (home-made sausages).
M £400 • NM £440



A Day Visit costs only **£30pp** and includes a full tour, lunch and cream tea!

Seasonal Baking for Summer - 2 Night:
Jill Arthur

20-22 July 2020

Join Jill on a baking masterclass as she incorporates seasonal fruits and vegetables into some of your favourite or soon to be favourite bakes. Covering an array of cakes, doughs, biscuits and pastry, this course is one not to miss for anyone who loves baking and wants to extend their recipe repertoire and knowledge.
M £400 • NM £440

Starters and Desserts - 2 Night:
Alex Mackay

24-26 January 2020

Learn to create meat, fish and vegetarian starters to impress at your dinner parties or to enjoy as a lighter meal, then finish with a chocolate, fruit and sponge based dessert. Also learn about plating aesthetics and the use of colour and texture to balance your plate.
M £400 • NM £440

Summer in Italy - 2 Night:
Mariella Bliss NEW

3-5 June 2020

Warm summer days call for leisurely recipes that are light, easy to prepare and a joy to eat. Join Mariella for this collection of recipes based largely around the region of the Amalfi Coast where she grew up, which can be enjoyed with family and friends. These dishes will be perfect whether they are enjoyed in a sunny English garden or on the Italian Riviera - they are classic recipes that you will want to make again and again.
M £400 • NM £440

Summer Preserves - 2 Night: Vivien Lloyd
10-12 June 2020

Celebrate the arrival summer by joining us to make preserves using recipes championed by the Women's Institute. Suitable for beginners and experienced preservers, capture the flavours of summer for the colder months ahead. This course is practical with some tutor demonstrations. Learn how to make sweet and savoury jams, jelly, curd, cordial, chutney, vinegar and preserve fruit in alcohol. For those who enjoy entering competitions, there will be hints and tips from the tutor who is an NFWI Preserves Judge. Jars and lids for the preserves made during the course will be provided. This course contains some pair work.
M £400 • NM £440

Viennoiserie: Breakfast Pastries - 2 Night:
Alison Haigh

7-9 February 2020

Learn to make your own pain au chocolate, croissants, brioches and Danishes from a true pastry master.
M £440 • NM £480

Winter Warming Baking - 2 Night:
Jill Arthur NEW

6-8 November 2019

Join Jill on a baking masterclass as she incorporates seasonal produce and spices into some of your favourite or soon to be favourite bakes. Covering an array of cakes, doughs, biscuits and pastry, this course is one not to miss for anyone who loves baking and wants to extend their recipe repertoire and knowledge.
M £400 • NM £440

World Street Food - Menu 1 - 2 Night:
Peter Lien

27-29 April 2020

Some of the most delicious food in the world isn't served in fancy restaurants, but from stalls and carts in bustling markets or on busy streets. Why not take your taste buds on a global cookery tour visiting countries as diverse as Austria, Spain, Turkey, Mexico and Japan?
M £440 • NM £480

World Street Food - Menu 2 - 2 Night:
Peter Lien

22-24 June 2020

Some of the most delicious food in the world is not served in fancy restaurants, but from stalls and carts in bustling markets or on busy streets. Why not take your taste buds on a global cookery tour by joining Peter for a second instalment of one of our most popular courses?
M £440 • NM £480



Craft

3D Fibre and Stitch: Under the Sea - 2 Night: Joanna Pout

4-6 November 2019

Under the Sea lives a wondrous micro-world of marine life with its amazing variety of creatures and colours which provides a rich source of inspiration to the budding textile artist. Learn various techniques including needle felting, embroidery, die-cutting and collage. Use a mixture of different textile and craft materials and together with these techniques, make items and elements to assemble on a felted fabric background.

M £360 • NM £400

A Beadwoven Butterfly Scissor Case or Pendant - 2 Night: Sally Boehme

13-15 July 2020

Explore the beautifully tactile nature of beadwoven 'fabric' and create something both useful and beautiful, what more could you ask? Cylinder beads in colours of your choice are woven using odd and even count peyote stitch to create this double-sided scissor case, finished with a row of picots. Or, you can create just one side, line it with fabric and create a pendant or brooch to wear home. Even complete beginners will find this an ideal exercise in mindfulness as you enjoy the look and feel of the work as it grows into a stylized butterfly.

M £360 • NM £400

Did you know?

On your next visit, pop into the Faberdashery Shop - it's an Aladdin's Cave of donated craft goods. You'll be amazed what you find in there!

A Paper Bag But Not As You Know It - 2 Night: Marilyn Pipe

22-24 January 2020

An exciting course exploring the properties of ordinary printed paper and turning it into a glorious designer evening bag. By mixing prepared magazine papers together with lining, stitch, wax and a little silk embellishment, you will create a unique accessory that you will be proud to carry on a night out.

M £360 • NM £400

A Paper Bag But Not As You Know It - 3 Night: Marilyn Pipe

14-17 April 2020

An exciting course exploring the properties of ordinary printed paper and turning it into a glorious designer evening bag. By mixing prepared magazine papers together with lining, stitch, wax and a little silk embellishment, you will create a unique accessory that you will be proud to carry on a night out.

M £490 • NM £540

A Paper Book From Start to Finish - 2 Night: Marilyn Pipe

7-9 February 2020

An exciting course exploring the properties of ordinary printed paper and turning it into a designer book complete with hand painted pages. Using easy techniques, this is a wonderful way to use those discarded magazines to produce a stunning, and useful, item or two!

M £360 • NM £400

Acrylic Painting: Christmas Scenes - 2 Night: Jonathan Newey

4-6 December 2019

During the course you will be shown how to paint snow, winter trees and skies, robins, holly and also how to produce your own Christmas cards. Each exercise will be demonstrated by the tutor who will also be on hand to provide group and individual constructive criticism. Ideal for beginners and people with some knowledge.

M £360 • NM £400

An Introduction to Decoupage: A Trinket / Keepsake Box and More - 2 Night: Janine Kilroe

NEW

1-3 March 2020

Decoupage comes from the French verb 'to cut out'. It is a very accessible, fun, relaxing and a creative craft for beginner and dabblers. Decoupage can be used to personalize almost any item in your home. We will explore a variety of Decoupage techniques, tips and materials during the course. You will create a beautiful personalized trinket box and more.

Your designs can be simple or as complex as you like. Using a variety of papers. Napkins, cut outs from magazines, scrap papers, tissues papers, copies of photographs etc.

M £360 • NM £400

An Introduction to Finding Freedom and Joy in Art - 2 Night: Janine Kilroe

27-29 November 2019

9 June - 1 July 2020

Explore and experiment using a variety of artistic expressions, mediums and techniques including Watercolour, Acrylics, Collage, etc. You will produce two or three pieces of free expressive art and learn a little more about yourself along the way. As adults we became fearful of making mistakes, of being laughed at or criticised, or of not being 'good enough' at what we were doing. However, with a little mindfulness and self-compassion, we can regain the creative freedom of our childhood and once again experience the joy and freedom of exploring our artistic side!

M £360 • NM £400

An Introduction to Hand Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom - 2 Night: Linda Parkhouse

30 April - 1 May 2020

Come and try your hand at modern hand-weaving. If you've never tried this traditional craft before then you're in for a treat! Using a simple rigid-heddle loom and a selection of supplied colourful hand-knitting yarns, learn how to warp up a loom, start weaving and finish off a beautiful shoulder bag to take home with you. Suitable for beginners.

M £400 • NM £440

An Old Attic Scene in Miniature - 2 Night: Celia Thomas

NEW

13-15 November 2019

Indulge your creativity within the world of miniatures and create a stunning 1/12th scale attic room scene. Using a variety of techniques and materials, learn how to create this unique room setting plus contents, all with a hint of age and realism. Versatile enough that once completed can sit on a shelf or hang on a wall. Something to treasure forever.

M £360 • NM £400

Art: Michele's Little Art Course (Part 2) - 2 Night: Michele Floyd

22-24 May 2020

This is a follow on from Part 1: 'How to Draw' and 'Beginners Watercolours'. This time you will tackle watercolour landscapes. You will consider the techniques of big washes, textures, composition and perspective, and discover how to put it all together. At the end of the course you will be able to construct beautiful landscapes with confidence.

M £360 • NM £400

Art: How to Draw - 2 Night: Michele Floyd

27-29 March 2020

Want to draw? This course will show you how. Come and take those first creative steps and see how fulfilling and fun it is. Learning to draw is learning how to look at things in a simpler way and then becoming familiar with the techniques to translate what you have seen on to paper. You will be amazed at what you can achieve when shown how, and how your confidence will grow.

M £360 • NM £400

Beaded Decorations for Christmas - 2 Night: Sally Boehme

2-4 December 2019

Come and indulge yourself by creating your own beaded Christmas decorations. Using tiny seed beads and lots of deliciously sparkly crystal beads you will create a beautiful beaded bauble, a beaded snowflake and light-catching beaded icicle to hang on your Christmas tree. They also make the ideal gift for loved ones that cannot be found in any shop, however, after all your efforts you may find it hard to part with them! This course is suitable for those with some beading experience.

M £360 • NM £400

Beading Reunion - 3 Night: Pat Trott

10-14 February 2020

Beading is therapeutic, relaxing and very addictive. Many wonderful jewellery items can be made using needle, thread and beads. There are many different stitches and this course offers you the opportunity to learn some of them. You will begin with an introduction to the materials needed, an explanation of some of the stitches and the showing of many samples. Each different stitch will be demonstrated and the students encouraged to work at their own pace. Not suitable for complete beginners.

M £620 • NM £680

Beadweaving for the More Experienced - 2 Night: Sally Boehme

29-31 January 2020

This advanced course will provide challenging projects to create finished pieces of jewellery. There will be 3 projects; a Dragonwing Bracelet created using bugles, crystals and seed beads in Right-angle Weave and Netting stitches, a Crystal Navettes Pendant (with beaded chain necklace) using crystal navette stones in sew-on settings, woven with Herringbone and Peyote stitches and finally, some puffed triangle-shaped earrings created using crystal bicones and cylinder beads worked in Peyote Stitch. This course requires some experience in beadweaving and knowledge of Herringbone, Peyote and Right-angle Weave stitches.

M £360 • NM £400

Beginners Sewing - 2 Night: Gary Mills

19-21 November 2019

Scared of the sewing machine? You won't be after this class. There is much joy and satisfaction that comes from being able to say, 'I've made that so what better way to get you started than with this great new sewing course designed for beginners or as a refresher for those who have not sewn for many years. During this sewing course you will learn the sewing machine basics such as how to thread your machine, how to sew in a straight line and how to create a seam. There will be plenty of time for practice and step by step demonstrations throughout.

M £360 • NM £400



Birds of Prey with Graphite Pencils - 2 Night:
Jonathan Newey **NEW**

29 April - 1 May 2020

This is a course that will show you how to draw birds of prey with graphite (lead) pencil. Using photos supplied you will be shown how to achieve the texture and feel of the bird using techniques such as shading, blending, smudging and lifting out. Each drawing will be demonstrated step by step in a relaxed and friendly manner. By the end of the course you will have produced a couple of drawings. Ideal for beginners and students with some experience of the medium.

M £360 • NM £400

Block Printing For Christmas - 2 Night:
Holly Jones **NEW**

5-7 November 2019

This class we be focused on Printing for Christmas, so we will have a large selection of Christmas designs and colours with us, as well as our everyday range of printing blocks, so throughout the session you can print items for Christmas in festive designs and items to give as Christmas presents printed with everyday designs!

Print items such as Gift Wrap, Cards and Envelopes and fabric such as Christmas Napkins, Tea Towels, Bags, Cushion Covers, Stockings and Pouches.

M £360 • NM £400

Book Binding for Beginners - 2 Night:
Janine Kilroe **NEW**

20-22 April 2020

Discover the fun and creative art of bookbinding! This course will give you the opportunity to explore a variety of stitching techniques, tips, tools, and materials used for binding. You will create your own paperback / hardback books that can be used as sketchbooks or notebooks etc.

M £360 • NM £400

Bountiful Beadwork: Fabulous Freeform Peyote - 2 Night:
Sally Boehme

1-3 May 2020

A chance to flex your creative muscles, this course is ideal for those who wish to 'loosen up' their bead weaving technique and go freeform! We will use peyote stitch but you may find other stitches creeping in as you progress such as circular brick stitch, picots and spiral staircase, and maybe a further choice or two from your own repertoire. Instruction will be given on the overall freeform peyote technique, plus the stitches mentioned.

M £360 • NM £400

Bumper Craft Take Away - 2 Night:
Natalie Green

24-26 February 2020

5-7 June 2020

Try your hand at a medley of different craft projects with a contemporary twist. You will make a number of small projects to give you lots of lovely ideas for your WI craft sessions, to decorate your home or to give away as special presents. There will be a range of projects to try, using beautiful fabrics, felts, buttons, threads, beads, papers and all sorts!

M £360 • NM £400

Calligraphy - Learn, Design and Create
2 Night: Jane Lappage

8-10 January 2020

Whether you are a beginner or returning to improve what you have already learnt, these two days will give you all you need to confidently personalise your own style of this beautiful script. You will be using a fine point nib which is perfect for left handers too. We will practice the techniques in mastering this script and look at layout and design. Using fantastic new metallic ink, you should go home with a fabulous piece, picture, card etc. for special occasions such as Anniversaries.

M £360 • NM £400

Calligraphy: An Introduction - 2 Night:
David Nicholls

27-29 January 2020

Calligraphy is defined in the dictionary as the art of beautiful writing, but you don't have to be an artist to enjoy this craft and obtain satisfying results. This course has been designed to help the absolute beginner to 'make good letters and arrange them well'. We will concentrate on the Foundation Hand - this being the 'mother hand' - before going on to look at elements of layout and design.

M £360 • NM £400

Calligraphy: Gothic Script - 2 Night:
David Nicholls

1-3 May 2020

Gothic, or Black Letter, is a very bold, straight and upright hand. It is very regular and sometimes produces a 'picket fence' effect due to its strong vertical lines. Surprisingly it is not too difficult to learn. If you can master one particular stroke, you will already be able to use it to write almost half of the alphabet. This course is for complete beginners and those with a little experience. You will be surprised at what you can achieve during the course!

M £360 • NM £400

Canvas with a Twist - 2 Night: Jane Matthews
NEW

10-12 January 2020

Choose a photo from Jane's selection which will be printed onto an A4 piece of canvas. The excitement is seeing how the image develops as you embellish some areas with stitches in various threads and beads and highlight with metallic paint.

M £360 • NM £400



Did you know?

Courses are practically all inclusive!
Expert tuition, all accommodation, meal and refreshments, we can even pick you up from the local station!

Celtic Design: An Introduction - 2 Night:
David Nicholls

4-6 March 2020

Celtic designs are based on much earlier interlacing designs originating thousands of years ago in China, but the Celts took these for their own and modified them to form the designs that we recognise today. Celtic knots are extremely complex, but the methods of producing them are deceptively simple if the rules of construction are followed systematically. We will be looking at square knots and we will produce a variety of borders and designs, culminating in a complex Celtic cross that you will be amazed that you have completed!

M £360 • NM £400

Crochet: Colour me Crochet - 2 Night:
Lindy Zubairy **NEW**

10-12 January 2020

If you can execute a treble crochet stitch and playing with colour excites you, then you'll love Colour Me Crochet. This course is perfect for those who may have completed the Beginners course and are ready to move on, learning a few fun ways to combine the stitches you know to create patterns and textures. A little colour theory and colour inspiration, but mostly we shall be crocheting - creating a portfolio of stitch samplers with a wealth of transferable techniques that will rapidly move your skillset to the next level. Expect Granny Squares, Shells, Popcorns, Almonds, Spikes, Chevrons and intarsia.

M £360 • NM £400

Crochet for Beginners - 2 Night:
Lindy Zubairy

1-3 November 2019

Get hooked on crochet, the creative yarn craft which is quicker than knitting and has a huge range of possibilities. We will cover all the basic stitches, iron out all your 'beginners issues', and you'll leave able to read a crochet pattern and confidently develop your skills independently.

M £360 • NM £400

Crochet for Beginners - 2 Night: Natalie Green
22-24 May 2020

Get hooked on crochet. We will cover the simple stitches which form the basis of many crochet designs, alongside tips on tools, yarns and fibres, reading patterns and charts, inspiration and ideas and designing your own small beginners projects. The techniques learned can all be developed to make larger scale projects such as blankets, cushion covers, larger bags and accessories such as gloves, scarves and bags.

M £360 • NM £400

Crochet for Christmas - 2 Night:
Lindy Zubairy

29 November - 1 December 2019

If you can make a crochet chain and have tried even a tiny bit of crochet before, then you will be ready to have a go at some Christmas crochet on this course, immersing yourself in glittery, silvery, snowy and Scandi yarns. Stars and snowflakes, baubles and birds provide a vehicle for you to improve upon your pattern reading and learn some new techniques.

M £360 • NM £400

Crochet: Extreme Crochet - 2 Night:
Lindy Zubairy

5-7 June 2020

Throw together a throw in a weekend using a mega chunky hook and some chunky yarn. Choose either traditional or Tunisian crochet; some patterns provided but bring your own if you prefer. A trip to wool shop in Abingdon might be in order.

M £360 • NM £400

Crochet: Get Better at Crochet - 2 Night:
Lindy Zubairy

26-28 February 2020

Essentially an improvers course with an emphasis on overcoming stumbling blocks. Gain confidence in pattern and chart reading and other 'issues' such as maintaining the stitch count. Building on skills repertoire in a manner tailored to requirement and ironing out any issues or barriers that may be holding you back.

M £360 • NM £400

Crochet: Tunisian Crochet for Beginners - 2 Night: Lindy Zubairy

1-3 May 2020

This cross between knitting and crochet is easy to pick up if you can already crochet a chain. You'll learn the basic stitches and then begin to combine for endless effects. It will open up a whole new world of options for you as a knitter or crochet crafter.

