

# SUMMER STUDY BREAKS IN THE COTSWOLDS



"Stimulate your mind & body in  
some of the Cotswolds'  
most beautiful  
countryside"

# Welcome to our Summer Programme

All of these events take place at the Farncombe Estate Centre, Broadway. The diary is filled with new activities and fascinating subjects for you to choose from.

We have 53 ensuite bedrooms and free parking for up to 140 cars. Please book well in advance if you would like accommodation on the Estate. Alternatively there are many excellent hotels and guest houses nearby.

All one-day and weekend courses include meals and tuition. Afternoon and Evening events include refreshments. All prices include VAT.

Weekend courses usually start with dinner on Friday night ending after Sunday lunch. Please check listings for individual start and finish times.

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We look forward to welcoming you to Farncombe Estate!

## Key (all prices are per person)

- ☒ Non-Residential
- ② Residential: Twin/Double ensuite
- ① Residential: Single ensuite

## and finally...don't forget !

The 2008 programme will be available at our Free Open Day Sunday 16 September 2007



## BRIDGE WEEKENDS

29 Jun - 01 Jul 2007

### Improve your Bridge

with Sandra Landy and Lynne Hayes  
 A course for people who already play bridge, but would like to update and develop their skills in a friendly environment with experienced teachers. Each day, there are duplicate pairs sessions plus a chance to discuss the hands afterwards. Two seminars will be given – one on bidding and one on a card play topic. Partners found for those on their own. Maximum 8 tables.

☒ £139.00    ② £192.00    ① £205.00

### Next Bridge weekend :

16-18 November 2007

Advance booking strongly recommended

## ART HISTORY & APPRECIATION

01-03 Jun 2007

### Introduction to Staffordshire

#### Ceramics with Miranda Goodby

We examine the range of pottery and porcelain made in Staffordshire 1700-1850, when the industry was expanding rapidly. We explore how the wares were made and investigate some of the personalities and entrepreneurs. We look at products, from teapots to figures, from Wedgwood's Jasper to Spode's bone china, and examine how to identify the maker and date.

☒ £132.00    ② £185.00    ① £198.00



29 Jun - 01 Jul 2007

### "Books with Pictures": The Golden Age of Children's Book Illustration

with Victoria Condie  
 "And what is the use of a book without pictures or conversations" wonders Alice. We look at the development of illustration in children's books in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and explore the work of such well-known and well-loved illustrators as Kate Greenaway, Sir John Tenniel, E.H. Shephard and Quentin Blake.

☒ £132.00    ② £185.00    ① £198.00

08-10 Jun 2007

### Art History: Post Impressionism

with Alice Foster

Cezanne, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Toulouse Lautrec and Seurat followed Claude Monet and contemporaries in developing ways of seeing and applying paint to canvas in a modern manner. They were not a cohesive group but were grouped retrospectively. We explore the ideas behind their work and the developments they made searching for a new and modern art form.

☒ £132.00    ② £185.00    ① £198.00

23 Jun 2007

### Celebrity and Sensation: The Story of Modern Art Pt II - After 1945

with John Hall  
 Beginning with Jackson Pollock and American Abstract Expressionism, we see how first Pop Art and then Op Art became dominant throughout the 60's. But how to make sense of the various controversial directions in art from 1970 onwards? We'll not draw the line at Tracy Emin; so there ought to be scope for lively discussion - and, hopefully, illumination! (09:30 - 16:30)

£50.00

30 Jun 2007

### Gothic Art in England, France, Italy and Germany

with Frederica Law-Turner  
 From 12th-century Paris, Gothic spread to become a truly international style. From soaring cathedrals to illuminated manuscripts, the new style was based on the struggle for light and space, for grace and beauty, to create an artistic vision of Heaven on earth. Sculpture, stained-glass, altar-pieces, ivories, manuscripts, enamels and embroideries, this richly illustrated course shows how Gothic art was understood by medieval man and his view of the world. (09:30 - 16:30)

£50.00

20-22 Jul 2007

### St Petersburg, from Foundation to Putin

with Valerie Marshall  
 Founded 300 years ago by Peter the Great, St Petersburg is a beautiful city of palaces, museums and art collections. With the extensive use of slides we explore the history and culture of St Petersburg including Putin's personal interest in the City.