M £360 • NM £400

Designs for Craft - 2 Night: David Nicholls
22-24 July 2020

This course is aimed at everyone interested in the decorative arts to enhance their particular craft. Some of the designs appear very complex, but taking it in simple steps you will be amazed at what you can achieve. We will explore various types of interlacing patterns, floral designs, freehand 'space-filling' patterns, and some simple geometric patterns using a ruler and compasses. You will develop some of these designs and experiment with colour. This is a fun class and you will be amazed at the variety of complex designs you will produce.

This course is open to anyone.

M £360 • NM £400

Drawing for the Terrified - 3 Night: Richard Box

10-13 February 2020

Are you terrified of drawing but have a secret longing to learn how to do it? Then enrol on this course where Richard will guide you through certain processes slowly, gently and step by step. If you follow his 'recipes', you will be amazed at what you will be able to draw. You will stay with a simple still life for the whole course. The main focus will be on learning how to see what is often merely glanced at. Once this is understood and put into practice, you will be able to try many and various drawing techniques in both monochrome and colour.

M £490 • NM £540

Eco Print Dyeing - 2 Night: Sue Pearl

29 June - 1 July 2020

Eco print dyeing is a fascinating way of printing onto fabric. Using flowers and leaves from your own gardens and the surrounding countryside in a direct contact printing method that allows the flora and foliage to give up their colours and patterns. You will be amazed at the effects and results you can get from sometimes the most mundane of plants.

M £360 • NM £400

Embroidery (Hand): An English Country Garden - 4 Night: Pat Trott

21-25 June 2020

This course is for all levels of ability, no previous experience is needed. Everyone is welcome, from the newcomer to embroidery to the converted addict. Through a series of demonstrations, discussions and practical instruction work, students will learn many three dimensional stitches and how to use them to represent flowers. They will also learn about different threads and how to use each one to achieve the best results.

M £620 • NM £680

Embroidery (Hand) Hardanger - 4 Night: Pat Trott

13-17 January 2020

Hardanger embroidery originated in Norway and is used on household linen and on clothes. It is worked on Hardanger fabric or any evenly woven fabric using a twisted thread such as perle, and is usually self-coloured, i.e., white on white, blue on blue, red on red, etc. Blocks of satin stitch called Kloster Blocks are worked in a geometric design, and then some threads are cut and withdrawn and the remaining threads are woven together.

M £620 • NM £680

Embroidery (Hand): Magnificent Mountmellick - 4 Night: Pat Trott

18-22 November 2019

Mountmellick is a traditional, hand embroidery technique, which is both beautiful to look at and relaxing to do. If you are a newcomer to embroidery, Mountmellick is an ideal technique with which to begin. It is a 'white on white', highly textured technique developed in Ireland during the 19th century. On this course you will learn how to transfer your design onto fabric, dress a frame, and start a piece of work using a great variety of stitches. You will also make samples of the knitted fringe that is a characteristic of this type of work.

M £620 • NM £680

Embroidery Stumpwork: Peacock - 3 Night: Joanna Pout

15-19 June 2020

The Indian peacock is renowned for its iridescent blue and green plumage. Our project will bring this magnificent bird to life with this 3-dimensional form of embroidery. All levels of experience are welcome as we learn techniques from this 17th century English form of raised and padded embroidery. Stumpwork consists of a background design to which surface embroidery and paddings are added. This course will enable you to learn various traditional techniques and apply them to a design based around our theme.

M £490 • NM £540



Embroidery Stumpwork: The Kingfisher - 4 Night: Joanna Pout

5-9 April 2020

The majestic colours of the kingfisher form the centre of this project, famous for its brightly coloured plumage. Instantly recognised for its beauty, it is an ideal subject for a composition in stumpwork. We picture it perched above the waters beneath the shade of freestanding willow leaves.

All levels of experience are welcome.
M £620 • NM £680

Embroidery Stumpwork: Tropical Fish - 3 Night: Joanna Pout

3-6 February 2020

Work with the vibrant colours of tropical sea life as we create in Stumpwork, an underwater wonderland, incorporating some of the extraordinary creatures that inhabit the warm waters of the tropics. The three dimensional quality of stumpwork embroidery lends itself to this engaging project.

Stumpwork consists of a background design to which surface embroidery and paddings are added. This course will enable you to learn various traditional techniques and apply them to a design based around our theme. All levels of experience are welcome.

M £490 • NM £540

Enamelling With A Seasonal Theme - 2 Night: Bonnie Mackintosh

8-10 November 2019

Students will have hands on experience of fusing glass to metal (vitreous kiln fired enamelling), producing decorative work (brooches, pendants, small pictures) on a seasonal/holiday theme. Other materials common to papercraft projects, such as stencils, peel offs and decorative punches will also be used produce an assortment of attractive patterns.

M £400 • NM £440

Faberge Style Eggs - 3 Night: Morag Flower and Pauline Vice

24-27 March 2020

13-16 July 2020

Discover the world of egg craft where you will be introduced to a variety of craft techniques through a set design, then go on to develop your own ideas. A fascinating craft made easy. You will go home with a completed Faberge style egg to be proud of. All tools provided.

M £530 • NM £580

Faberge Style Eggs for Christmas - 3 Night: Morag Flower and Pauline Vice

9-12 December 2019

Decorate a real egg shell in Faberge style. Work with fine braids, sumptuous materials, crystal stones and beautiful decal prints whilst learning a variety of craft techniques. Suitable for all levels, beginners very welcome.

M £530 • NM £580

Did you know?

An Experience Day costs only £80pp and includes two workshops, lunch and afternoon tea!

Fabric Inspirations in Polymer Clay - 2 Night: Sally Boehme

5-7 June 2020

During this course we will employ different techniques to create both freeform and designed patterns that imitate fabric but all from polymer clay. Using a simple cane technique we will create a smart, tweed check in contrasting colours. A different technique will produce swirls of 'frayed' or 'stitched' fabric in a painterly mix of colours. More will be explored before the results are used to create beads in a variety of shapes - such as round, bicone, lentil, tubes and ovals - plus how to create buttons as jewellery or for your own stitching projects, brooches, pendants or something pictorial, the choice is yours!

M £360 • NM £400

Felt Jewellery: Bangles, Baubles and Beads - 3 Night: Sue Pearl

19-22 November 2019

Create gorgeous felt jewellery as special Christmas presents or to sparkle up your festive outfits. Using both wet and dry felting techniques you can make stylish necklaces, funky bracelets and fancy earrings. Made from lovely soft merino wool in a myriad of colours, you can embellish your jewellery and add crystals and beading to make something special.

M £360 • NM £400

Festive Willow - 2 Night: Norah Kennedy

15-17 November 2019

A wreath for your front door, an angel or star for the top of the tree, a mince pie platter, flat reindeer (with red noses), corn dolly bells, wands, trees (two designs) and spheres - all these things are possible on this enjoyable course. We will be using different colours and varieties of willow and some simple basketmaking techniques and all the tools are provided by the tutor. You might want to bring some of your own decorations to add to your willow creations.

M £360 • NM £400

Flower Arranging: The Budding Arranger - 2 Night: Christine Pearce

7-9 February 2020

This course is for total beginners to flower arranging and those who need a refresher on the basics of floral art and design. How about learning what else you can do with them and create lovely arrangements for your home? We will cover all about care for your flowers, conditioning, and how to use different containers and mechanics, as well as creating lovely designs for you to take home. The course is fun and you will be working with beautiful plant materials. No requirements except a love of flowers and a big smile.

M £360 • NM £400

Flowers for Spring and Easter - 2 Night: Christine Pearce

1-3 April 2020

Shake off the winter blues and enjoy the joys of spring flowers. The fresh colours will brighten up your home from a lovely spring front door wreath to flowers to brighten the darkest corner in the house. We will make three designs over the two days in both traditional and contemporary styles. You will also be informed about the principles and elements of design, conditioning of plant materials and some techniques which you can use in other designs. The course is for all abilities and especially welcomes beginners.

M £360 • NM £400

Free Machine Embroidery: Silk Paper and Embroidered Cards - 2 Night: Claire Muir

28 February - 1 March 2020

Perfect for those who have done Claire's Thread and Texture course previously. It would suit people who like making cards and would like to create some lovely, simple textile ones. Small pieces of silk paper are made, decorated with a little free machine embroidery and turned into stunning cards. Complete beginners to free machine embroidery are very welcome.

M £360 • NM £400

Free Machine Embroidery: A Fascinator - 2 Night: Claire Muir
22-24 April 2020

Make a fascinator by machine embroidering on sinamay to create flower petals. If you have done free machine embroidery before that's great, if not, you will be shown how to do it. The petals are then hand sewn together and you create a beaded and crystal centre for the flower. It is sewn to a fine headband and goose biots (feathers) are attached, finishing the fascinator off. Samples will be shown and techniques clearly demonstrated allowing everyone to make their own personalised creations.

M £360 • NM £400

Free Machine Embroidery: Bowl Workshop - 1 Night: Claire Muir

20-21 April 2020

Learn how to create a beautiful lacy bowl by sewing on soluble fabric. We first trap various threads, fabrics and wool tops in between two layers of Avalon soluble fabric. We then free-machine embroider over the layers before washing the soluble fabric away in water. We create a bowl shape by placing it over a mould and drying it with a hairdryer. We decorate the bowl with a few beads and sequins and then it is all ready to twinkle with a battery operated tealight inside. It also looks great with sweeties inside.

M £230 • NM £260

Free Machine Embroidery: Doodles In Stitches - Time for Tea - 1 Night: Claire Muir
21-22 April 2020

If you have ever wondered about trying free machine embroidery and did not know where to start then this is the course for you. Aimed at complete beginners you will soon see just how much fun and versatile this contemporary technique is. You will also learn all about free machine applique and use fabric, ribbon and lace in your design. You will go home with a picture that you can frame or turn into a cushion cover. Come and learn this creative technique and turn your doodles into stitches.

M £230 • NM £260

Free Machine Embroidery: Expressive Eye - 2 Night: Stacey Chapman NEW
13-15 December 2019

Be inspired by all the glitz and glamour of the carnival! Illustrate an eye before uniquely decorating it with stitch, applique, glitter, embellish, all with the ethos that more is more! We begin with a half day warm up exercise where you will learn all of the basics of free hand machine embroidery. Using a variety of colours and textures of fabric and trim, you will make design decisions and hone your design skills by experimenting with how to colour and embellish your own glamorous eye, to the greatest effect. The only limit is your imagination!

M £360 • NM £400

Free Machine Embroidery: Make a Mirror - 2 Night: Claire Muir

10-12 February 2020

Come and make a beautiful machine-embroidered handbag mirror out of organza and silk and making a matching silk case for it. Claire will provide a design for you to stitch out or you can create your own. You will then hand sew some beads on and stick beautiful crystals onto your design. You will then sandwich a little mirror between this organza and a silk back and then create a silk case. It's a beautiful keepsake that can be made for a bride or a very special lady. Aimed at people who have had a go at free-machine embroidery before.

M £360 • NM £400

Did you know?

All our bedrooms are en-suite and uniquely decorated - as a Friend of Denman you can even choose which one to stay in!

Free Machine Embroidery: Thread and Texture - 2 Night: Claire Muir
24-26 January 2020
27-29 April 2020

This course is for people who would love to learn how to free machine embroider. If you have had a go at it and been put off, or you have never tried it but would like to learn, then this is the course for you. This course is suitable for complete beginners and those with some previous experience, and it's great for learning new techniques and ideas. Come and see just how versatile free machine embroidery is and take lots of samples home with you.

M £360 • NM £400

Glass Fusing: An Introduction - 2 Night: Shirley Eccles

31 January - 2 February 2020

This workshop will give you an introduction to glass fusing and slumping techniques and you will aspire to complete four projects during your visit to Denman. You will learn about different glass materials and how they react once fired and you will have the opportunity to explore different colours, textures and techniques in glass.

M £400 • NM £440

Glass Fusing: Christmas Gifts and Festive Decorations - 2 Night: Shirley Eccles

11-13 December 2019

Enjoy creating your own unique glass decorations and gifts in this seasonal workshop. There are many possibilities and whether you are new to glass or have experience of fusing there will be lots to inspire you, with beautiful results.

A variety of glass cutting and fusing techniques will be taught and you will have a choice of objects to make. You will be introduced to different glass materials; frits, stringers, confetti and how they are used, as well as the end results when fused and melted. Some projects will need two firing processes. This course is suitable for all levels of ability.

M £360 • NM £400

Glass Fusing: Glass and Print - 3 Night: Shirley Eccles

9-12 March 2020

This workshop will give you the experience to take glass fusing and slumping techniques a step further and combine it with a variety of printing techniques to create exciting images within your glass.

M £490 • NM £540

Glass Fusing: Powder and Crackle Technique - 2 Night: Shirley Eccles

17-19 June 2020

This course is an exciting chance to extend your knowledge of glass fusing and slumping techniques. The use of powders in glass fusing can be subtle and varied, in this course we use glass powders to create unusual and interesting crackle patterns in the glass.

M £360 • NM £400

Goldwork Embroidery - 4 Night: Jane Matthews
1-5 June 2020

Goldwork in its pure form would usually be associated with ecclesiastical vestments. The special goldwork stitch techniques can be used to great effect on other projects. Take a design that appeals to you simplify it and using coloured metal threads, silk fabric, beads, wires and kid create fantastic pieces of work. Try mixing goldwork with applique, stumpwork, long and short, machine embroidery, in fact any stitch techniques, they all complement one and another. A piece to proud of and Maybe a little different to your usual work. Examples of Jane's work can be seen at Jemdesign.co.uk

M £620 • NM £680

Goldwork Embroidery: Flowers and Stars - 2 Night: Sarah Rakestraw

13-15 January 2020

This is an introductory course for beginners, who want to learn Goldwork embroidery. We cover the techniques of Jap circles, Bright Check, Pearl Purl, Leather application and padding and Smooth Purl. Goldwork is an ancient craft and Golden Hinde aims to show you that it is not beyond beginners.

M £360 • NM £400

Goldwork Embroidery: Glorious Goldwork - 4 Night: Sarah Rakestraw

16-20 March 2020

Goldwork embroidery is steeped with tradition and has adorned vestments and kings and queens regalia for centuries. In this Glorious Goldwork course we will be teaching you, information about the main threads and wires used in Goldwork and will be using wires, spangles and leather. We will be showing you the beautiful technique of S-in, S-in with spangles. A variety of things you can do with spangles and using the leather in an unusual way.

M £620 • NM £680

Goldwork Embroidery: Goldwork Bees - 3 Night: Sheila Knight

17-20 February 2020

Make 2 Sumptuous Goldwork Bees. Honeybee and Bumble Bee. During this 3 day course you will make a beautiful Goldwork Honeybee. Learn how to pad a shape and use rough purl, bright check purl and other metallic threads. Then for the Bumble Bee learn how to do Turkey Knot Stitch using metallic thread. Plus for both bees learn how to make detached 3D wings. Suitable for beginners and the more.

M £490 • NM £540

Goldwork Embroidery: Goldwork Heart Sampler - 4 Night: Sheila Knight

15-19 June 2020

Create a Goldwork Embroidered Sampler, in the shape of a heart, for the more experienced goldworker. A little bit of most techniques, including Or Nue, Stringing, Chipping, Leather work, Couching round leather, Couching circles, using purls and Pearl purl, trellis work and different patterns in couching, using braids, jap, purls and other metal threads.

M £620 • NM £680

Goldwork Embroidery: Mirror Class - 4 Night: Sarah Rakestraw

13-17 July 2020

Create a beautiful mirror in Goldwork embroidery, learn the basic techniques of Goldwork in an inspiring design and then how to put his together to create a beautiful mirror.

You will be taught by expert tutors Sarah Rakestraw and Sue Hinde from Golden Hinde.

There are references to cloth of gold in the Bible, so this is an ancient craft. It has travelled across the continent and can be seen on wonderful garments from Japan and China, where their emperors were richly embroidered in gold.

M £620 • NM £680

Hand Embroidery: Beautiful Blackwork - 4 Night: Pat Trott

30 March - 3 April 2020

Blackwork is a simple form of counted thread embroidery. It is executed on evenly woven fabric, using very simple straight and diagonal stitches, which produce many lovely patterns. Stunning tonal effects can be achieved using just one colour of thread.

It is suitable for all levels of ability from the novice to the addict, everyone is most welcome. We will begin with a short introduction to the technique and an explanation of the equipment and materials needed. Then, through demonstration and project work you will be shown how to plan a piece of work and transfer the design onto the fabric.

M £620 • NM £680



Hand Embroidery: UFOs - 4 Night: Pat Trott 18-22 May 2020

I am sure that if you are like me you have many unfinished objects just waiting for you to have the time to complete them. Well now you have! Indulge yourself with this wonderful opportunity to have four days to finish a project that you started and never finished.

You will be asked to bring any embroidery project that you have started and need help to finish. We will start the course by looking at all projects, and after discussion, finding the best way to finish these projects.
M £620 • NM £680

Hand Stitch a Natural Collection - Autumn Harvest - 2 Night: Trish Zachariah and Paula Bray

4-6 November 2019

Trish and Paula will teach you this very fresh and delicate technique, using opalescent paints, pencils, mixed media and embroidery. You will create individual hand stitched nature elements relating to Autumn which can later be added to a calico book or a collage.

E.g. Forest floor, Toadstool/
Fungi, Trees, leaves/ferns,
acorns, hedgehog.

M £360 • NM £400

Hand Stitch a Natural Collection: Bugs and More - 2 Night: Trish Zachariah and Paula Bray

24-26 January 2020

Create a celebration of bugs, butterflies and bumblebees.

Trish and Paula will teach you this very fresh and delicate technique, using micron pens, opalescent paints and embroidery. You will create a large sample which can later be mounted and framed.

Get bitten by the bug - you will want to put them on everything.

No drawing skills required and absolute beginners and seasoned stitchers welcome.

M £360 • NM £400

Did you know?

Did you know you can hire Denman out? Why not plan your next birthday celebration here? Contact us to find out more!

Hand Stitch a Natural Collection: Completion of UFO's - 3 Night: Trish Zachariah and Paula Bray

6-9 July 2020

Eager to finish off those projects which need a fresh injection of inspiration and guidance? Then why not bring them along for 3 nights and let us help you to finish them once and for all. You may wish to continue with your previously made Nature elements and we can teach how to build a cohesive collage using joining techniques. Alternatively, you can continue to further develop and embellish your calico books.

M £490 • NM £540

Hand Stitch a Natural Collection: Springtime - 3 Night: Trish Zachariah and Paula Bray

2-5 March 2020

You will make your own collection of nature elements, choosing from chickens, chicks, birds, eggs, nests, rabbits, hares, flowers and leaves, using a range of techniques; traditional embroidery stitches, pen and paint/colour, waxed papers and mixed media.

These elements can then be added into the pages of a handmade book or to create a collage.

You will have the opportunity to make your own calico book, cuff and pages.

M £490 • NM £540

Happy Scrappy Patchwork for Improvers - 2 Night: Christine Green

13-15 December 2019

If you have already experienced Christine's Happy Scrappy approach to patchwork and would like to do some more and maybe tackle something bigger and more ambitious than a cushion cover, this is for you. If you haven't, don't worry, you will be brought up to speed!

Christine's back to basics and recycling/repurposing technique is perfect for the patch working novice or anyone terrified of fat quarters and jelly rolls. Taking inspiration from African-American and early quilts, this approach to patchwork is liberating, creative and great fun resulting in unique pieces.

M £360 • NM £400

Heirloom Christmas Fairy - 2 Night: Natalie Green

25-27 November 2019

On this course, you will make a beautiful Christmas tree topper, which is sure to become a family heirloom! Using a combination of textile techniques, such as needle felting, bead and wirework, sewing and embroidery, using pretty trims, metallic accents, sequins and embellishments, you will create a unique and original fairy to be proud of.

M £360 • NM £400

Impressionist Landscapes in Acrylic - 3 Night: Richard Box

27-30 April 2020

This is a course for anyone who wants to learn to paint in acrylics. You will be taught in a structured way, be introduced to the medium and work with others in a tranquil and focused atmosphere. The course will help you develop your powers of perception and understanding of colour, composition and painting techniques.

M £490 • NM £540

Intermediate Flower Arranging - 2 Night: Christine Pearce

1-3 November 2019

This course is for those who have some basic knowledge of flower arranging. We will be making a mixture of contemporary and traditional flower arrangements for the home or to give away. We will make structures to support flowers without the use of floral foam. These can be used over again for all seasons. This is a new, fun and exciting course using lovely flowers and foliage's and also non plant craft materials.

M £360 • NM £400

Jacobean Crewel Embroidery - 4 Night: Julie Walsby

8-12 June 2020

Experiment with colour and learn many interesting stitches using a design inspired by 17th and 18th century tree of life bed hangings. Insects and animals were frequently an important part of these embroideries, so have fun by adding a bug or a creature to your work.

M £620 • NM £680

Knitting for the Adventurous - 2 Night: Jan Blight

13-15 January 2020

Knitting for the adventurous is not for the faint hearted. But it is for the knitter who wants to expand their knitting repertoire and make something unique. Among the styles of knitting covered are log cabin, strips, squares, modules, ridges, and short row knitting.

All the knitting methods build on each other so that the students make a knitted fabric that can be used, or left as a sample.

You will need to be able to cast on, knit and work basic increase and decreases.

M £360 • NM £400



Knitting with Wire: A Two Piece Matching Set - 2 Night: Susan Burns NEW

6-8 January 2020

15-17 June 2020

As a knitter you may wish to add to your knitting skills by learning how to knit with wire. If you can cast on, knit, purl and cast off then you will be able to knit with wire. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or more experienced, as each workshop is planned to meet everyone's needs. Knitting with wire will allow you to knit the most unique jewellery plus in the most amazing colours.

M £360 • NM £400

Knitting: Freeform Modular Knitting Reunion - 2 Night: Jan Blight

15-17 November 2019

Have you ever been on one of Jan Blight's modular knitting courses? Then why not come back to Denman for a reunion and spend some time catching up and updating your skills?
M £360 • NM £400

Knitting: Modular Freeform - 2 Night: Jan Blight

21-23 February 2020

Modular knitting is a method of knitting that produces squares of knitting by the use of decreases. Each module is picked up from preceding modules so involves no sewing up at all. Colour and stitch changes produce an infinite number of designs. Multiple modules can be worked which produce even more design choices. You will need to be able to knit and purl plus decrease. It is as simple as that! But beware, modular knitting can become addictive!

M £360 • NM £400

Knitting: Sock Knitting for Beginners - 2 Night: Susan Burns

10-12 February 2020

Join me on this beginner's sock workshop. You need to be a keen knitter willing to have a go. Knitting your own socks is very much in vogue. This workshop allows you to use straight needles of a nice size, 4-50/5mm with Aran yarn. Aran these days comes in many beautiful colours, some are 100% wool, others are more man-made. I will encourage you to bring the yarn of your choice. Working with two needles will give you a great insight into how to knit socks.

You should leave with a complete pair of socks and many ideas of how you can knit more.

M £360 • NM £400

Kumihimo Jewellery - 2 Night: Christine Mayer

9-11 March 2020

6-8 July 2020

Kumihimo (Japanese braiding) is a simple way of making beautiful jewellery and decorative cords for upholstery and trimmings. Create at least two necklaces using cord and beads from a choice of designs. Learn how to make unique jewellery to match your outfit or to give as presents.

M £360 • NM £400



Did you know?

Courses are practically all inclusive! Expert tuition, all accommodation, all refreshments, we can even pick you up from the local station!

Kumihimo Jewellery - Patterns and Fancy Beads - 2 Night: Christine Mayer 8-10 June 2020

This course is suitable for beginners and improvers. On the first evening complete a small project using the 8 cord round braid. Choose a necklace based on the 8 cord braid from a range of designs which are suitable for all levels. Learn the 7 cord braid which is good for incorporating large beads. The final project can be chosen from any of the techniques covered. Each of the projects will give you a choice of colours and designs to suit your taste.
M £360 • NM £400

Leatherwork: From Belts to Bracelets - 2 Night: Heather Summers 24-26 March 2020

Leather is a wonderful medium to work with and personalisation can be as broad as an individual's imagination or you can choose plain, elegant lines. You will learn about leather, how to use the various tools, and make a belt each, plus a purse, wallet, small bag or a pouch and a project of your choice. There will be a broad selection of leathers and suedes to choose from, in a variety of colours and textures, plus decorative studs, fasteners, rivets, eyelets and threads.
M £360 • NM £400

Lino Cut Techniques - 2 Night: Janine Kilroe NEW

8-10 November 2019
Explore the creative fun and enjoyment of Lino Cut printmaking.

Create your very own greeting cards, prints and more. Plenty of opportunity to explore a variety of techniques, tools and styles.
M £360 • NM £400

Make a Terrarium - 1 Night: Karen Jones NEW

**23-24 January 2020
2-3 July 2020**

The perfect opportunity for the indoor gardener to make your own terrarium from scratch.

You will learn how to cut the glass into hexagons, then assemble it into a beautiful dodecahedron 3D terrarium using the tiffany-style copper foil stained glass technique. Your tutor will have a small selection of plants available if you wish to take your masterpiece home fully stocked. Suitable for confident beginners. Please note that this workshop necessitates a lot of standing (for safety reasons).
M £230 • NM £260

Make a Winter Hand Bag - 2 Night: Jan Cadman NEW

2-4 December 2019

Make a beautiful lined handbag which is made from brightly coloured woollen fabric which will involve the insertion of a zip pocket, a snap fastener and corded handles.
M £360 • NM £400

Make the Most of Your Sewing Machine - 2 Night: May Martin 8-10 January 2020

This is a course for everyone with a sewing machine wishing to navigate successfully through the many functions. Using the correct foot, needle, thread and tension setting can make an enormous difference to the quality of your stitching. We will work through a range of techniques including beautiful buttonholes, accurate top stitching, twin needle stitching, piping and more. Solve the mysteries that lie in the accessory box! Find out what all those extra bits and pieces are for.
M £400 • NM £440

Making Felt Hats - 2 Night: Sue Pearl 13-15 January 2020

Lovely and unique handmade, bespoke and made to measure felt hats all made in beautifully soft merino wool in a myriad of colours using the wet felting process. Add fabric details, flowers, dingle-dangles, pleats and anything else that you may fancy. Wow them at the next WI meeting with your fancy headwear.
M £360 • NM £400

Marquetry: Creating Your Own Coasters - 1 Night: Gabriella Blake NEW 7-8 February 2020

The following processes will be covered and either produced as samples or incorporated into a bigger project: - Working with veneers - Creating a design - Choosing colours - Trace pattern on loose piece of veneer - Different colour from background - Cut out the pieces with the right tools - Cut the same pattern on the background, which has already been prepared - Insert the pieces of contrasting colours and glue the veneers - Varnishing
M £230 • NM £260

Modern Calligraphy: For Beginners and Improving Your Style and Flair - 2 Night: Jane Lappage 31 January - 2 February 2020

You will have seen this on trend script everywhere. The beauty of learning this script is it is easier to master and personalise, making it unique to you. You will be using a fine point nib which is perfect for left handers too. Practising the skills in this script, you will gain your confidence and finish the day by incorporating design and flourishes to be able to create a small beautiful piece for any occasion, such as a card, place name, gift tag etc. Using fantastic metallic inks with calligraphy, your work will look a million dollars.
M £360 • NM £400

Modern Calligraphy: Glitter Bauble Writing - 1 Night: Jane Lappage

12-13 December 2019

Join Jane for this overnight course where you will learn 'Modern Calligraphy' brush lettering to produce a bespoke 'Glitter Bauble', complete with a sentiment of your choice. Whether you're a beginner or advanced, everyone is welcome. You will practice your script, layout and complete your own design on a large silver bauble in your choice of matte or shiny.
M £230 • NM £260

Modern Calligraphy: New Ink Resist for Beginners and Improve Your Style and Flair - 3 Night: Jane Lappage

16-19 March 2020

You will have seen this on trend script everywhere. The beauty of learning this script is it is easier to master and personalise, making it unique to you. I will explain all the helpful tips you will need to get started. If anyone already own a dip fine point pen, inks etc., please bring them. Bring a small quotation or something you would like to work on for your finished piece. All hand out sheets, nib, nib holder will be provided for you to take home. Ink and metallic ink will be provided for your use in the class.
M £490 • NM £540



Modern Calligraphy - 2 Night: Lou Collins 6-8 April 2020

We will learn the basics of brush lettering; focusing on two common sized pens and begin practising the main strokes that make up a modern calligraphy alphabet. When writing in brush lettering, even masters prefer to sketch their designs in pencil first and create drafts and templates before taking an ink pen to their project. We will look at spacing, connectors and faux calligraphy. One of the stand out styles of modern lettering is where the letters 'bounce' up and down on the page. We will look at how to create this look. Perfectly placed flourishes are key for creating a look that is fun and flows around the page. We will practise flourishing ascenders and descenders and learn where to place them. We will create some simple greeting cards with our own chosen sentiments on.
M £360 • NM £400

Mosaics: An Introduction - 1 Night: Erica Bibbings

16-17 March 2020

Mosaic is fun, rewarding and addictive! Learn to design for mosaic cut, fix and grout tiles. You will make an 8" x 8" (20cm x 20cm) mosaic on MDF. We will explore design principles for successful mosaic, and practise cutting different types of tesserae. You'll transfer your design on to MDF, and choosing from a wide range of ceramic and glass tiles, china and mirror, complete a mosaic tile, suitable to hang, or use as a pot stand. I will demonstrate the grouting process, and provide the grout for you to finish at home.
M £230 • NM £260

Mosaics: Smashing Festive Fun! - 2 Night: Lis Greensmith

4-6 December 2019

Mosaicing is addictive, be warned! This is a lovely creative course where you will learn how to use mosaic tools safely to cut and "nibble" tesserae to create your own unique mosaic design within your chosen base. Designs can be as vibrant and decorative as you wish. Feel free to bring your own special items if you want to incorporate them into your mosaic - tiles, broken crockery or jewellery, buttons and beach findings too - and then you can create a truly personal piece.
M £360 • NM £400

Needle Felting: Spring Animals, Easter Bunnies and Eggs - 2 Night: Sue Pearl 13-15 March 2020

Learn the art of needle felting to make adorable baby animals such as piglets, Easter bunnies and chickens. Using lovely springy wool and felting needles we will make characters that come alive under your needle. You will be given printed instructions for making more Spring animals at home.
M £360 • NM £400

Overlocker: Make the Most of Your Overlocker - 2 Night: May Martin

6-8 January 2020 SOLD OUT

Do you only neaten edges on your overlocker? Do you spend many hours re-threading? Unlock the mysteries that cause the frustrations generated by this wonderful but infuriating piece of equipment! Understanding how an overlocker works is key to successful sewing. Come and learn about maintenance, tension, threading, hemming, turning corners, flatlocking, gathering, attaching lace and elastic and much more. Take away samples of techniques and the confidence to tackle so much more with your overlocker.
M £400 • NM £440

Painting for the Petrified - 2 Night: Richard Box

15-17 June 2020

Are you petrified of painting but long to try watercolours but have been deterred by the erroneous myth that they are supposed to be difficult? Richard will dispel that myth and teach you, step by step, how to paint a simple still life and achieve marvellous effects with numerous layers of translucent colours without getting mud! Most problems about painting are concerned about mixing colours. So the course will start with exploring the nature of colour with coloured pencils.

M £360 • NM £400

Painting with Powertex and Mixed Media Canvases - 2 Night: Liz Dixon

1-3 November 2019

5-7 June 2020

During the course, students will create 3-4 mixed media textural canvases using recycled materials & Powertex art products.

We will cover a number of techniques including creating background texture, crackle effects, material selection, mixed media application, mixing crackle pastes, ink sprays, structure pastes and mixing/dry brushing with pigments.

The course is ideal for beginners.

Students will discover creative talents they didn't know they had with this exciting and versatile medium.

M £360 • NM £400

Passementerie Work - 2 Night: Diana Vernon and Lesley Coidan

24-26 March 2020

You will learn the traditional technique of Passementerie work, which is the laying down of a braid into a pattern or motif which is then held together by beaded threads, and if time allows, you will also learn to make your own beaded braids using fine threads and micro-macrame to construct beaded fastening 'frogs', and jewellery.

The course project will be a necklace.

M £360 • NM £400

Patchwork: Mondrian from Paint to Fabric (Intermediate Level) - 3 Night: Pat Lumsdale

27-30 July 2020

Design and make a wall hanging on the sewing machine using images of Mondrian's geometric line and colour paintings as your inspiration. The finished piece can be mounted on canvas as in a painting or finished traditionally.

M £490 • NM £540

Patchwork: Absolute Beginners Machine Patchwork - 3 Night: Patricia Robson

26-29 March 2020

You will learn the various basic patchwork techniques and in the process make your first quilt.

You will learn how to use a rotary cutter, find out about self healing boards and see how to make best use of a ruler.

You will learn how to measure and cut correctly and how to use a sewing machine to the best effect. Using a simple design you will discover how to make the most creative use of various shades of fabric to produce an attractive cushion front.

M £490 • NM £540

Patchwork: Beginners' Techniques by Hand and Machine (Part 1) - 3 Night: Pat Lumsdale

25-28 June 2020

Learn the basics of patchwork and quilting including mosaic work, simple block making and the quilt as you go method of construction. You will make a comprehensive set of samples by hand and machine. The samples can be used to make cushions, bags or blocks for a quilt. Having gained confidence with the basic techniques you will be able to develop your skills further at home.

M £490 • NM £540

Patchwork: Beginners' Techniques by Hand and Machine (Part 2) - 3 Night: Pat Lumsdale

30 January - 2 February 2020

Learn the basics of patchwork and quilting - Cathedral Window, strip patchwork, curved blocks and the Quilt as you go method of construction. A patchwork course for complete beginners. You will make a comprehensive set of samples by hand and machine. The samples can be used to make cushions, bags or blocks for a quilt. Having gained confidence with the basic techniques you will be able to develop your skills further at home.

M £490 • NM £540

Patchwork: Bias Applique Knots - 3 Night: Pat Lumsdale

14-17 April 2020

Knot patterns are fascinating. Use them to turn into hand applique bias strip blocks on this unique course. Using shop bought or, more interestingly, handmade bias from your own fabrics, you will add interwoven knot patterns onto a base fabric. These can be used for a small quilt, wall panel or cushion.

M £490 • NM £540

Patchwork: Happy Scrappy Patchwork For Beginners - 2 Night: Christine Green

30 March - 1 April 2020

Always fancied having a go at patchworking but not known where to start? This is the perfect opportunity to have a go under the expert eye of Christine Green. She will bring along a pile of inspirational items, cushions, quilts, books and fabrics to get your creative juices going. You will design a simple but effective and unique panel based on a square that could be made into a cushion or bag.

You will master rotary cutting, accurate pinning and machine chain stitching, and how to have a really fun time with fabric. Ability to sew a straight seam on a machine would be helpful.