☒ £132.00    ② £185.00    ① £198.00

## Art History & Art Appreciation Courses for the Autumn

19 - 21 Oct 2007

Renaissance Art in Florence

16 - 18 Nov 2007

All that is Rare and Costly: Collectors and their Collections

30 Nov - 02 Dec 2007

Art and Politics: Spin, Power and Protest in Western Art

30 Nov - 02 Dec 2007

Paris: The History of the Romantic City, 1850 to 1900

08 - 09 Dec 2007

From Father Frost to Old New Year: the Music, Customs and Superstitions of Russian Christmas

14 - 16 Dec 2007

The Glories of Venice

## FOOD & DRINK

08 Jun 2007

### Taste of the Cotswolds Cookery Evening: Recipes for Summer with Rob Rees MBE

Join "The Cotswold Chef" to celebrate the best of seasonal Cotswold food, where to find it, how to cook it and then present it. Rob is an award winning restaurateur and a passionate advocate of everything good and common sense around food. Rob's enthusiasm and the samples cooked during the demonstration will give you a greater appreciation of Cotswold produce and ideas for cooking with it. (19:15 - 21:00) Tickets: £16.00



09 Jun 2007

### Wine Tasting Day - Tastes of Portugal with Liz Eyre

Join a whistle stop tour from crisp white Vinho Verde country in the North West, wines to accompany the seafood of Oporto. A journey via the Upper Douro's terraces of heavenly fortified blended offerings, through to historic Bairrada and Dao then to Lisbon, capital of Fado music. Taste the stunning modern wines from Estremadura with the rich crackling pork dishes, then back to the luscious sweet wines of Setubal. A feast for palate and imagination. (09:30 - 16:30) £57.50



## Autumn Food & Drink events

07 Sept 2007

Taste of the Cotswolds Cookery Evening: Autumn Harvest

27 Oct 2007

Champagne Tasting Day Course

09 Nov 2007

Taste of the Cotswolds Cookery Evening: Christmas Cooking

16 Nov 2007

Taste of the Cotswolds Evening : Fruits from the Farm

30 Nov 2007

Taste of the Cotswolds Evening : Organic Local Cheeses

01 Dec 2007

Christmas Wine Tasting Day Course

15 Dec 2007

Whisky Tasting Day: not just Christmas Spirit !

15 Dec 2007

Seasonal Supper followed by Victorian Entertainments

(DS) = Day School • (ET) = Evening Talk

# ARTS, CRAFTS, TEXTILES & PAINTING

(Student numbers are strictly limited on our practical art & craft courses).

## 02 Jun 2007 Drawing Caricatures - Day Course

with Doug Eyre  
Learn about drawing faces with humour and style! How do you start? Where do you start? How far can a caricature go without being unkind? What are the secrets in a face? Doug will work through all this with you in a day that is masses of fun! (09:30 - 16:30) **£55.00**

## 08 - 10 Jun 2007 Winning with Watercolours: Painting Tips & Techniques

with Arnold Lowrey  
We cover the techniques and principles important to create good, lively, watercolour paintings. An explanation of water control, colour, and composition will be included together with methods to get good results in your painting. The course will be sprinkled with demonstrations by the tutor.

☒ **£132.00**    ② **£185.00**    ① **£198.00**

## 15 - 17 Jun 2007 Mosaics - Design & Make your own Home & Garden Mosaics

with Priscilla Wheeler  
Pattern, colour and texture - the joy of Mosaics. You learn the two basic techniques with a range of materials, including glass and ceramic tesserae; broken china and 'found' objects. In this hands-on course you complete two projects. We look at mosaic decoration historically and today. You will get lots of help to develop your personal creativity. The course is designed for all abilities. Most materials are provided.

☒ **£152.00**    ② **£205.00**    ① **£218.00**

## 22 - 24 Jun 2007 Learn to Make Lace: A Lacemaking Course for All

with Rosemary Green  
A relaxed weekend learning to make lace in coloured, thicker, threads with either bobbins or a needle. With individual tuition learn basic stitches and go away with something you can use as jewellery, to decorate a card or make into a picture. This is 'grow faster' lace. Experienced lacemakers can improve existing skills or learn a new lace. A short equipment list will be sent. No experience needed. (Saturday only **£50**)

☒ **£132.00**    ② **£185.00**    ① **£198.00**

## 29 Jun - 01 Jul 2007 Watercolour Painting Course - Landscapes

with Jonathan Newey  
Course fully booked - waiting list only.

## 06 - 08 Jul 2007 Painting & Life Drawing Class for All

with Paul Powis  
A lively, informal, weekend of life drawing and painting, with demonstrations of techniques using different materials. The course is suitable for students of limited artistic experience, as well as those who wish to improve and extend existing skills. Advice and encouragement is given to all so you develop confidence in your approach. A clothed model is included and a materials list is provided.



☒ **£152.00**    ② **£205.00**    ① **£218.00**

## 07 Jul 2007 Summer Flowers - From Me to You

with Katherine Kear  
A workshop creating designs suitable as gifts for all occasions. Floristry and flower arranging techniques will be tried and the day will provide plenty of ideas to take home as well as the designs themselves. All materials provided at cost, approx **£25**, paid on the day. Bring flower cutters and a hand towel. (09:30 - 16:30) **£55.00**



## 20 - 22 Jul 2007 Batik & Silk Painting

with Mary Day  
Course fully booked - waiting list only.



## 27 - 29 Jul 2007 Drawing for Improvers

with Lynne Gibson  
Drawing is the key to most art practice: We explore materials and techniques, such as negative space, expressive mark making, light and shade, simple perspective and mixed media, through a series of progressive group exercises and individual tuition. Sunday morning you produce a finished piece in materials of your choice. All drawing materials are provided. We have a clothed model for part of the course. This course is part of the University of Bristol's Lifelong Learning Programme.

☒ **£147.00**    ② **£200.00**    ① **£213.00**

## 03 - 05 Aug 2007 Creative Play : Discover the artist within you!

with Priscilla Wheeler  
This course is designed to help us discover our natural creativity through experimenting with colour, collage and texture and mark making. This will help understanding how to achieve a new or further dimension in our work - two and three dimensional. We explore many materials, and learn to look in depth, to realize that through a variety of projects we can all improve our drawing and painting. Gaining confidence through experimentation. The course should be fun, with lots of group interaction.

☒ **£154.00**    ② **£207.00**    ① **£220.00**

## "Go Figure!" Residential Life Drawing and Painting Masterclass

with Modelled Me  
Figurative Art is at the centre of the artist's pallet of skills and the focus is, The Model. We aim to provide the highest quality of Life Models to allow tutors to lead the artists through a series of exercises and experiences build on existing skills and take them to new, exciting areas. A series of exercises will stretch the artist - and weather permitting - will include sessions in the Gardens of the Manor. For details and prices - contact [courses@modelled.me.uk](mailto:courses@modelled.me.uk)

## 04 Aug 2007 Art Day Course - Drawing with Pen & Wash

with Jonathan Newey  
This course introduces beginners to sketching with waterproof ink and watercolour wash. See how to draw and sketch with an ink pen and combine this with painting with a watercolour wash. Topics include textures, shading and sketching. Using demonstrations and working from photographs, you see how each technique can be achieved. The tutor will give group and individual help and critique. You will produce several small studies. (09:30 - 16:30) **£64.00**

## 05 Aug 2007 Art Day Course - Coloured Pencil Techniques

with Jonathan Newey  
Beginners will be introduced to skills and techniques with the coloured pencil. Topics include shading, texture, blending and colour mixing. There will be exercises using watercolour pencils as a sketching medium. The tutor will demonstrate and provide group and individual help and critique. By the end you will have completed several exercises. (09:30 - 16:30) **£64.00**