M £360 • NM £400

Patchwork: Just for Fun - 2 Night: Patricia Robson

14-16 February 2020

15-17 July 2020

If you've been thinking of starting a new project or finishing one that's been put to one side then this is the course for you. The whole emphasis will be to ensure you have an enjoyable and relaxing break with a group of like-minded people whilst getting all the guidance you need. For those that prefer a specific project then a reversible quilt is the one for you. With all Pat's courses the aim is to ensure achievement exceeds expectation in the stress free surroundings of Denman.

M £360 • NM £400

Patchwork: Mystery Quilt - 3 Night: Patricia Robson

26-29 May 2020

Collecting fabrics of all colours and designs, that seem particularly appealing, can be an exciting way to spend your time especially if they are to be used in a creative way. On this course the fabrics, having been cut and moved in a random way, will be assembled piece by piece to blend and create exciting and unexpected patterns which you will appreciate as you progress with the project. Clearly, to describe the mystery beforehand will rather spoil the end result which should come as a pleasant surprise.

M £490 • NM £540



Patchwork: Patch and Quilt All in One - 2 Night: Christine Green

10-12 June 2020

You will learn how to design for scrappy patchworking and quilt all at the same time using a lovely array of fabrics supplied by the tutor and a sewing machine. You will make a quilted glasses case embellished with beads and buttons and some simple embroidery - you decide which techniques you would like to use - and once you've made this you could go on to bigger and more ambitious projects. The perfect starter project for the novice stitcher.

M £360 • NM £400

Patchwork: UFOs - 4 Nights: Pat Lumsdale

6-10 November 2019

17-21 February 2020

6-10 July 2020

Need some help finishing (or starting!) a patchwork UFO (unfinished object)? Bring it to Denman and we will work together to finish the job, or at least move it further on!

Individual help and guidance will be provided every step of the way by experienced textile tutor, Pat Lumsdale. Working as part of a supportive group could be just what you need to get that project finished/nearer completion. Students should bring their unfinished object with them and any sewing equipment they usually use. Denman has rotary cutters/rulers and boards for students to use.

M £560 • NM £610

Pearls are for Life Not Just for Christmas - 2 Night: Elizabeth Hunt **NEW**

11-13 December 2019

This pre Christmas course will encourage students to find out more about the history of pearls and to experience the wide variety of shapes, colour and types of pearl as they create, making them ideal not simply for special occasions but for everyday wear. They will have the opportunity to make not just their own pearl necklace but also gifts for Christmas for friends, family and loved ones.

M £360 • NM £400

Pen and Wash: Winter Landscapes - 2 Night: Jonathan Newey

8-10 January 2020

This is a course for beginners and people with some experience that will show you how to sketch winter landscapes with pen and watercolour wash.

You will be shown how to draw and sketch with black ink pen and how to combine this with painting with a watercolour wash. Topics covered include how to sketch winter trees, architecture and buildings in the landscape. Using demonstrations and working from photographs, you will be shown how each technique can be achieved and the tutor will be on hand to give group and individual help and critique. Ideal for beginners and students with some knowledge.

M £360 • NM £400



Did you know?

Why not share all your handmade craft projects or Denman experiences with us on social media? Use **#MadeAtDenman** or **#SnappedAtDenman**

Picture it in Collage and Stitch - 3 Night: Richard Box

20-23 January 2020

Do you want to create one of your own designs and translate it into a picture using the combined techniques of fabric collage and both machine and hand embroidery? Under Richard's careful guidance you will be supplied with a learning pack at the start of the course and he will teach you how to progress through it step by step. Once you have understood the process, you will be inspired and have the confidence to start your own project using the same procedure in your own individual and personal way. Some experience using a darning foot is necessary.

M £490 • NM £540

Polymer Clay Christmas Jewellery and Decorations - 2 Night: Sally Boehme

4-6 December 2019

Christmas is the time and excuse to seriously pile on the bling! Come to Denman and enjoy a lovely break from all the hectic preparations and solve your Christmas present problems all at the same time. Using all manner of materials such as glitters, metallic powders, metal leaf and colourful foils, we will create a wide variety of jewellery and decorations from polymer clay. The only problem will be that you may want to keep it all for yourself!

M £360 • NM £400

Polymer Clay Jewellery for Beginners - 2 Night: Melanie Blaikie

13-15 March 2020

Love bold shapes and bright colours? Then polymer clay (or Fimo) is for you! Experiment with a wide variety of shapes, patterns and colours which can be made up into necklaces, earrings, bracelets, brooches, rings and so much more. Suitable for complete beginners, this course is a great introduction to creative jewellery making with Fimo, Premo or any of the other widely available brands of polymer clay.

M £400 • NM £440

Polymer Clay Jewellery for Christmas - 2 Night: Melanie Blaikie

11-13 November 2019

Love bold shapes and bright colours? Then polymer clay (or Fimo) is for you! With a focus on festive gifts, from basic beads up to brightly coloured, exquisite 'millefiore' designs. Experiment with an array of shapes, patterns and colours which can be made up into necklaces, earrings, bracelets, brooches, rings and so much more. Suitable for complete beginners, this course is a great introduction to creative jewellery making with any of the widely available brands of polymer clay.

M £400 • NM £440

Powertex: Sculptural Table Centerpiece - 2 Night: Liz Dixon

13-15 December 2019

During the course, students will create a Christmas Table Centre piece from recycled textiles & Powertex art products, perfect to grace your Christmas table on 25th December. We will cover a number of techniques including making armatures, material selection, wet wrapping, creating stone effects, mixing air-drying clay, making embellishments using cutters, moulds and mixing dry brushing with pigments. The course is ideal for beginners, new to Powertex.

M £360 • NM £400

Powertex: A Magical Fairy House - 2 Night: Liz Dixon

27-29 March 2020

During the course, students will create a beautiful and unique fairy house from recycled textiles and Powertex art products, suitable for outdoor display once dry. We will cover a number of techniques including making simple armatures, material selection, wet wrapping, mixing air drying clay, using silicon moulds and mixing dry brushing with pigments. The course is ideal for beginners, new to Powertex.

M £360 • NM £400

Powertex: Create an Owl or Fish Sculpture - 2 Night: Liz Dixon

6-8 November 2019

During the course, students will create a piece of sculptural wall art from recycled textiles and Powertex art products, suitable for outdoor display once dry. We will cover a number of techniques including making simple armatures, material selection, wet wrapping, mixing air drying clay & mixing/dry brushing with pigments. The course is ideal for beginners, new to Powertex. Students will discover creative talents they didn't know they had with this exciting & versatile medium.

M £360 • NM £400

Quilling for Spring - 3 Night: Diana Boden

6-9 April 2020

This course welcomes those who are new to quilling and experienced quillers alike. There will be plenty of designs to choose from to get your fingers itching to quill, all with a Spring/Easter theme. Students will be guided through the relevant techniques required to complete the projects. Come and enjoy a relaxing few days, creating individual cards and other items to be proud of.

M £490 • NM £540



Quilting: Colour Therapy - 2 Night: Linda Hewett

17-19 January 2020

Make a quilt for the love of colour and logging history. This is an introduction to machine sewing, cutting, piecing, binding and quilting terms (a whole new language). An appetiser - where everyone will complete a lap quilt. Start from scratch. Use new, recycled, treasured or stash buster fabric, or buy from me or Denman. This is for all abilities. A chance to exchange knowledge and quilting stories.

M £360 • NM £400

Quilting: Free Spirit - 2 Night: Linda Hewett

23-25 March 2020

Fancy getting to grips with free motion quilting? Join me at Denman for an introduction to free motion quilting; and you will leave with a new skill, a sample quilt, table runner and spectacle case; and very possibly a new addiction! We can start from scratch or you May come with a pieced project that you wish to quilt and bind. Every level of quilter and total beginner, welcome.

M £360 • NM £400

Quilting: Memory Quilt - 2 Night: Andrea Lechner NEW

12-14 February 2020

A Memory Quilt is a wonderful way of remembering a treasured family member or friend. With globalisation has come the reality of friends and family members living all over the world. Using scraps of shirts, ties, furnishing fabrics or other cotton or silk materials, we will put together a beautiful object which will bring back memories of that special person in our lives.

M £360 • NM £400

Ribbon Embroidery: A Partridge in a Pear Tree - 2 Night: Marilyn Pipe

4-6 November 2019

This is a relaxing course and suitable for the absolute beginner as well as the more experienced embroiderer. Using pictures, photos and samples of ribbon work for inspiration, as well as demonstrations of flowers and foliage, create your own tree complete with a very handsome partridge. A background can be lightly sponged on with paint before flower stitches are added to give a guide to your design.

M £360 • NM £400

Ribbon Embroidery: Blooming Alliums - 2 Night: Marilyn Pipe

24-26 February 2020

A relaxing course creating a beautiful Allium bloom in Silk Ribbon Embroidery. You will also learn other Silk Ribbon stitches, and how to dye the ribbons, just in case you want to carry on at home!

Silk Ribbon is very easy to use and "grows" quickly, so your piece will be finished and framed ready to hang on your wall with pride.

M £360 • NM £400

Ribbon Embroidery: Monet - 2 Night: Marilyn Pipe

22-24 March 2020

Silk Ribbon is very easy to use as it is soft and malleable, while other materials can be too stiff. Ribbon stitches are easy to master and as there are only a few to learn your picture will grow quite quickly. A background can be applied using an easy paint technique before flower/grass details are added, so the picture is roughly outlined to help guide the embroidered details.

The technique of dying silk ribbons in the microwave will be demonstrated to enable students to continue the craft at home if desired.

M £360 • NM £400

Ribbon Embroidery: The Denman Garden - 2 Night: Marilyn Pipe

26-28 February 2020

Using photos and samples of ribbon work for inspiration, as well as demonstrations of flowers and foliage, create your own interpretation of Denman's beautiful grounds with silk ribbons and embroidery threads. This piece will be framed in a frame ready to take home.

M £360 • NM £400

Ribbon Embroidery: Snowdrops - 2 Night: Marilyn Pipe

10-12 January 2020

A relaxing course creating a unique picture using Silk Ribbons and embroidery threads to create a stunning group of beautiful snowdrops. Snowdrops are such a wonderful sight to herald in a new year, and are very easy to stitch! A course for beginners and the experienced embroiderer alike.

M £360 • NM £400

Scan n Cut - 2 Night: Jo Foster NEW

5-7 June 2020

This course is designed to get you started with your Brother ScanNCut so that you can make the most of your crafting experience. Even if you have been using your machine for a while, you will benefit from the wide variety of projects presented. You will learn about the features and settings of the versatile machine, to work with built in patterns, how to scan and cut drawings and stamped images and how to cut images out of patterned paper. You will learn how to save your projects so that you can retrieve them and to develop your skills and techniques.

M £360 • NM £400

Scandinavian Style Christmas Crafting Take Away - 2 Night: Natalie Green

27-29 November 2019

Scandi style is taking the craft world by storm, and it's the perfect look for Christmas. Try your hand at a medley of different projects with a Festive Scandinavian theme, using folk art motifs and the clean, simple Scandinavian colours. You will work on a number of small projects to give you lots of lovely, quick and simple ideas for craft sessions, to decorate your home or give away as special presents. There will be a range of 'take-away' projects to try, using beautiful fabrics, felts, buttons, threads, modelling clay, and even paper, with an emphasis on festive decorations.

M £360 • NM £400

Scandinavian Style Christmas Crafting Take Away - 2 Night: Natalie Green

6-8 January 2020

Scandi style is taking the craft world by storm! Try your hand at a medley of different projects with a Scandinavian theme. Using folk art motifs and clean, simple Scandinavian colours, you will make a number of projects to give you lots of lovely ideas for your craft sessions, to decorate your home or give away as special presents. This is a workshop style course and there will be a range of projects to try, using beautiful fabrics, felts, buttons, threads, modelling clay, block printing and even paper! The projects are quick and simple and take around an hour or so to make.

M £360 • NM £400

Did you know?

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Sculpting: Working with Wax - 2 Night: Abi Burt

21-23 February 2020

This course gives you an insight into the endless possibilities of sculpting with wax. Working with locally sourced natural beeswax, you will be introduced to a variety of techniques, used across the world for thousands of years. The tutor will guide you through making whatever you wish, including jewellery, trinkets, household decor, figurative sculpture, ornamental animals etc.

M £360 • NM £400

Sculpture: Animals for the Garden with Powertex - 2 Night: Liz Dixon

28 February - 1 March 2020

During the course, students will create an animal sculpture using Powertex art products & recycled textiles. Students will be able to choose to make a sheep, Highland Cattle, or bison animal sculpture.

We will cover a number of techniques including building a simple armature, mixing air-drying clay & crackle clay, wet dip sculpting techniques & mixing/dry brushing with pigments. The course is ideal for beginners, new to Powertex. Students will discover creative talents they didn't know they had with this exciting and versatile medium.

M £360 • NM £400

Sculpture: Powertex Garden Sculpture for Beginners: Figures - 2 Night: Liz Dixon

17-19 January 2020

During the course, students will create two figure sculptures from recycled textiles & Powertex art products, suitable for outdoor display once dry. We will cover a number of techniques including making armatures using two different methods, material selection, dry wrapping, wet wrapping, & mixing/dry brushing with pigments. The course is ideal for beginners new to Powertex. Students will discover creative talents they didn't know they had. Figures measure approximately 500mm tall.

M £360 • NM £400

Sewing: Design a Dress from Your Block - 2 Night: Christine Eady

15-17 November 2019

Design a garment from your custom block. Custom crafted clothes that fit well, will make a statement and feel great to wear. This course will help you to gain an understanding and flair for pattern drafting, using your custom block to make, blouses, tops, dresses, skirts, trousers. Making your own sewing patterns is a great skill and will show of your own unique style.

M £400 • NM £440

Sewing: Fabulous Fabric Flowers - 2 Night: Jan Cadman

8-10 January 2020

Recycling at its best! Have fun using your leftover fabrics to make stunning flowers to personalise your clothes or to give as a gift. Nothing gets wasted and the results are unique.

M £360 • NM £400

Sewing: Nip and Tuck: Altering Clothes - 4 Night: May Martin

20-24 April 2020

Breathe new life into your wardrobe. Adjust sleeve, skirt and trouser hems. Re-shape those ill-fitting garments. Learn tips and tricks for fabulous alterations.

M £660 • NM £720

Silk Shading Embroidery: Long and Short Stitch - 4 Night: Julie Walsby

16-20 March 2020

Embroider a rose and leaves in this beautiful stitch, sometimes referred to as silk shading. A favourite way of depicting flowers for hundreds of years, you will use cotton threads in carefully graduated shades of colour to achieve a realistic effect. Learn the techniques of shading and stitch direction, padding of the petals and leaves to give texture and depth to your work and, for fun, add an insect such as a ladybird, a bee or perhaps a spider's web to your design. A course for complete beginners or improvers.

M £620 • NM £680

Silver Clay Silver and Sparkle - 2 Night: Melanie Blaikie

31 July - 2 Aug 2020

Silver 'clay' is an exciting and innovative new form of pure silver that's easy to work with, even for complete beginners. Learn all the basic techniques for creating unique silver jewellery, with a focus on added sparkle! We'll add semi-precious stones and kiln-safe gems into our designs as well as fresh water pearls and sparkly beads. Expect to make four or five finished pieces such as a necklace, earrings, bracelet or brooch. Suitable for beginners, this course is a perfect introduction to the wonderful world of jewellery making with silver clay - fun and creative inspiration guaranteed.

N £400 • NM £440

Silver Clay Filigree Jewellery - 2 Night: Louise Simmonds

9-11 March 2020

Always wanted to design and make stunning Silver Jewellery? You'll be amazed at what you can produce using this incredible material. Firstly you will be using Syringe Clay, which is a similar technique to icing but transforms into delicate Filigree Silver. Then, you will learn rolling and texturing and how to transform a real leaf into a pendant. You will make 4-7 pieces e.g. pendants, charms, cufflinks, brooches or earrings.

M £360 • NM £400



Silver Clay Inspired by Nature - 2 Night: Melanie Blaikie

17-19 April 2020

Gathering inspiration from the beautiful Denman gardens we'll use leaves, flowers, seeds and natural materials to create patterns, textures and unique designs in real silver. Explore techniques such as stamping, imprinting textures from natural sources, moulding from shells or seedpods and preserving a real leaf in silver. Expect to complete four or five projects which can be made up into jewellery or keepsakes to treasure. Suitable for beginners, - fun and creative inspiration guaranteed. All tools, equipment and materials are provided by your tutor so you can relax and enjoy your class. An additional cost of approx. £65.00 per person will be for materials used.

M £400 • NM £440

Silver Clay Jewellery - 2 Night: Louise Simmonds

18-20 May 2020

This is a really exciting and creative form of jewellery making using Silver clay which can be shaped like clay but, when fired, is transformed into stunning fine silver jewellery. You'll also learn some traditional techniques to finish your piece professionally. You will make 4-7 pieces e.g. pendants, charms, cufflinks, brooches or earrings. Please note you cannot make rings on this course.

M £360 • NM £400

Silver Clay Jewellery for Beginners - 2 Night: Melanie Blaikie

1-3 November 2019

10-12 January 2020

21-23 June 2020

Enjoy an adventure in silver with one of the UK's foremost teachers and this exciting and innovative new form of pure silver. Learn easy techniques to design and create real silver jewellery using just a few simple tools. Expect to make four or five finished pieces such as necklaces, earrings, bracelets or brooches.

M £400 • NM £440



Silver Clay Jewellery for Christmas Presents - 2 Night: Louise Simmonds

25-27 November 2019

27-29 November 2019

Always wanted to design and make stunning Silver Jewellery? You'll be amazed at what you can produce using this incredible material, with lots of guidance and inspiration to help you and absolutely no experience is needed. You will use moulds to make replicas of shells, charms etc., learn rolling and texturing, lastly, you'll transform a real leaf into a pendant or earrings. You will make 4-7 pieces e.g. pendants, charms, brooches, earrings, cufflinks, bookmarks or keyrings.

M £360 • NM £400

Silver Clay Jewellery with Freshwater Pearls - 2 Night: Louise Simmonds

11-13 March 2020

This is a really exciting and creative form of jewellery making using Silver clay which, when fired, is transformed into fine Silver. You will learn three methods, all of which produce very different results, using two types of Silver clay. You can expect to make at least four pieces of jewellery choosing from pendants or charms for a bracelet, cufflinks, a brooch and earrings, plus a leaf pendant or leaf earrings. You will make several pieces of Jewellery.

M £360 • NM £400

Silver Clay Jewellery with Fused Glass - 2 Night: Louise Simmonds

23-25 March 2020

Always wanted to design and make stunning Silver Jewellery? You'll be amazed at what you can produce using this incredible material, with lots of guidance and inspiration to help you and absolutely no experience needed. You will use moulds, learn rolling and texturing, how to transform a real leaf into a pendant and how to incorporate Dichroic Glass cabachons to make bejewelled pieces with shimmering iridescent 'gems.' You will make 4-7 pieces e.g. pendants charms, cufflinks, brooches or earrings.

M £360 • NM £400

Silver Clay Jewellery with Semi Precious Stones and Fresh Water Pearls - 3 Night: Louise Simmonds

26-29 May 2020

Suitable for beginners, absolutely no previous experience in making Jewellery or working with Silver Clay is necessary - you'll be amazed at what you can create! You'll have lots of opportunities to be creative and work on your own designs, but don't worry - guidance, inspiration and ideas for projects will always be on hand. Using Silver Clay which when fired is transformed into Fine silver which is 99.9% pure Silver, you will learn three methods of using Silver Clay. You will make 4-7 pieces of Jewellery depending on size.

M £490 • NM £540

Silver Clay Jewellery: Gifts for Christmas - 2 Night: Melanie Blaikie

17-19 November 2019

Enjoy an adventure in silver with one of the UK's foremost teachers and this exciting and innovative new form of pure silver. With a focus of festive gifts, you'll learn easy techniques to design and create real silver jewellery using just a few simple tools. Expect to make four or five finished pieces such as necklaces, earrings, bracelets or brooches.

M £400 • NM £440

Silver Clay Jewellery: Nature's Treasures - 2 Night: Louise Simmonds

13-15 July 2020

If you love a more natural style of Silver Jewellery you'll love this course! You will have the opportunity to collect natural material from the Denman ground to capture an everlasting memory of your time here. You will collect grasses, leaves and seed pods and learn how to transform them into stunning fine silver jewellery.

M £360 • NM £400

Silver Clay Jewellery: Nature's Treasures - 3 Night: Louise Simmonds

30 March - 2 April 2020

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M £490 • NM £540

Silver Clay Rings - 1 Night: Melanie Blaikie

13-14 February 2020

If you love rings, join one of the UK's foremost teachers for an adventure in Silver. You'll learn how to design and create three real silver rings - that fit! Expect to make a stone set ring, a simple silver band and a ring of your own design. Clay type silver is easy to work with but it would help if you have completed a beginner's class before attempting rings.

M £230 • NM £260

Silver Clay With Semi Precious Stones - 2 Night: Louise Simmonds

15-17 July 2020

This course is suitable for beginners with no previous experience. You can expect to make 4-7 pieces of Jewellery. Please note; you cannot make rings on this course.

M £360 • NM £400

Silver Jewellery: Silversmithing - 3 Night: Pauline Payne

20-23 January 2020

29 June - 2 July 2020

Start this course by making a silver band ring, and with a simple approach to design, progress by choosing to make items such as pendants, earrings, cufflinks, brooches and bangles. The course is suitable for complete beginners although it is also a great opportunity for students who wish to practise. You will be surprised at the standard of work that can be achieved.

M £530 • NM £580

Silver Smithing Reunion: Silver Jewellery - 3 Night: Pauline Payne

5-8 April 2020

For students who have previously attended one of Pauline's courses. This course is an opportunity to practise and further extend your jewellery making skills.

M £530 • NM £580

Sketching Spring with Pen and Wash - 2 Night: Jonathan Newey

30 March - 1 April 2020

This is a course that will introduce you to sketching spring landscapes with pen and watercolour. You will be shown how to draw and sketch with black ink pen and how to combine this with painting with a watercolour wash. Topics covered include how to sketch trees, skies and buildings in the landscape. Using demonstrations and working from photographs supplied by the tutor, you will be shown how each technique can be achieved and the tutor will be on hand to give group and individual help and critique. Ideal for beginners and students with some knowledge.

M £360 • NM £400

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Spring Colour Pearls and Spring Gemstones - 2 Nights: Elizabeth Hunt

21-23 February 2020

All-natural fresh water pearls can be combined with spring coloured semi-precious gemstones or glass beads to produce your chosen items.

Students can choose to either create either classic pearl necklaces or bracelets or to incorporate spring coloured beads and stones to give an added lift a dimension to their jewellery. The aim is to learn three skills during the course in a fun and enjoyable way that will allow students to leave with items they can either wear or give as gifts.

M £360 • NM £400

Stained Glass Christmas Gift Workshop - 2 Night: Karen Jones

2-4 December 2019

You will learn how to safely cut the stained glass, grind it, apply the copper foil and then solder it all together. Working from template designs, you will choose your glass and make a range of Christmas hanging decorations and candle holders to take home with you. Some designs will be more complex than others, thus allowing beginners and improvers to work according to their abilities.

M £360 • NM £400

Stained Glass Mosaics Panels, Mirrors and Decorations for Beginners and Intermediate - 2 Night: Anna Conti

22-24 July 2020

The best of both worlds; a mosaic stained glass panel to display or a mosaic mirror or as many decorations as you can make!

Mosaic or 'applique' is a simple, fun and spontaneous method to use coloured glass in a mosaic-like technique. An array of beautiful glass colours and textures will be available to choose from which can then be cut, if needed, to fit into a sheet of plate glass. These glass pieces will be glued to a base sheet, which is then framed in lead, soldered and grouted. No previous experience is necessary. Materials cost approx. £30

M £360 • NM £400

Stained Glass Panels for Beginners and Intermediates - 2 Night: Anna Conti

5-7 February 2020

5-7 March 2020

Make your own panel or mirror, even bring an existing project with you. Learn or improve traditional stained glass techniques. Beginners will make a simple 8 to 10 piece panel and improvers will concentrate more on design with more pieces to cut. The panel will be approximately 30 x 20cms or your own measurements to install. You will learn how to draw a simple abstract design, select and cut glass, lead up your panel and learn how to solder. You will then "cement" and polish it ready for hanging up or installing if you wish.

M £360 • NM £400



Stained Glass: Garden Panels - 2 Night: Anna Conti

22-24 April 2020

7-9 June 2020

Make your own beautiful stained glass panels for the garden, working from 6 and 7 piece abstract designs.

An array of coloured and textured glass will be available to make your own individual abstract panel or two. You can include something special in your panel such as a coaster, glass roundel, belt buckle, jewellery or even coins in your design.

Anna Conti will show you how to cut glass, 'lead up', solder, cement and if you wish, install your panel.

M £360 • NM £400

Stitched Beaded Jewellery - 4 Night: Jane Matthews

16-20 March 2020

Sometimes called Offloom Beading this technique of stitching with beads gives endless opportunities for creating unique pieces of jewellery art. The course is for all abilities to enjoy the thrill of making and wearing your piece, to developing your skill to another level and trying something different, a new stitch, stitch combining or free form.

Examples of Jane's work can be seen at Jemdesign.co.uk

M £620 • NM £720

Stool Making - 2 Night: Charles Ash

9-11 December 2019

14-16 April 2020

Hone your skills and make your own usable stool. Starting with a log end you will everything from scratch to end with a stool. Learning jointing techniques and the art of assembling a unique free form piece. You will do everything from scratch, start with a log end with a stool!

M £360 • NM £400

Summer Holiday Pearls and Nautical Necklaces - 2 Night: Elizabeth Hunt

7-9 June 2020
13-15 July 2020

Learn three distinctive skills to make a wearable item or gift. You will master Chinese knotting for pearls and beads, wire and spacers for a floating necklace and Indian wiring to create earrings. A variety of kits to suit different levels of dexterity are used.
M £360 • NM £400

Tambour Beading - 2 Night: Diana Vernon and Lesley Coidon

17-19 February 2020

In 1770 Charles Germain de Saint Aubin, embroiderer to Louis XV the King of France, wrote about a new technique that used a hook instead of a needle to work embroidery. This technique was tambour.

This same technique is still used today, and you will have seen many examples of it in theatre, film and couture work, especially on the Royal Wedding and Court dresses in particular.

It is the professional couture method for embroidering with beads and sequins.

This course will give you an introduction to the techniques of couture tambour embroidery with beads, pearls and sequins.
M £360 • NM £400

Textiles: Stunningly Simple Seascapes - 2 Night: Marilyn Pipe

20-22 January 2020

A very simple but amazing technique, using nothing but a black bin bag and lots of different transparent materials, nylon sheers, lace etc. Lots of materials will be provided but do bring any scraps you may have. After bonding all the materials together in a special way, you will be able to create some beautiful finished pictures.

M £360 • NM £400



Textiles: Drawing with the Sewing Machine Needle - 3 Night: Richard Box

12-15 July 2020

Do you want to develop your skills with your sewing machine and learn how to 'draw' with the simple straight stitch? Then this is your course! You will start by stitching a design that Richard, has prepared for you. He will demonstrate every stage step by step. This will give you the confidence and the understanding necessary to empower you to start and develop your own design for the rest of the course. Some experience with using the 'darning foot', which allows you to stitch freely in any direction is important. Try practising, beforehand, so that you are confident with it and excited about its amazing possibilities.
M £490 • NM £540

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Textiles: Hot Twist to Surface Embellishment - 3 Night: Marilyn Pipe

7-10 June 2020

This is a chance to explore all the products you may have purchased but have not had time to experiment with! Using various fabrics including felt, denim, calico combined with bondaweb, misty fuse, tyvek, and lutradur, there will be time to discover how various combinations react to heat and enjoy the amazing results! Each technique will be demonstrated and there will be plenty of time to experiment at your own pace.
M £460 • NM £515

Textiles: Picture it in Collage and Stitch - The Reunion - 3 Night: Richard Box

26-29 March 2020

This Reunion is for all of you who have enjoyed any of Richard's textile courses before and wish to continue creating pictures that combine fabric collage with both machine and hand embroidery or continue to develop your skill with drawing with the sewing machine needle.
M £490 • NM £540

The Magic of Polymer Clay: Mokume Gane Technique - 2 Night: Sally Boehme

1-3 March 2020

Polymer clay is a malleable material available in a range of colours and cured in a domestic oven. Mokume Gane is a Japanese metalworking procedure, which produces a mixed-metal laminate with distinctive layered patterns and translates closely to "wood grain metal" describing the way metal takes on the appearance of natural wood grain. However, imitating this technique using polymer clay is far easier! We will explore two techniques inspired by Mokume Gane, creating beads in a variety of shapes - such as round, bicone, lentil, tubes and ovals - plus buttons as jewellery. Suitable for beginners/improvers.
M £360 • NM £400

Watercolour Flowers For Beginners - 2 Night: Michele Floyd

26-28 June 2020

For those that have never painted flowers in watercolours and would like to know the how's and whys. Come and learn all the basics of how to produce beautiful pictures.
M £360 • NM £400

Watercolour Pencils: Pet Portraits - 2 Night: Jonathan Newey

6-8 November 2019

This is a course aimed at beginners and people with some experience that will show you how to produce realistic pet portraits using watercolour pencil. Techniques will include using the pencils both wet and dry to produce lively and colourful portraits of animals such as cats and dogs. Each exercise will be demonstrated by the tutor who will also be on hand to provide group and individual constructive criticism. The exercises will be done using photographic reference material provided by the tutor but students are welcome to bring along photos of their own pets. No live animals!
M £360 • NM £400

Watercolours for Beginners - 2 Night: Michele Floyd

17-19 April 2020

Learn the basics of water colour painting, tackling both colour and textures. Plenty of demonstrations, care and attention given.
M £360 • NM £400

Watercolours: Atmospheric Landscapes - 2 Night: Pat Gove

20-22 May 2020

As a medium transparent watercolour paint lends itself to creating mood and atmosphere in landscape painting. You will try and capture such effects by looking at how other painters have achieved it in their pictures. The course will include such subjects as morning and evening skies, rain, mist, snow and sunsets.
M £360 • NM £400

Watercolours: Drawing with a Brush - 2 Night: Pat Gove

20-22 July 2020

Using examples of simple paintings of flowers, fruits, birds and animals, you will practice using watercolour brushes to achieve similar effects. The course will also include sessions on colour mixing and blending. Suitable for those who have some experience of watercolour painting and would like to practice and improve their brushwork.
M £360 • NM £400



Wet Felting: Nuno And Cobweb Felt Scarves - 2 Night: Sue Pearl

4-6 November 2019

Create beautiful scarves made in super lightweight merino wool and silk. An exciting course in which you will make gorgeous colourful cobweb felt scarves and stunning Nuno felt scarves. Nuno felt is when wool is felted through an open mesh fabric. You can add other fibres and fabric such as silk and lace, or even felt in some lovely little seed pearls. Perfect as presents or as a stylish addition to your wardrobe.
M £360 • NM £400

Wet Felting: Make a Stunning Bag - 2 Night: Sue Pearl

3-5 June 2020

Make a lovely sturdy felt bag using the wet felting method. Your bag will be made without using any sewing and can be as decorative as you like. You can personalize it by adding a funky cotton fabric lining with an inside pocket. You will learn how to design the shape and create your own unique decoration. Using the resist method, you will form your design into a strong seamless bag capable of containing all your usual handbag items. Felting is an addictive craft, fun and creative and will leave you wanting to explore further.
M £360 • NM £400

Willow Baskets - 2 Night: Norah Kennedy

27-29 March 2020

Enjoy two days of basketmaking as you submerge yourself in the craft of weaving a willow basket. We will start with a small round basket suitable for fruit. The second basket will be slightly larger with some different weaves and colours and could be finished with one handle or two. We will be using different colours and varieties of willow specially grown on the Somerset Levels and there will be lots of books and photos to browse through and inspire you.
M £360 • NM £400

Willow Creatures - 2 Night: Norah Kennedy 22-24 May 2020

Using some simple basket making techniques we will create some delightful creatures: fish, mice, piglets, ducks, dragonflies (two designs), butterflies or pheasants. There will be different colours and varieties of willow and all tools will be provided by the tutor.
M £360 • NM £400

Willow Hare and Friends - 3 Night: Victoria Conner

21-24 June 2020

Make a variety of willow garden ornaments, including a willow hare, a dragonfly, a bumble bee and a small decorative sphere. Get creative using a free weave, making swirls and patterns with your willow.
M £490 • NM £540

Willow Owl, Flower and Sphere - 2 Night: Victoria Conner

1-3 April 2020

On this two night residential course, you will learn some basic techniques and skills to enable you to make a fabulous willow owl, a willow sphere and also a flower. Get creative using a free weave, making swirls and patterns with your willow. Suitable for those who have no willow experience.
M £360 • NM £400

Willow Structures for the Garden - 2 Night: Norah Kennedy

17-19 April 2020

Have you ever looked at structures in garden centres and thought I could make one of these if I only had the willow? Well now is your chance. On this informative and enjoyable course you will be introduced to different sizes and varieties of willow and learn how it is grown, harvested and prepared for weaving. Using some simple weaving techniques you can expect to make a wigwam, a fan shaped support, a small trellis and perhaps something decorative like a dragonfly, a bird feeder or sphere. All tools are provided by the tutor.
M £360 • NM £400

Willow Weaving with Wings - 2 Night: Victoria Conner

13-15 March 2020

On this course you will learn the basic skills to enable you to create a variety of sculptures. A willow duck or chicken, a dragonfly, a bird feeder and a pretty garden butterfly.
M £360 • NM £400

Willow Weaving: An Introduction - 2 Night: Victoria Conner

21-23 February 2020

Introducing you to the basic skills and techniques of willow weaving. You will make a willow flower or two for either outdoor or indoor use and a willow heart to hang from a wall or door, decorated with a ribbon of your choice. You will also make a wonderful willow dragonfly to decorate your garden shed or fence, followed by your very own willow piglet. A must have for all gardens.
M £360 • NM £400

Willow: Make a Reindeer - 2 Night: Victoria Conner

11-13 December 2019

With Christmas just around the corner, now is the perfect time to make a wonderful willow reindeer to stand proud in your garden, and may be add some lights to it. Along with making the willow reindeer, you will also get to make a variety of other willow Christmas decorations. Learn the basic skills and techniques of willow weaving in a free style form to give the finished look of your reindeer. Red nose included! The Christmas crafts will include star decorations, mini Christmas trees, and a willow ring/wreath and if you have time, try your hand at making a willow angel.
M £360 • NM £400

Winter Warming School: Textile Christmas Gifts - 4 Night: Marilyn Pipe

25-29 November 2019

This amazing class will offer you the choice of six beautiful items: A Hot Little Bag, A Beautiful Scarf on Soluble Fabric, A small Christmas Ring in Silk Ribbon Embroidery, A Paper Book, A Personal Journal, and a Beautiful Corsage. All of these items are classes of their own, but you can choose up to three to make this week when you arrive. All you need to do is wrap and label them ready for Christmas!
M £620 • NM £680

Wire and Mixed Media Sculpture - 2 Night: Melanie Deegan

9-11 December 2019

Create a wire based sculpture enhanced with resin and textured layers using animals, figures or plants for inspiration. This simple approach to sculpture is suitable for everyone, no previous experience required. All tools and materials provided.
M £360 • NM £400