## 11 Aug 2007 Ceramic Pottery Day Course - China Flowers

with Don Cameron  
A rare opportunity to be instructed by Don Cameron, who started at Royal Worcester 40 years ago and Valerie Lane-Smith also of Royal Worcester. This hands on course, makes Orchids, Primroses and Roses, using air drying clay and Porcelain clay fired in a kiln to 1240c, over a 24hr period. The style of flower making is 'Royal Worcester Porcelain', very fine and detailed. A weekend course 23-25 November will include flower making, vases and powder boxes. If not returning for the weekend course to collect your ceramic, a Fire & Post service is available, **£10 P&P**. (09:45 - 16:30) **£70.00**

**17 & 18 August 2007**  
Find out about Farncombe Estate Centre "taster" workshops at The Swan Theatre for The Worcester Festival August 2007  
[www.FarncombeEstate.co.uk/WorcesterLive](http://www.FarncombeEstate.co.uk/WorcesterLive)

## 17 - 19 Aug 2007 Millinery Course: Make Sinamay & Crin Cocktail Creations (Fascinators)

with Janie Lashford  
During this 2-day course, you will learn innovative pattern cutting techniques to sculpt delicate sinamay headpieces trimmed with feathers. You will have the opportunity to create exotic feather, sinamay and crin trimmed 'hair corsages'.

☒ **£159.00**    ② **£212.00**    ① **£225.00**



## 17 - 20 Aug 2007 Decoration, Illumination and Colour in Calligraphy for Beginners and Improvers

with James Skinner  
Explore the delights of illumination and decoration on this 3-night workshop. Master the basic principles of gilding using a variety of exciting modern methods as you work towards a finished decorated letter. Time is spent on understanding colour in the pen and in backgrounds. We explore: writing in colour, using masking fluid, the versatility of soft pastels, and textured washes for an incredible background effect. Left handers welcome. Suitable for beginners and those with some experience.

☒ **£220.00**    ② **£300.00**    ① **£320.00**

## 24 - 27 Aug 2007 Watercolour Painting Holiday for Beginners

with Granville Danny Clarke FRSA  
This 3-day painting weekend aims to be the definitive course for beginners to enjoy the art of learning from an experienced professional and celebrity artist of 30 year standing. Danny will share his extensive knowledge, and demonstrate / teach all aspects and stages of the drawing and watercolour process in a simplistic and effective manner. You will gain a gift for life!

☒ **£225.00**    ② **£305.00**    ① **£325.00**

## Stitch Textiles: The Creative Edge

with Sandra Meech  
Explore new and exciting approaches to finding creativity using intuitive thoughts and ideas with practical design theory. Students explore several steps in finding a new creative edge. Group discussion and simple brainstorming ideas, will be followed by design exercises using mixed media and fabric collage. Surface techniques with painted textured papers, acrylic on cotton, and embellishment with plastics, tyvek and 3D dimension with wireform will be enhanced by mark making, stitch by hand and machine. A collage and stitch book will be assembled as a valuable creative reference for the future.

☒ **£220.00**    ② **£300.00**    ① **£320.00**



## Autumn Courses

08 Sept 2007

Make Silk Paper: Day Course

14 - 16 Sept 2007

Understanding Sundials & How To Make Them

15 Sept 2007

Interior Design Day Course

21 - 23 Sept 2007

How To Paint Portraits In Oils or Acrylics

28 - 30 Sept /2007

Oil Painting Course: Beginners & Beyond

Jewellery in Lace

06 Oct 2007

Drawing for Absolute Beginners (DS)

07 Oct 2007

Autumn Floristry Day Course: Harvest Home

12 Oct 2007

Make a Postcard with a Difference (ET)

13 Oct 2007

Rag Rug Making - Beginners' Day

14 Oct 2007

Calligraphy Day Course - A Step by Step Introduction

19 - 21 Oct 2007

Pastels for Pleasure: Painting & Drawing Course

20 Oct 2007

Book Making Day Workshop

26 - 28 Oct 2007

Fabric Skills: Curtain, Dress making & more ...

28 Oct 2007

Sketch & Draw Animal Portraits (DS)

04 Nov 2007

Sheer Landscape Window Decoration Workshop (DS)

09 - 11 Nov 2007

Painting for the Terrified: Beginners Course

10 Nov 2007

How to Make Handmade Greeting Cards (DS)

11 Nov 2007

Introduction to Making Mosaics - A Fun Day

Course

17 Nov 2007

Jewellery Making Day Course

23 - 25 Nov 2007

Silk Gifts and Silk Wrappings for Christmas

Ceramic Pottery Course - Painted China Pots

01 Dec 2007

Christmas Crafts Day Course

02 Dec 2007

Handmade Greetings Cards for Christmas (DS)

08 Dec 2007

Flowers for Christmas - Floristry Day Course

08 - 09 Dec 2007

Christmas Card Watercolour Workshop



## HEALTH & FITNESS

01 - 03 Jun 2007

An Introduction to The Alexander Technique with Jo Greaves

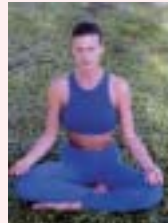
An accessible, participative, and relaxed introduction particularly suitable for "performers". The Alexander Technique can help you to perform with more ease of movement, balance, coordination, spontaneity and "stage presence". Come ready to participate and explore everyday activities, with optional performances and basic Alexander procedures.

⊗ £132.00   ② £185.00   ① £198.00

30 Jun 2007

Yoga Course - Release, Relax, Re-energise with Lee Figures

A perfect antidote to stressful living! Experience yoga postures and breathing techniques which stretch and strengthen the spine, whilst toning and balancing muscles and organs. Learn simple effective 'self-help' tools which enable you to free tension and stress. Relax deeply, feel balanced and energised. A day for all ages and abilities. (09:30 - 16:30) **£50.00**



06 - 08 Jul 2007

Aromatherapy & Massage Weekend with Julia Baker

You learn how to give a full body massage with a range of 10 essential oils which are safe for general public use. Also taught will be an Indian Head Massage routine. Learn how to mix creams and lotions with essential oils (small extra charge for this on the day). All students receive full notes. The course will be taught by demonstration and participation with support to ensure you feel confident to give the treatments.

⊗ £142.00   ② £195.00   ① £208.00

22 Jul 2007

An Introduction to Reflexology with Nicola Hall

Reflexology involves treatment of the body by massage to areas in the feet. This day introduces theory and the practical side. It explains how the method developed, how the reflex areas are arranged and the sort of conditions that can and can not be treated. There will be a chance to try giving treatment using the Bayly School technique. (09:30 - 16:30) **£50.00**

27 - 29 Jul 2007

Pilates & Chi Ball with Jennifer Boorer

Jennifer Boorer is an internationally qualified Chi Ball teacher. The Chi (energy) Ball is a soft, coloured aromatic ball designed to help fast-track muscles into feeling more relaxed thereby gaining more from the Pilates moves. If the body is held in tension discomfort can be felt, and muscles can't be moved as efficiently as they could be. A body under tension finds movement difficult. Chi balls can be provided by the tutor.

⊗ £142.00   ② £195.00   ① £208.00

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

22 - 24 Jun 2007

Find Your Inner Power with Akasha Lonsdale & John Gloster-Smith

Do you wish you could accomplish more and admire others who seem to? Do you not always believe in yourself? It's like something's missing. Somehow we don't feel up to scratch. Well, you can change all that. Come and discover the you inside that's very special. Come and re-discover your inner power and sparkle! Learn how to shift what's negative in your life, discover what's positive, how you can take control, create a better reality, and what you really want.

⊗ £149.00   ② £202.00   ① £215.00

03 - 06 Aug 2007

Buddhist Meditation - A 3-day adventure with John Preston

Buddhist Meditation is a journey of self-discovery. The course provides an introduction to Buddhist philosophy augmented by meditative exercises, seated on ordinary chairs. No special postures are needed. Previous meditative experience is not required, as full instruction will be given. There will be ample time for discussion.