Wire Work Jewellery Making - 1 Night: Holly Berkeley

4-5 November 2019

Learn the addictive art of wire weaving. During this course you will be making 4 wire work ring design, wire work beads, wire trapped stones and Viking weave.
M £230 • NM £260

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Lifestyle

Alexander Technique - 2 Night: Brita Forstrom

15-17 November 2019

10-12 January 2020

22-24 May 2020
Learn about posture improvement, stress alleviation and how to relieve the tensions and discomforts held in the body. This is a practical course for the whole of your mind and body. You will get hands-on guidance from the tutor.
M £360 • NM £400

An Introduction to Map Reading - 3 Night: Clare Kelly NEW

29 June - 2 July 2020

This course is suitable for complete beginners and those who have some experience with maps but would benefit from tuition. Part of the course will be spent indoors learning the theory in a comfortable environment. Then head outdoors to put the theory into practise in the surrounding countryside. We will walk approximately 5 miles at a leisurely pace, learning as we go. The course covers only basic compass work and therefore compasses can be borrowed.
M £560 • NM £610

Battlefields of the First World War from your Armchair - 2 Night: Simon Gregor NEW

6-8 January 2020

Visitors started going to the battlefields of the First World War almost as soon as the conflict ended, to pay their respects and to learn more about the war itself. Many people continue to do the same today and this course is ideal either for those planning to make such a trip, or for those who would like to learn more without having to cross the Channel! From the comfort of Denman, you will be introduced to many of the key locations and stories on what became the Western Front 400 or more miles of trenches running through France and Belgium.
M £360 • NM £400

Book Club: The Darker Side of Dickens - 2 Night: Geoff Doel NEW

11-13 December 2019

This course will focus on the darker imaginative aspects of Dickens' creative genius and of his terrifying revelation of unacceptable elements in London society. But we'll also explore his own dark side, his suppression of early family secrets and the double standards revealed in his long-term concealed relationship with Nelly Ternan and his appalling treatment of his wife and his very strict attitude to his children.
M £360 • NM £400

Book Club: Who Dunit? Detective Fiction - 2 Night: Geoff Doel

6-8 November 2019

Explore the popular genre of detective fiction from its inception with Edgar Allan Poe to the fantastically popular Sherlock Holmes stories. Thence to the 'Golden Age' of detective fiction of 1930s & 1940s with celebrated women writers Sayers, Christie and Marsh and ending with the modern 'No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency'.
M £360 • NM £400

Colour Clothes and You - 2 Night: Liz Prest

20-22 April 2020

Your individual look is influenced by colour. The choices you make can be swayed by the manufacturers, fashion trends, your moods, personal favourites or even the persuasion of others. This course looks at the shades that compliment your colouring, have a nod to the trends, can fit in with your moods and the impression you wish to give. You will cover the traditional meaning of colours; colour analysis and shades for the capsule wardrobe. Colour for jewellery, hair, glasses and accessories are also discussed to ensure that your wardrobe best reflects you.
M £360 • NM £400



Creative Writing: For Beginners - 2 Night: Chrissie Hall

26-28 February 2020

Research tells us that writing expressively is therapeutic, relaxing and good for you. It enhances well being and boosts self confidence. So, whether you have never written anything but shopping lists or you have been a secret scribbler for years, escape to Denman and take time out to experience the gentle joys of creative expressive writing and find your own unique inner creative voice. Nurture your writerly talents and see how they will blossom!
M £360 • NM £400

Creative Writing: Have you Ever Thought about Writing your Life Story? - 3 Night: Chrissie Hall

22-25 March 2020

Writing your life story with a supportive group of like minded people is a wonderful reflective and enjoyable occupation. With help from an experienced specialist life story writing tutor you will plan, write and organise your story. You will revisit and recapture tales from the older generation of your family, along with memories of your childhood, school days, work and family life. Writing your life story adds a new personal dimension to your family history project, it is a wonderful way of passing on your family's unique heritage and connecting with children and grandchildren.
M £490 • NM £540

Creative Writing: Let's Start Writing Sketches - 2 Night: Chrissie Hall

29 April - 1 May 2020

The WI has a proud heritage of writing and performing sketches, short plays and monologues to entertain ourselves and each other. Sketch writing (and acting) is every bit as much fun now as it always was. This course is designed to continue that tradition, with a modern twist. We'll be aiming for some 'work in progress', script in hand performances towards the end of the course, so please come along prepared enjoy practical sessions.

M £360 • NM £400

Creative Writing: Summer Writing Retreat - 3 Night: Chrissie Hall

13-16 January 2020
1-4 June 2020

Dig out that unfinished writing project languishing in a drawer or, if you're a beginner, come along to get inspired and start writing at Denman this summer. Overcome writer's block and enjoy working in a supportive, tutor-led classroom group and in programmed one-to-one sessions on your short stories, memoirs, life stories, sketches, plays, articles or novels.

M £490 • NM £540

Creative Writing: Write that Bestselling Book - 3 Night: Debrah Martin

18-21 February 2020

Have you always thought you had a book in you, but never quite got round to writing it? Well, now's your chance! Join Debrah, a best-selling author in her own right, and tease out your story as you learn the tricks of the trade of successful writing. Whether you haven't written anything since school, or have a half-finished project languishing in a drawer, this course is for you.

M £490 • NM £540



Criminology: You the Jury: Denman Case Book 3 - 2 Night: Diane Janes

13-15 January 2020

Join the Denman jury for Denman Casebook 3. After listening to the evidence, then discussing it with your fellow jurors, you will be able to pronounce your verdict on three separate, real life murder cases, which occurred in England between 1900-1975. The cases have all been personally researched by the tutor and chosen for the insights they can give us on our judicial system and social history. (Although these are all real cases, no distressing crime scene photographs will be used.) Come equipped with a pen, a notebook and an open mind.

M £360 • NM £400

Criminology: You the Jury: Denman Case Book No. 4 - 2 Night: Diane Janes

5-7 June 2020

You the Jury! returns to Denman with fresh cases for your consideration. Join the Denman jury for Denman Casebook 4. After listening to the evidence, then discussing it with your fellow jurors, you will be able to pronounce your verdict on three separate, real life murder cases, which occurred in England between 1900-1975. The cases have all been personally researched by the tutor and chosen for the insights they can give us on our judicial system and social history. Come equipped with a pen, a notebook and an open mind.

M £360 • NM £400

Cryptic Crosswords for Beginners - 1 Night: Henry Howarth

13-14 February 2020

7-8 June 2020

Learn how to solve cryptic crosswords on a course that is designed for beginners and delivered in a relaxed and friendly manner. The course starts with the simplest ideas and easiest types of clue, and gradually builds to the more advanced aspects of solving cryptic puzzles. How cryptic clues work is clearly explained, and supported by practical activities in which we work together on developing solving skills. This course is engaging and interactive, and will teach you a new skill that is both enjoyable and stimulating.

M £230 • NM £260

Dance That's Strictly Fun - 2 Night: Annabel Brash

28 February - 1 March 2020

Learn some Ballroom & Latin-inspired steps (FitSteps dance fitness), some Bollywood moves (Just Jhoom! dancercise) and burlesque. The emphasis is on having fun and having a go at a relaxed pace.

M £360 • NM £400

Discover the Elizabethans - 3 Night: Geoff Doel and Fran Doel

22-25 June 2020

An exploration of the culture and society of the dynamic Elizabethan period, featuring the Cult of Gloriana in the Arts; Drake's voyages; the Armada; the new professional Theatre; Dr John Dee's magical science; Walsingham's spy network & popular culture.

M £575 • NM £625

Discovering Wildlife: Wildlife in our Gardens & Beyond - 2 Night: Christopher Everett and Pam Hopwood

20-22 May 2020

Summer's almost here and our gardens are alive and resplendent with wildlife. Come along and discover what lives in your ponds, borders and beyond. From butterflies and birds to flowers and fungi we look at life around us in practical classes, informative talks, and on short local walks from college, all while enjoying the unique Denman experience. Up to 2 miles per day.

M £360 • NM £400

Drum for Fun - 2 Night: Heather Summers

NEW

3-5 February 2020

Drumming is great fun, very focusing, a powerful way of making music with other people. It is an accessible way into music as well as being a music genre in its own right. Working in a drum circle, you will start with body beats and percussion, rhythm games and activities, and learn how to make our own rhythms, polyrhythms, and African drum rhythms. This is a course for beginners or those with a little experience.

M £360 • NM £400

Drum for Fun 2 - 2 Night: Heather Summers

NEW

5-7 February 2020

This course is suitable for those who have done previous Drum For Fun courses, or who have done a little drumming before. Working in a drum circle, we will revisit body beats, the roots of rhythm & work at improving our drumming technique. We will pay more attention to making our own arrangements in groups, putting together cross rhythms, then learn & play with some traditional African rhythms from Ghana, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, maybe a Samba rhythm. We will have a go at soloing over the group and at leading with a simple drum call. To protect hands and drum skins, rings do need to be able to come off.

M £360 • NM £400

Exploring London's Streets: Westminster and Lambeth - 2 Night: Simon Gregor

29-31 July 2020

Westminster and Lambeth sit on the Thames, separated only by that narrow band of water, yet their histories over the last few centuries seem very different. On this course we will explore the contrasts of these two adjacent regions, their differing histories, and some of the famous (and notorious!) residents. We will also examine some of the more surprising common strands in the history of these ostensibly very different communities. Includes a trip to London.

The course does involve several miles of walking. Comfy walking shoes are essential!

M £445 • NM £485

Fitness: Focus on Fitness, Dance and Fun - 2 Night: Gill Avery

8-10 November 2019

This is your opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities, all of which are fun and suitable for all ages and abilities. Exercising and dancing to music will help to improve circulation, keep the body supple, tighten slack muscles and improve posture as well as balance and coordination. Everyone will exercise at their own level, and alternative/modified movements will be given if necessary in order that you can exercise safely and effectively. Workshops may include nutrition, posture, osteoporosis, stress management.

M £360 • NM £400



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M £490 • NM £540

Fitness: Ramble and Dance - 2 Night: Gill Avery

5-7 June 2020

Combine rambling in the beautiful countryside with the opportunity of enjoying line dancing and country dancing. There will be a ramble of approximately 6 - 8 miles exploring the countryside alongside the River Thames before walking up to the Wittenham Clumps where we shall enjoy spectacular views. We shall cross the River Thames to Dorchester, where we shall be able to explore the abbey. Walks involve climbing stiles, negotiating rough ground in all weathers.

M £430 • NM £470

Flash Fiction Writing - 2 Night: Ruth Brandt 26-28 June 2020

This course will enable students to gain a better understanding for how to write a compelling piece of flash fiction, complete stories of up to 1000 words. This includes creating a vivid story world, using sensory details, exploring character movement, and editing a piece where the feel as well as meaning of every word matters. Through written exercises, students would explore each of these areas and discover how to write a story which is short on words but long on depth.
M £360 • NM £400

Gardens: Cotswold Gardens - 2 Night: Anna Steven

18-20 May 2020
29 April - 1 May 2020

Visit some rarely visited gardens in the beautiful settings of the Cotswolds. Many are privately owned and garden tours by owners give an extra insight into the designing and colourful planting schemes.
M £445 • NM £485

Gardens: Special Gardens of Hampshire - 2 Night: Anna Steven

20-22 May 2020

West Green House, designed by Marylyn Abbot, an Australian who has created a fantastic design around a series of walled gardens. Nearby Diple Mill, a romantic stroll following the stream and one of the most beautiful Hampshire gardens according to Alan Titchmarsh.
M £445 • NM £485

Gardens of Delight - 2 Night: Anna Steven

15-17 June 2020

This is a course packed with surprises, offering the chance to explore Rousham, an 18th century Kent masterpiece, and compare and contrast it with Tom Stuart-Smith's design for Broughton Grange from 2001. These two delightful gardens, plus a variety of others, will be explored in a colourful presentation.
M £445 • NM £485

Gardens: Arts and Crafts Gardens - 2 Night: Anna Steven

27-29 April 2020

Arts & Crafts gardens such as Kelmscott were a fantastic source of inspiration for William Morris in his wallpaper designs. We will visit Hidcote Manor garden (NT) created by Lawrence Johnson in the early years of the 20 century. The world famous Arts & Crafts garden forms a colourful array of garden 'rooms' set against the north Cotswold landscape. We then visit Snowhill Manor also with lovely views of the Cotswolds. These two delightful gardens, plus a variety of others, will be explored in a colourful presentation.
M £445 • NM £485

Health and Wellbeing with Yoga, Qigong and Mindfulness - 2 Night: Elaine Whittaker

NEW

6-8 January 2020
20-22 May 2020

Yoga and Qigong - gentle forms of movement that benefit mind and body, plus mindfulness practices for wellbeing. Workshops on stress management, strengthening your pelvic floor, and making healthy eating choices.
M £360 • NM £400

Hellfire and Damnation - A Gothic Pilgrimage - 3 Night: Geoff Doel

1-4 June 2020

An exploration of the eternal fascination with Hell, Purgatory & Damnation. Firstly in the middle ages, through the antidote of pilgrimage and holy relics, such as the Cult of the Holy Blood at Hailes Abbey, which we'll visit. John Milton's seventeenth century 'Paradise Lost' deals with an heroic and rebellious Satan and we'll visit the cottage in which he wrote part of it, and the atmospheric Jacobean mansion of Chastleton. The Hellfire Clubs of the eighteenth century showed a secular and orgiastic indulgence, particularly that of Francis Dashwood, the Owner of Wycombe Park and his use of the nearby Hellfire Caves. We'll visit both his mansion and the caves.
M £575 • NM £625

History and Heritage: Abbeys and Priors - 2 Night: John Vigar

24-26 February 2020

Five hundred years ago the country was dotted with monastic houses from enormous churches like Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire, home to hundreds of canons, to the tiny Bilsington Priory in Kent, with only a handful. Yet their cumulative influence on the nation was profound. In the 16th century all 700 were closed and this course explores a representative selection to discuss their architecture and history. Includes visits to the beautiful Dorchester Abbey, now a parish church, Reading Museum to learn about the town's royal foundation and a working monastery, Douai Abbey.
M £560 • NM £610

History and Heritage: Advent in Festive Oxford - 2 Night: Anna Steven

1-3 December 2019

Celebrate the Advent season by walking through Oxford to see the Christmas lights before the glorious choral evensong at Christchurch Cathedral. The next day, after a visit to the Sheldonian Theatre and the festive covered market, you will explore the heart of the University. You will visit the festive Tree Barn at Christmas Common, a treasure house of Christmas decorations, and nearby Henley. On the final morning, Anna, who is also a floral expert, will guide you through the making of a festive advent ring. Do not worry if you do not have any flower arranging skills as Anna will demonstrate and assist you. All materials will be provided and included in the cost.
M £445 • NM £485



History and Heritage: An Armchair Guide to English Parish Churches - 2 Night: John Vigar

20-22 January 2020

An Armchair Guide to the English Parish Church Discover the history and architecture of English churches from the comfort of the classroom. A lavishly illustrated experience will bring these buildings to life.
M £360 • NM £400

History and Heritage: An Armchair Guide to Exploring Buildings with Battlements - 2 Night: John Vigar

22-24 January 2020

Crenels (the dips) and Merlons (the points) Are the proper name for battlements. We associate them primarily with defensive buildings though this course will show you just how many different buildings display them. Our travels will take us through a thousand years of history with lots of anecdotes and fun! Imprisoned damsels, live leeches and architectural japes will all be discussed in the comfort of the classroom in this lavishly illustrated course. Suitable for anyone who loves the history of Britain and its architecture.
M £360 • NM £400

History and Heritage: Bedrooms, Banquets and Balls - 2 Night: John Vigar

14-16 April 2020

Whatever our historical interest, the English country house provides us with a rich history into which we can dip. The architecture of these buildings is often well known but its detail can tell us so much more than a casual glance allows. This course will look at the development of country houses and the people who lived in them. Expect some gossip and intrigue with examples from all over the country. Includes visits to two historic houses.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Berlin From Your Armchair - 2 Night: Simon Gregor

22-24 July 2020

As a city, and as a window on the wider history of Germany, Berlin is a fascinating place to explore and to study. In this course you will get to visit some of Berlin's most historic locations but without leaving the classroom! Using photographs, maps, and personal accounts, this course will explore the chequered history of Berlin from the unification of Germany in 1871 through until its reunification in 1990. From Imperial Germany under the Kaisers, through the First World War, the rise of the Nazis, and then the Cold War, we will explore iconic locations and seminal moments in the history of Europe, all from the comfort of Denman.
M £360 • NM £400

History and Heritage: Cathedrals of England and Wales - 3 Night: John Vigar

7-10 June 2020

This fascinating course introduces the forty two cathedrals of England and Wales to explain their architecture, history and most important furnishings. By the end of the course you will know something new about each one. The course includes day visits to two of the most important cathedrals in southern England - Winchester, burial place of Jane Austen and Gloucester now best known for the Harry Potter films. Each is also the burial place of a cathedral, and their architectural history will be explained in its social context.
M £560 • NM £610

History and Heritage: Christmas Oxford and the Colleges - 2 Night: Anna Steven

9-11 December 2019

Explore how Oxford and its colleges bring the Christmas story to life. The course will include visits to colleges and churches in the quest to explore many age old traditions and some more contemporary ones too. There will be lunch in one of the colleges and end the day with choral evensong at Christ Church. Bring warmth to your Christmas preparations with a visit of good cheer!
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Churches of the Test Valley - 3 Night: John Vigar

19-22 July 2020

Somewhere between highland and lowland the River Test runs north-south through Hampshire. Its villages are picturesque and its churches a delightful mix of periods. Mainly built of flint most are 12th and 13th century in date. This course will explain their architecture and history and we will spend two full days visiting around a dozen of them. Not suitable for those with mobility issues.
M £560 • NM £610

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All our bedrooms are en-suite and uniquely decorated - as a Friend of Denman you can even choose which one to stay in!