⊗ £180.00   ② £260.00   ① £280.00

23 Sept

Tai Chi Day Course

28-30 Sept Living & Maintaining a Pilates Lifestyle

12-14 Oct Yoga Weekend: Relieving Back Pain and Releasing Stress

02 Nov Natural 'Self-Help' Remedies (ET)

03 Nov Aromatherapy Lotions & Creams (DS)

18 Nov The Alexander Technique (DS)

25 Nov An Introduction to Meditation (DS)

09 Dec Dress to Impress: Image Booster Day

## DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY COURSES

with Nick Meers

22 - 24 Jun 2007

Digital Photography Course - The Basics & Beyond

An introduction to the basics of Digital Photography and getting

the best from your camera: From shooting an image, loading it onto the computer, preparing it for sending via email, and perfecting it for printing. Plenty of opportunity for questions.

⊗ £144.00   ② £197.00   ① £210.00

15 Jul 2007

Digital Photography Advanced Course : Retouching Tips & Tricks

A brief introduction to the Digital Workflow will be followed by demonstrations of various techniques to improve the look of your digital images before you output them to print or CDs. Numbers will be limited so everyone can ask questions. (09:30 - 16:30) **£65.00**

16 Sep 07

Digital Photography Course for Beginners - 'What do I do with this JPEG?!'

16 - 18 Nov 2007

Take an Image & Make an Image Better

## LITERATURE & WRITING

02 Jun 2007

Writing Fiction: How to Create Magical Stories with Sue Johnson

This workshop provides useful information for writers of all levels. Local writer, Sue Johnson, will be aiming to give the sort of help and advice she wishes she'd had at the start of her career. If your fiction needs extra sparkle, then don't miss this workshop. (09:30 - 16:30) **£50.00**

20 - 22 Jul 2007

Write Your Life with Jane Blank

Everyone has a story to tell; many want to write their memoirs but where to start? Whether it's a big project, for publication, or you want to document your childhood for future generations, this course will help you. It is a practical weekend and you'll leave with several pieces of writing and a prototype of your project plan to work on later. **£132.00**   ② £185.00   ① £198.00

28 Jul 2007

English Literature - Poetry of the First World War with Angela Day

While most depicts the horror and futility of war, some expresses patriotism and unquestioning loyalty to the cause. We look at poems by the best known 'War Poets' - Siegfried Sassoon, Isaac Rosenberg, Edward Thomas, Rupert Brooke - but concentrate on Wilfred Owen, including 'Anthem for Doomed Youth' and 'Strange Meeting'. (09:30 - 16:30) **£50.00**

21 Oct 2007 Creative Writing: Story in a Day

14 - 16 Dec 2007 Charles Dickens at Christmas: His Life & Novels

Key to price codes (per person): ⊗ Non-Residential   ② Double/Twin   ① Single

## HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE

3 Jun 2007

**Vauxhall Gardens** with Helen Larner  
From the building of Fulke's Hall c1220 until their closure in 1859, the Vauxhall Gardens were a source of pleasure for all. Famous artists, authors and musicians loved the gardens and along with other performers have left much for us to enjoy - with slides and recordings the gardens will come back to life (09:30 - 16:30)  
**£50.00**

16 Jun 2007

**The Court of Louis XIV** with Dianne Barre  
The story of how Louis XIV transformed a modest hunting box into the greatest palace in Europe, admired and copied, criticised and feared. Using accounts of those who lived there, with slides of the palace and its amazing gardens, we explore daily life at Versailles, the personality of the King and his family and why the palace still fascinates visitors from all over the world. (09:30 - 16:30)  
**£50.00**

22/06/2007 - 24/06/2007

**King Arthur: Fact from Fiction** with William Tyler  
Course fully booked - waiting list only.

06 - 08 Jul 2007

**Roman Architecture & Building Techniques** with Bill Putnam  
The ruins of ancient Rome still dominate the city, and draw tourists from all over the world. Architects employed by the state and by individuals provided public buildings, private homes and a variety of engineering marvels. The Colosseum conveys the wealth and power of the emperor Vespasian all these centuries later. This course studies the achievements of Roman architects and engineers. We visit a Roman site.  
**£149.00**   **£202.00**   **£215.00**