History and Heritage: Country House Treasures - 2 Night: Anna Steven

20-22 July 2020

This course explore historic houses and the fascinating lives of those who lived there. We delve into the fortunes and eccentricities of the generations who left their mark in the architecture and decorative arts left behind. We visit Greys Court and West Wycombe Park, both full of historical treasures.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Diaries and Diarists - 2 Night: John Vigar

20-22 November 2019

Take a journey through Britain from the 16th century in the company of famous and little known diarists from the comfort of your armchair. A look at 400 years of writing a diary. Why have people put pen to paper? Was it for their own personal use or to create a record to be read by others? From national figures like Samuel Pepys, Queen Victoria and James Lees-Milne to unknown individuals we study what they decided to record their holidays, work experiences, personal relationships and secrets. Expect some adult content as we look into the secret world of private writing!
M £360 • NM £400

History and Heritage: Discovering Medieval Wall Paintings - 2 Night: John Vigar

22-24 July 2020

Five hundred years ago all our churches were full of murals. Images such as the Doom, St Christopher and scenes from the life of Christ were universally used but many others were highly individual and site-specific. Painted using organic materials they faded quickly and were frequently over painted. Nearly all were lost at the Reformation by being lime washed over and although a large number were rediscovered by the Victorians there are many still hidden. We will look at their history and spend a day out looking at the best examples in the area.
M £445 • NM £485



History and Heritage: Discovering Spas and Pleasure Resorts - 3 Night: John Vigar

22-25 March 2020

This course looks at the amazing progression from visits to health resorts to the development of the seaside holiday. Looking at the history of spas and pleasure resorts through the eyes of those who used them. It's a mixture of social, topographical and architectural history with an icing of literature! We will study several dozen towns in England and Wales and there will be a full day outing to Bath to discover its historical development.
M £560 • NM £610

History and Heritage: Exploring London's Waterways - Regents Canal - 2 Night: Simon Gregor

27-29 July 2020

Alongside the well-known and sinuous curves of the River Thames, London has many other waterways, both natural and man-made. On this course, we will learn about the Regents Canal, cut through northern London in the nineteenth century and linking the west and the east of the city. Our exploration will include the colourful cast of characters involved in its creation, the technical challenges involved in building it, and the varied landscapes through which it meanders from Paddington to the east of London. We shall also consider its history from its time as a working canal, through its relative abandonment, to its current restoration as a wonderful walking route.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Follies, Temples and Grottoes - 2 Night: John Vigar

25-27 March 2020

How can a course about follies not be amusing? So often we have glimpsed a hill-top tower or derelict temple on the edge of a country estate and these exotic buildings can tell us so much about the people of the period in which they were built. Very few were real follies (useless buildings) as often they were built to tell a story to commemorate an event. You will look at examples from all over the country to assess the huge variety that exist and hear stories about their builders. Includes a full day visit to Stowe Landscape Gardens.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Fredrick Watts Studio and Home - 2 Night: Anna Steven

20-22 November 2019

Explore the world of G.F and Mary Watts through a visit to the artists' village where he made his studio and home in Victorian England. Visit the gallery where his permanent collection is displayed in the Arts & Crafts studio designed by celebrated Victorian architect Sir Ernest George. Also explore the Grade 1 listed Arts & Crafts masterpiece, the Watts chapel rich in symbolism, the creation of Mary Watts.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Hampton Court Palace and Its Owners - 2 Night: John Vigar

26-28 February 2020

This course looks at the architectural history of the palace. From lavish Tudor mansion to royal palace in one generation it encompasses the ambitions of the Tudor Court. Within a hundred years it was old fashioned and needed a refurb which was achieved under Sir Christopher Wren. We will look at its transition from medieval to modern. We will also look at the people who used it and some of the famous episodes in English history that took place there. The course includes an outing to the Palace and a considerable amount of walking is included.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Historic Bath and Surroundings - 2 Night: Anna Steven

6-8 July 2020

We will travel to Bath by coach and visit No.1 Royal Crescent, newly refurbished in Georgian splendour as it was in its heyday. We will also visit the nearby Assembly Rooms, scene of many a romantic dalliance, and view the fabulous collection of costumes in the Museum of Fashion.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Kelmescott and Arts and Craft - 2 Night: Anna Steven

24-26 June 2020

The Cotswolds Arts and Crafts School has left a legacy of superb design. This course will explore the work of the many talented artists inspired by William Morris. You will visit Kelmescott Manor and Rodmarton Manor, the last great house built by Ernest Barnsley.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Mistresses and Their Homes - 3 Night: John Vigar

16-19 April 2020

Many of our monarchs have had love interests outside of marriage. This course looks at lovers as varied as the Duke of Buckingham, Nell Gwynne and Daisy Countess of Warwick and looks at the history of their houses as well as the part they played in our national history. Visits to Hampton Court Palace, and one other house will be arranged, subject to availability.
M £575 • NM £625

History and Heritage: Oxford Writers Wonderland - 2 Night: Geoff Doel and Fran Doel

1-3 November 2019

Many great and popular writers such as Lewis Carroll, Thomas Hardy, Oscar Wilde, Evelyn Waugh, John Betjeman, Dorothy Sayers and Colin Dexter, have been inspired by Oxford and have integrated Oxford sites into their novels and poems. Join Geoff for visits to Lewis Carroll's Christ Church, Oscar Wilde's Magdalen and the famous Treacle Well.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Pre-Raphaelites in Oxford - 2 Night: Anna Steven

10-12 February 2020

Oxford and the Pre-Raphaelites are inextricably linked. See Exeter college where William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones were both students and view their early work in the student union murals of King Arthur. Delight in tapestries and stained glass, which abound in Oxford, and see some wonderful art at the Ashmolean museum. Finally explore the wonders of the Ruskin inspired Pre-Raphaelite glory that is the university museum.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Queen Victoria at 200: Kensington Palace and Windsor Castle - 3 Night: John Vigar

17-20 November 2019

2019 marks the bicentenary of the birth of Queen Victoria. This course looks at two of the homes most associated with the Queen. We explore their history and architecture with visits to both. Includes a lot of walking. Suitable for complete beginners. The age of Queen Victoria saw a new type of monarch. One more reserved yet more widely recognised. This course looks at the history and architecture of two of the houses most closely associated with her. Windsor was a medieval Castle that had been tinkered with over the centuries whilst Kensington was a purpose built Palace with separate sets of apartments for a Monarch and their Consort. Their suitability of purpose is shown by the fact that both are still lived in.
M £575 • NM £625



History and Heritage: Rennie Mackintosh and Influences on Design - 2 Night: Anna Steven

4-6 November 2019

An exploration of the history, inspiration and craftsmanship found in many of our magnificent country houses. Visits will be made to the gloriously renovated 78 Derngate, Northampton, a delightful interior designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Roman London - 21st Century Discoveries - 2 Night: Peter Lawrence

8-10 November 2019

As with other great cities, our capital is evolving and none more so than the one square mile of the City of London. Recent new developments, including Crossrail and the Bloomberg development at Walbrook have added so much to the understanding of the grandeur of Roman Londinium of the 2nd and 3rd century A.D. This out and about course will include visits to the Roman section of the Museum of London and one of the more recent visitor locations, the London Mithraeum, the site of the Temple of Mithras. Back at Denman, the course continues the theme of new Roman discoveries, including those found during the building of the Olympic Park and Crossrail.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: The Dukes - 2 Night: John Vigar

10-12 June 2020

A Dukedom is the highest rank of the UK Peerage and today just 23 men hold non-Royal dukedoms. How did they come by these titles and for how long have their families held them? A handful of the 23 hold more than one Dukedom and we will discover how this came about, and about some of the families who once had a Dukedom and have subsequently lost them! Our story will cover family history, national history and the history and architecture of the country house. To complement our studies we will visit Woburn Abbey.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Treasures of the Ashmolean and the New Collections - 2 Night: Anna Steven

13-15 January 2020

The Ashmolean Museum, which started as a Cabinet of Curiosities founded by the Tradescants in 1683, now houses a vast array of treasures which it will be our delight to explore.
M £430 • NM £470

History and Heritage: Treasures of the Rothschild - 2 Night: Anna Steven

1-3 April 2020

The Rothschild's are synonymous with wealth and some of the most incredible houses and art collections. We will visit Waddesdon Manor, the grand French-style chateau created for entertaining and Ascott House, their nearby family retreat.
M £445 • NM £485

History and Heritage: Victorian Splendour - 2 Night: Anna Steven

8-10 November 2019

Frederick, Lord Leighton, the leading Victorian artist, made his studio and home at Leighton House, built to the designs of George Aitchison. We visit this Palace, with its grand studio, frequented by the Victorian social elite including Queen Victoria, with its fantastic Arab Hall, it is one of the most remarkable buildings of the nineteenth century. Leighton House Museum is surrounded by a group of other studio-houses, all of which were built during the second half of the nineteenth century. This group provides a unique insight into the wealth, status and taste of successful artists in the late-Victorian period.
M £445 • NM £485



History and Heritage: Warwick Castle at Christmas - 2 Night: John Vigar

6-8 December 2019

Visit one of England's greatest medieval castles decorated for Christmas. Warwick's imposing silhouette presents a picturesque view of merrie England, yet its story is far less tranquil. Learn about 15th century Warwick the Kingmaker and his pivotal role in the Wars of the Roses and about later residents including royal courtesan Daisy, Countess of Warwick. This course requires lots of walking on uneven ground, so is only suitable for those who are mobile with stamina.
M £445 • NM £485

How to Write and Sell News and Feature Articles - 2 Night: Tony Padman

15-17 November 2019

This beginners' course will introduce you to the basic skills required to write articles that you can get published. There are 20,000 different publications covering every profession, hobby and lifestyle, and they need writers either on a permanent or freelance basis. This course includes guidance on everything from generating ideas and what makes a great story to asking the right questions, writing and editing. We will discuss journalistic skills, good and bad taste, and the newspaper and magazine industry. You will be given feedback on your writing at every stage and also the confidence to approach editors with your stories.
M £360 • NM £400

Instagram Masterclass - 1 Night: Melanie Blaikie **NEW**

13-14 January 2020

13-14 May 2020

Want to showcase the work of your business, your WI or just have fun with Instagram? Suitable for beginners, you'll learn how to create engaging posts, tell your story, use hashtags, connect with others and get creative with Instagram. Plus, tips for taking fabulous photos with your phone camera and editing them into stunning images you'll want to share. Packed with common sense tips and tricks to help you understand and make the most of this amazing social media. No jargon. Technophobes welcome!
M £195 • NM £215

iPad for Beginners - 2 Night: Louise Kelly

10-12 January 2020

Get comfortable with your iPad. This course is for those new to your iPad and will help you understand the jargon, symbols and apps on your iPad so you feel more in control. Bring along your iPad, your questions and a notebook and take away a better understanding of how to connect to the internet, send and receive emails, use the camera and send photos to family/friends and what an app and the app store are all about. The aim is to keep it simple, to get you started and to demystify the iPad.
M £360 • NM £400

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A Day Visit costs only £30pp and includes a full tour, lunch and cream tea!

An Experience Day costs only £80pp and includes two workshops, lunch and afternoon tea!

Literature: Jane Austen: Women and Work - 4 Night: Hazel Jones

9-13 March 2020

Women of Jane Austen's rank, and of the gentry and lower aristocracy immediately above it, are usually considered as enjoying leisured lives, despite their many and varied domestic responsibilities inside and outside the home. Their sphere of influence obviously differed according to income, talent and energy, but most women took a lively interest in forming and managing a happy, efficient home environment, a yardstick against which they judged their friends' and neighbours' establishments. Includes a visit to Whitchurch Silk Mill, and Chawton Cottage Chawton House.
M £600 • NM £650

Literature: Miss Read - Her Life and Works - 2 Night: Jill Saint

1-3 June 2020

Miss Read is the pen name of the writer Dora Saint, best known for her country novels. Her daughter talks about Dora's life and work, with photographs, manuscripts and other mementoes. There will be a visit to the actual 'Thrush Green' of the novels.
M £430 • NM £470

Look Your Best for Spring - 2 Night: Liz Prest

14-16 February 2020

Shrug off the old and on with the new! Find out what really does work for you in colour and style for this spring - and beyond. Say goodbye to the Winter wardrobe and start planning around the best looks for you and your lifestyle. There are many practical ways to interpret the new season fashion trends, which ones will you choose?
M £360 • NM £400

Mah Jong: Beginners - 2 Night: Sue Simms

27-29 November 2019

Mah Jong means the twittering of the sparrows. Learn to play this Chinese game of 144 brigands using tiles (like dominoes) and the skills of rummy (a nursery card game). This is a new course aimed at introducing novice players to the game of Mah Jong.
M £230 • NM £260

Much Ado About Shakespeare - King John - 2 Night: Geoff and Fran Doel

18-20 March 2020

This course centres on an afternoon and evening visit to Stratford-Upon-Avon to visit Shakespeare's mother's farm at nearby Wilmcote and to see an evening performance of Shakespeare's rather unusual and little-performed play 'King John' by the Royal Shakespeare Company who have found some parallels in the themes with today's political turbulence. The tutors will give advance information about the play and lead a discussion of the performance afterwards at Denman. There will also be lectures on Shakespeare's life & theatre.
M £485 • NM £525

Music Appreciation: Brahms and Liszt - 2 Night: Barry Collett

11-13 November 2019

No, this isn't Cockney rhyming slang, but rather a look at two contemporary Romantic composers who had completely differing attitudes towards music. One continued the great Germanic symphonic tradition of Beethoven, the other anticipated many musical developments of the future. But both left music of power, colour and lasting value
M £360 • NM £400

Music Appreciation: Music of Gershwin and Porter - 2 Night: Carl Attwood

22-24 January 2020

Immerse yourself in the music of two of the greatest American songsters of the 20th century, George Gershwin and Cole Porter. Enter into the magic of their musical worlds. Come and listen to their music, sing their songs and watch their shows.
M £360 • NM £400



**Music Appreciation: Rachmaninov: - 2 Night
Carl Attwood****2-4 March 2020**

A gifted melodist, Rachmaninov composed many wonderful pieces as well as being one of the great concert pianists of his age. Much of his output is still relatively unknown and you will listen to his music including symphonies and concertos, and watch a DVD of his life. There are also some entrancing recordings and piano rolls of him actually playing.

M £360 • NM £400**Music Appreciation: The Pleasure of the Piano
- 2 Night: Carl Attwood****17-19 June 2020**

Come and find out all about the piano. Does the piano deserve to be considered as a percussion instrument? How has the piano as we know it today evolved from its origins? Why is it such a popular instrument to learn, and why do so many then give up at a certain stage? The answers to these and other questions about this ubiquitous instrument will be discovered in this course, which will include listening and examining many styles of composition for the piano, recordings of some of its more famous virtuosos.

M £360 • NM £400**Music Appreciation: Traditional Jazz for
Beginners - 2 Night: Roger Bird****NEW****15-17 January 2020****26-28 May 2020**

What made jazz take off in the early 20th century? What were its influences and who were its early exponents? The exciting fusion of traditions, the colourful and talented players and the backdrop of prohibition America make for a fascinating story. Come and meet the players, hear the music and see the artistry that left an indelible mark on the whole world of music.

M £360 • NM £400**Music of the 40s and 50s - 2 Night:
Carl Attwood****11-13 November 2019**

During and after WWII, music was a vital element of everyday life. On the radio, Housewives' Choice provided popular songs ranging from the Andrews Sisters to Zez Confrey and light orchestral music such as Eric Coates to big band favourites like Glenn Miller. In the jazz world, swing gave way to be-bop; the very best musicals were appearing on stage and screen; electric guitars heralded rock 'n' roll; Tom Lehrer and Flanders and Swann took musical satire to a new place and classical music produced some of the most profound music of the 20th century. Come and tap your feet, have your heart moved and sing along...

M £360 • NM £400**Musicals: The Greatest Showman - 2 Night:
Jo Sercombe****6-8 November 2019**

Benj Pasek & Justin Paul have burst onto the movie musicals scene with box-office-busting films that seamlessly blend classic musical theatre sounds with contemporary pop styles; re-imagining what a 'movie musical' can be. Get to know these dynamic young writers and their work as we learn to sing songs from The Greatest Showman and their other shows. There's no need to read music notation as we'll be learning using lyric sheets and all levels of experience are welcome.

M £360 • NM £400

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**Photography - Take Better Photos! - 2 Night:
Simon Gregor****20-22 July 2020**

On this course you will learn how to take better photos. We will look at tips and tools which help you to compose the best photograph you can; ideas for how to make the most of light. We'll touch on some of the technical functions available, but this course is much more about cultivating your creative and imaginative skills. It doesn't matter whether you have a camera phone, a compact camera or a full D-SLR camera: all you need is something which can take digital images, and a desire to have fun taking some pictures!

M £360 • NM £400**Photography: The Dreaming Spires of Oxford
- 2 Night: Janine Kilroe****13-15 December 2019****27-29 May 2020**

A gentle photography walk about with Janine Kilroe, a local Oxford photographer of 30 years experience. Learn the secrets and best locations to photograph Oxford as well as a bit of local history along the way. On our final morning, we will also explore basic photography editing. All levels welcome.

M £360 • NM £400**Practical Astronomy - 3 Night: Gavin James
26-29 November 2019****1-4 March 2020**

A practical insight to the world of astronomy and how to enjoy what you can see from your back garden and beyond. We will discover the most suitable astronomical equipment and software to use and how to use it, with plenty of hands on time. The course has classroom elements, where you will learn about stars, the solar system, deep sky objects and imaging, and practical sessions that ensure you are fully familiar with observing equipment and sky guides before spending the evenings out under the stars.

M £490 • NM £540**Ramble and Cruise The Thames - 2 Night:
John Harris****1-3 May 2020**

Combine a cruise on Salter's Steamers with a gentle guided ramble along the Thames towpath to Oxford.

M £445 • NM £485**Ramble and Dance Summer Getaway -
4 Night: Gill Avery****NEW****19-23 July 2020**

Enjoy two day rambles: one of which will be enjoying the spectacular views on the Ridgeway before coming down to Wantage and exploring the town; the other, rambling by the River Thames to Oxford in the morning, before relaxing and cruising on Salters Steamers to Abingdon. There will also be a half day ramble in the Wittenham Clumps area. Gentle exercise and line/country dancing all of which are fun, will be at your own level and alternative/modified movements will be given if necessary in order that you can exercise safely and effectively. A shoulder massage will be carried out in pairs.

M £690 • NM £750**Short Story Writing - 2 Night: Ruth Brandt****NEW****30 March - 1 April 2020**

This course will cover the elements which make up a compelling short story, including character, plot, setting, dialogue, and conflict, along with other aspects of story writing. Written exercises will enable students to explore each of these areas and discover how they can be used to start a new short story, to improve an existing short story, or to provide the springboards from which a number of short stories can be written.

M £360 • NM £400**Singing for Christmas - 2 Night:
Kate Eckersley****2-4 December 2019**

Singing for Christmas is for anyone who loves to sing. If you want to learn interesting songs and improve your singing voice as well, this is the course for you!

M £360 • NM £400**Singing: Discover and Enjoy Your Voice -
2 Night: Kate Eckersley****9-11 March 2020**

If you enjoy singing but are not sure how good you are, this course is for you. Come and learn about your voice and how to get the most pleasure from singing.

M £360 • NM £400**Singing: Have Yourself a Merry Motown
Christmas - 2 Night: Jo Sercombe****4-6 December 2019**

If you're facing a hectic Christmas season, why not award yourself a pre-uletide holiday, and come sing some uplifting festive soul! With Christmas songs by Motown's favourite artists including Smokey Robinson and Darlene Love, there'll be something for everyone. There's no need to read music notation as we'll be learning using lyric sheets and all levels of experience are welcome. If you want 'Christmas with a twist' this is the singing workshop for you!

M £360 • NM £400**Singing: Movie Magic - Bond Film Themes -
2 Night: Jo Sercombe****22-24 April 2020**

The name is Sercombe... Jo Sercombe. Join Jo to sing those iconic Bond themes.

M £360 • NM £400**Singing: Music for the Lost Daughters of
Venice - 3 Night: Kate Eckersley****26-29 May 2020**

Come and sing the fabulous music written for the female choirs of the Venetian Ospedali (orphanages). During the 17th and 18th centuries, the Ospedali rescued abandoned girls and gave them a home, a life and music composed and directed by the finest musicians, one of whom was Vivaldi. The music for this course will be different from 2019's highly successful course, so is suitable for those who attended then and new singers who wish to explore this fascinating music.

M £490 • NM £540**Singing: Sing in the New Year - 2 Night:
Kate Eckersley****8-10 January 2020**

This is a cheerful, relaxed course to set you up for the start of the year. Singing is wonderful for expanding the lungs and raising the spirits.

We shall be working on our voices with lots of exercises to help with breath control, tone quality, tuning, and extension of the range. Then we shall apply our technique to the singing of rounds and songs, both in unison and in harmony. The songs will be taken from different genres and historic ages, from Medieval to Modern, from folk-song to pop song. If you have a favourite song, please bring it along to share.

M £360 • NM £400

Singing: Sing the Songs of Sister Act - 2 Night: Jo Sercombe

4-6 March 2020

The soundtracks of Sister Act and its sequel Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit may be 25 years old but they remain every popular and have even spawned a West End musical show! Come and have a go at singing, clapping and swaying your way through hits from both movies including I Will Follow Him and the Sister Act version of Oh Happy Day! A bit of harmony singing experience would be helpful but you don't need to be able to read music notation as all songs are taught by ear using lyric sheets.

M £360 • NM £400

Singing: Sing Your Socks Off - All Things Travel - 2 Night: Jo Sercombe

3-5 June 2020

Travel can be exciting, energising, daunting, and tiring but many of us still want to get out there and see the world. Join us at Denman to sing a mixed song-bag of anything from show tunes, to African rounds to light classical and folk pieces; all around the theme of travel. Suitable for male and female voices, we'll be doing some harmony singing but there's no need to read music notation as we'll be learning using lyric sheets. All levels of experience are welcome.

M £360 • NM £400

Singing: Summer Swing! - 2 Night: Jo Sercombe

29-31 July 2020

Summer is the time for all things light-hearted, so join us and enjoy singing summer-themed classic jazz songs by Cole Porter, the Gershwin Brothers and others. Suitable for male and female voices, we'll be doing some harmony singing but there's no need to read music notation as we'll be learning using lyric sheets. All levels of experience are welcome.

M £360 • NM £400



Singing: Summer with the Drifters - 2 Night: Jo Sercombe

15-17 July 2020

One of the biggest-selling soul and doo-wap bands of all time, The Drifters have sold in excess of 114 million albums worldwide. Their laid-back grooves and effortless harmonies form the foundation of the 50s doo-wap vocal sound and their light-hearted themes just make you feel so good! Enjoy singing their summer classics like 'Under the Boardwalk' and 'Come on Over to My Place' in this fun group-singing workshop. Suitable for male and female voices, we'll be doing some harmony singing but there's no need to read music notation as we'll be learning using lyric sheets. All levels of experience are welcome it's gonna be a party!

M £360 • NM £400

Singing: The Songs Of Take That! - 2 Night: Jo Sercombe NEW

29-31 January 2020

The songs of Take That. This could be the Greatest Day (or two) that you Never Forget! Jo's Patience will make you Shine while you sing A Million Love Songs. Could it be Magic, book on this course and find out, It Only Takes a Minute!

M £360 • NM £400

Tai Chi for Beginners - 2 Night: Jason Boden

12-14 February 2020

Tai Chi offers the beginning of a new way of thinking and moving, which can prolong your active life, help heal old injuries, and deal with stress. This course will introduce you to the graceful movements of Wu style Tai Chi, perfect for beginners, with its narrow stances and small postures that are easy to practice without straining the body. The gentleness in movement makes it ideal for anyone in less than peak condition, though whatever level of fitness, you will find it both interesting and a challenge. You will also use some Qi Gong energy work, to create physical alignment, deep relaxation and a sense of reconnection to your body.

M £360 • NM £400

Tai Chi: Ageing Gracefully - 2 Night: Jason Boden

29 April - 1 May 2020

If ageing means declining health and flexibility and losing the energy of youth why is it that millions of people in China retain these qualities and are able to age gracefully? This course will introduce you to Wu style Tai Chi, perfect for beginners, with its narrow stances and small postures that are easy to practice without straining the body. The gentleness in movement makes it ideal for any fitness level, though whatever level of fitness, you will find it both interesting and a challenge. We will also use some Qi Gong energy work, to create physical alignment, deep relaxation and a sense of reconnection to your body.

M £360 • NM £400

The Bloomsbury Group - 2 Night: Geoff Doel

24-26 January 2020

The Bloomsbury Group was never a specific organisation, but rather an informal association of artists critics, writers and economists whose dissatisfaction with Victorian attitudes and aesthetics led to a fundamental cultural and social revaluation, turning from religion, Empire and conventional sexual ethics and helping to reinvigorate the fossilizing British literary and artistic conventions through European and Modernist ideas. We'll explore the Group's artistic, literary, social, political and economic influence through the works and vision of Virginia Woolf, E M Forster, Lytton Strachey, Roger Fry, Maynard Keynes, Duncan Grant & Vanessa Bell.

M £445 • NM £485

The Christmas Story in Art and Music - 2 Night: Richard Box and Carl Attwood

13-15 December 2019

A study of artistic expressions from the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque periods, but be prepared for some surprises from recent times... Give yourselves a weekend of respite care in the midst of this season's frantic rush! Enjoy a tranquil time contemplating, listening and understanding how artists and musicians have represented the episodes surrounding Jesus' birth in many various ways.

M £360 • NM £400

Think You Can't Learn Italian? Think Again! - 2 Night: Sue McKenna

6-8 January 2020

Have you always wanted to learn another language but struggled at school or have distant memories of learning by rote and dreary lessons? Well, things have changed! This course will give you an insight into the structure and grammar of the Italian language but with lots of fun and speaking practice along the way.

M £360 • NM £400

Thomas Hardy and Wessex - 3 Night: Geoff Doel

6-9 April 2020

Explore Hardy's fictional recreation of Wessex through descriptions in his writings and through archival and modern photos and folk songs. We'll visit accessible sites from Denman in 'North Wessex' featured in the novels including Salisbury Cathedral & Stonehenge.

M £575 • NM £610

Ukulele 1: Kickstart Ukulele - 2 Night: Richard Partridge

7-9 February 2020

An introduction to playing the ukulele. Students will be shown all the rudiments of playing the instrument: how to tune it, the most common chords used to accompany a host of well-known songs, simple strumming patterns, basic fingerpicking, and how to read chord diagrams and tab. No previous musical experience is required.

M £360 • NM £400

Ukulele 2: Fast forward - 2 Night: Richard Partridge

17-19 January 2020

22-24 May 2020

This is an intermediate course for graduates of the beginners' Kickstart Ukulele course who want to reinforce what they have learnt and progress a little further. It will suit anyone who can already play a few chords, but who now needs a helping hand to move forward. The course would also help guitarists who want to try out the ukulele.

M £360 • NM £400

Ukulele 3: Tabbing and Fingerpicking - 2 Night: Richard Partridge

13-15 March 2020

This course takes a more in-depth look at two aspects of ukulele playing Tab (short for tablature) and Fingerpicking. This course will begin with learning simple melodies and scales using tab. Gradually, more complex fingerpicking patterns and ways of playing accompanied melodies will be introduced and developed.

M £360 • NM £400

What's in a Word: English Etymology Part 2 - 2 Night: Brian Jaques

18-20 November 2019

This course is particularly tailored to further the interests of those who enjoyed the introductory 'What's In a Word?' courses. Although if you didn't attend any of the first series you would still be welcome and able to participate in this extended version you only need to be interested in and have some experience in looking at the origins of words. Using online resources to research the semantics, interrelationships and origins of a variety of simple and compound words. Developing a variety of word trails, some leading to or from PIE (Proto-Indo-European) roots. Subsequent presentations and discussions will be important and interesting parts of the sessions.

M £360 • NM £400

Wildlife Walks: British Wildlife Extravaganza - 3 Night: Christopher Everett and Pam Hopwood

1-4 June 2020

Enjoy an extraordinary estuary walk, native animals you will never, ever, see in the wild, and meadows ablaze with summertime spectacles and delicate orchids. Take a gentle journey through the Hampshire countryside to the northern New Forest, walk the heaths amongst the ponies and visit a renowned conservation park with otters, pine martins, deer, and enigmatic owls, to name a few. On the second day it's flowers and butterflies in the Chilterns. Up to 5 miles per day. **M £560** • NM £610

Wildlife Walks: Rambling Along The Thames - 4 Night: Christopher Everett and Pam Hopwood

13-17 July 2020

Walking our idyllic rivers in the hazy, lazy days of summer is a timeless delight of the British countryside. Alive with wildlife, on these series of rambles we sample the varied landscapes along and around the majestic Thames. From its source in the Cotswolds, through Cricklade and Lechlade, to the remoteness of Chimney Meadows. Further on, tranquil Port Meadow and contrasting bustling Oxford city, we finally reach the stunning panoramas of Wittenham and Goring. Up to 5 miles per day. **M £690** • NM £750



Wildlife Walks: Spring Spectacular - 3 Night: Christopher Everett and Pam Hopwood

20-23 April 2020

Awaking spring flowers can be both breathtaking and delicate. Enjoy spectacular displays of our rarest plants - snake's-head fritillaries and pasqueflowers, and classic woodland species - primroses, violets and bluebells, in the beautiful Cotswolds amongst picturesque villages and cream teas, and the infant Thames. You will also see stunning vistas with soaring birds of prey at a wildlife oasis near Oxford. Up to 5 miles per day. **M £560** • NM £610

Wildlife Walks: Walking Through Time - 2 Night: Christopher Everett and Pam Hopwood **NEW**

22-24 June 2020

Discover a wealth of wildlife and landscapes in Oxfordshire as we take a journey back in time. Walking from modern manicured landscapes of Blenheim, abandoned Victorian railway vistas adorned with summer flowers and surreal ferns, to eerily mysterious prehistoric megaliths, and on to a glimpse of life in Jurassic times. And we will gaze skyward for a telescopic view of the oldest of landscapes, our satellite, the Moon. Up to 5 miles/day. **M £430** • NM £470

Wildlife Walks: Winter Wonderland - 2 Night: Christopher Everett and Pam Hopwood

20-22 January 2020

Winter is a time of dramatic beauty, when the environment is like no other time of year. It can be wild, and it can sparkle. Enjoy scenic local walks in the Oxfordshire countryside to less-visited areas, with stunning tree silhouettes and open lakeland landscapes, and see how wildlife is still around us, coping with the challenges. Up to 5 miles per day. **M £430** • NM £470

Yoga: Restorative Yoga - Rest and Awaken - 2 Night: Alexandra Alves **NEW**

24-26 January 2020

We will use our restorative practice to help ground us physically and mentally. The asana practice will allow us to rest the body and mind, we will become less contracted and as a result more awake. The session will include a yoga nidra practice to allow our entire being to rest fully. We will give ourselves permission to lie down, soften, quieten the brain waves, soothe the nervous system, recharge, boost energy levels, unfold over props, feel supported and held in a comfortable silence. Come prepared to dive into the subtle aspects of your yoga practice and enjoy a fantastic weekend together. **M £360** • NM £400

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New Year Country House Party

30 December 2019 - 2 January 2020
Join us for the beloved Denman New Year house party. Stay in the beautiful Georgian manor house and enjoy seventeen acres of parkland for three nights of pure indulgence! While you're here, try different workshops and learn new skills, while enjoying a wide variety of entertainment!
£575 • NM £635

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Course fees

Your fee includes tuition, travel during the course, entrance fees for visits, ingredients for cookery courses, meals and accommodation in an en-suite room. Some trips may involve purchasing refreshments while off site, but this will be in the course programme. Materials for art and craft residential courses are not included in the course fee but they can be bought from the tutor.

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Arrival and departure times

One-night Residential Courses – Arrival: 12pm to 12.30pm, departure: 1.30pm.

Other Residential Courses – Arrival: 3pm to 6pm, departure: 1.30pm.

Day Schools – Arrival:

10am for a 10.30am start, departure: 5pm.

Special Events:

Please see the event programme.

Accommodation

All bedrooms are en-suite. We have doubles, twins and triples should you wish to share. We endeavour to meet visitors' requirements, but room preferences cannot be guaranteed, unless you are a Friend of Denman.

Disability/Mobility

Wheelchair access is available to ground-floor areas. We are able to provide room and board for carers not attending a course who come to look after a student, sharing one of the accessible bedrooms at an additional fee of £40 per night. Assistance dogs are welcome.

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- Two twin en-suite rooms and one single en-suite for people with physical disabilities.
- Hearing loop systems are available, except in the WI Cookery School.

Medical conditions

We ask our guests to advise us of any medical conditions, so we can offer as much assistance as possible. While we do our best to make sure as many courses as possible are accessible for everyone, some courses require strength and a high degree of mobility. Denman reserves

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We provide a free shuttle service by taxi to Denman at set times from Oxford Central rail, Oxford Gloucester Green bus station and Didcot rail stations. This is only available to students on open residential courses booked directly with Denman. It is not available on day schools, Federation visits, events or B&B bookings. A place on the shuttle must be booked in advance. Please call at least 3 days before the start of your course. You can then consider your place in the shuttle reserved. Denman will not call to confirm arrangements.

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If you prefer to travel outside these times, private taxis are available from the stations, which cost approximately £25 - £35 for a single journey. Denman reserves the right to change these arrangements during the programme year.

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B&B

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Cancellation policy Courses Deposit

A £50 deposit is required to make a booking. Deposits are non-refundable or transferable between courses. A place on a course cannot be guaranteed until the deposit has been received. The balance

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Cancellation charges

Additional cancellation charges will be made as follows:

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Day schools, events and B&B bookings

The full cost must be paid on booking. Thereafter the above Cancellation Policy applies.

Change of content, tutor or price

We make every effort to run courses as advertised. However, there may be occasions when we have to change course content, prices and/or tutors. Denman reserves the right to make these changes. In such instances, no reductions or refunds are available and the normal Cancellation Policy applies.

Insurance

You can't be sure that you will not have to cancel your booking due to unforeseen circumstances, but Denman is a business and, as such, we keep strictly to our Cancellation Policy. Therefore, we strongly advise that you take out cancellation insurance.

Seven day cooling off period

For bookings by individuals a seven day cooling off period applies. If you cancel your booking within the cooling off period you will be entitled to a full refund (including your deposit), pursuant to Consumer Protection Regulations.

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Student details

Mrs/Miss/Ms/Mr/Other _____
 First name _____
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 Email _____

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Course title _____

Course tutor _____

Course dates _____

I would like to share a room with:

Name _____

Course _____

Special requirements

If you have any dietary or room needs e.g. dairy free/ walk in shower, please tell us here: _____

For Day Schools, sale items and Events, full payment must be made at the time of booking.

Cheques should be made payable to Denman.

Please remember to enclose a **non-refundable and non-transferable deposit of £50** to secure your place.

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