27 - 29 Jul 2007

**The Old English Heroic Age** with Sam Newton  
Rediscover almost lost legends from the pre- and early history of the English through an exploration of the surviving manuscripts in Old English and related Germanic and Norse heroic literature. These include the story of Offa the Old and his famous Mercian royal descendant, as well as lost legends of the Goths.  
**£132.00**   **£185.00**   **£198.00**

27 - 29 Jul 2007

**The Work of Seven Architects, from Big Ben to the Gherkin** with Alfred Rowe  
We look at seven architects from the 19th and 20th centuries, from the revival of Gothic architecture by A W N Pugin to the remarkable structures of Norman Foster. Others include Sir Edwin Lutyens and his contemporary, Frank Lloyd Wright. Scotland is represented by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, France by Le Corbusier and Spain by Antoni Gaudi.  
**£132.00**   **£185.00**   **£198.00**

03 - 06 Aug 2007

**By the Sword Divided: the Civil War in the Midlands, 1642- 46** with John Sutton  
This extended weekend course, finishing Monday lunchtime, offers a wide-ranging survey of the dramatic events in the south Midlands during the first English Civil War (1642-46). It explores the background causes of the fratricidal struggle as well as furnishing an insight into the ideological mind-set of the contending Cavalier and Roundhead parties. We make several site visits.  
**£220.00**   **£300.00**   **£320.00**

## Autumn History Courses & Lectures

07-09 Sept 2007

The Dragon Wakes: China in the 19th and early 20th centuries

14-16 Sept 2007

Art and Poetry in the Dream-Ship from Sutton Hoo

21 Sept 2007

The Extraordinary Life and Death of Edward II (ET)

28 - 30 Sept 2007

Worcestershire Saints & Pilgrimages

05 Oct 2007

Mediaeval Monasteries of Gloucestershire (ET)

12 - 14 Oct 2007

Gunpowder, Treason and Plot; Monarchy and Popery, 1559 to 1642

09 Nov 2007

Gordon Russell, William Morris & The Broadway Adventure (ET)

23 - 25 Nov 2007

The Roman Empire: Aqueducts, Architecture & Technology

24 Nov 2007

Mediaeval Carving, Wall Painting & Stained Glass in Gloucestershire Churches (DS)

30 Nov 2007

Building a Mediaeval Cathedral (ET)

30 Nov - 02 Dec 2007

The Marcher Lands - Where Teuton Meets Slav: In search of the lost world of Mittel Europa

14 Dec 2007

Victorian Christmas Traditions (ET)

14 - 16 Dec 2007

Charles Dickens at Christmas: His Life & Novels

## MAKING MUSIC & SINGING

15 - 17 Jun 2007

**Viol Consorts** with Alison Crum

Course fully booked = waiting list only. Next course: 18-20 Jan 2008

**Play the Recorder : Summer Ensemble Weekend** with Andrew Collis

The weekend is for competent recorder players in an ensemble situation. We will play some great music from a diverse collection of composers, something for all tastes. Music includes works by Gibbons, Purcell, Bach, Haydn, Hilling, Staeps. Instruments from soprano down to Contra bass are welcome. The sessions will look at style and performance practice as well as recorder technique and playing in an ensemble. **£132.00**   **£185.00**   **£198.00**

**Everyone Can Sing: A Voice Workshop** with Dan Evans

This enjoyable and highly participatory course is designed to help you to find your own voice and to learn to project it with ease and confidence. You may be new to singing or even believe that you can't, or you may be an established singer of any genre who wishes to develop greater confidence and improve your presentation. By learning how to sing from the heart, you'll move your audience. **£134.00**   **£187.00**   **£200.00**

**The Magic Of The Musicals - Music Theatre Workshop** with Tricia Dibb

Sing your favourite songs from music theatre. A practical performance based workshop for all abilities. Build confidence as a solo performer and improve your interpretation and presentation. Singing technique, voice production, breathing and relaxation will be covered and tips offered. An informal concert gives experience of solo singing in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere. Bring 6 to 8 songs with copies for the pianist. **£154.00**   **£207.00**   **£220.00**

27 - 29 Jul 2007

**A Song Class for All** with Sally Bradshaw

A weekend to try out any song or aria you have a yen to sing. Sally will help you with projecting personality and communication, breathing, vocal problems and style. A pianist will play for you or you can bring your guitar and accompany yourself in songs you have written yourself! From opera, lieder and folk to rock and musicals nothing is ruled out. Come and sing the songs you have only dared sing in the bath up to now! Limited places. **£174.00**   **£227.00**   **£240.00**

03 - 05 Aug 2008

**Singing at Sight** with Ben Palmer

Want to improve your sight-reading skills? We take you back to the basics and then forward as far as possible in the time available. You must be able to read music, although rustiness is not a problem! This course is not just for singers - instrumentalists can benefit from the aural training involved. It is not essential for students to be trained singers; the course is designed to develop aural skills which are useful to choral and solo singers alike. **£132.00**   **£185.00**   **£198.00**

10-13 Aug 2007

**Gospel Choir (3 days)** with Jo Sercombe

Ever wanted to sing in a gospel choir? Don't miss this opportunity to spend a weekend improving your vocal skills while creating that special gospel sound and learning to move with the music. We'll explore a variety of material, ranging from traditional spirituals to pop, soul and funky gospel. You learn about vocal technique, harmony singing and the gospel performance style. No music-reading ability required, just a desire to sing!

**£188.00**   **£268.00**   **£288.00**

07 - 09 Sept

**Singers Weekend: The Paul Simon Songbook**

09 Sept

**Play Jazz - Clarinet & Saxophone Improvisation Workshop**

21 - 23 Sept

**Play the Recorder : Autumn Ensemble Weekend**

22 Sept

**Songwriting Day Course**

05 - 07 Oct

**Violin and the many ways to play it!**

**Learn to Play Folk Guitar**

**Can't Sing: Will Sing!**

**Play the Recorder: Day Course**

**Gilbert & Sullivan : Choral Weekend**

**A Weekend for String Chamber Music and Chamber Music with Piano**

**FOLK MUSIC WEEKEND: Bodhran and Percussion Workshop; Folk Singing;**

**Learn to Play Folk Guitar; Folk Fiddle - tunes, styles and techniques**

**Piano Masterclass**

**Soul Divas! Vocal Workshop (I) Beginners Weekend**

**Everyone Can Sing: A Voice Workshop**

**Sing Christmas! A Fun Voice Workshop for All (DS)**

**New Year Carducci Quartet String Chamber Music Course**



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## MUSIC APPRECIATION

01 - 03 Jun 2007

### Wagner's Ring: "Das Rheingold"

with Ian Beresford Gleaves  
Following a general introduction to the "Ring", we investigate the dramatic and musical content, and how these are linked. Lectures will be copiously illustrated at the piano. You will familiarise yourself with the text (in English or German) and the score where appropriate. The whole of the opera will be studied, scene by scene.

£132.00 £185.00 £198.00

15 Jun 2007

### Early Music in the Evening, with local cheese & wine

Tickets: £21.00

15 - 17 Jun 2007

### A Weekend with Berlioz: Insight into a fantastic Composer

with Robert Meikle  
I can think of no other composer whose music could be introduced with this title, for with Berlioz you have the whole man in every note - he holds nothing back, neither passion, nor frailty, nor humour, nor terror, nor frivolity, nor grandeur, nor intimacy. His many-sided character is revealed across a huge range of media, presented by a most daring and original mind, and of which his best-known work, the Fantastic Symphony, provides only a few clues.

£137.00 £190.00 £203.00

17 Jun 2007



### Jazz in the Afternoon: Billie Holiday in Words & Music

with Nicholas Gill & Debbie Arthurs.  
The Turbulent Life and Music of Billy Holiday. A look at the often tortured career of jazz's best known lady vocalist. (16:00 - 18:00)

Tickets: £12.00

22 - 24 Jun 2007

### The Piano Sonata

with Mark Tanner  
The quantity of piano sonatas significantly outbalances any other musical form - the sonata has evolved dramatically since Bach to become 'sonata form', culminating in the generic term of the 20th century. We investigate the enduring attraction of the sonata, using examples from the piano. A recital on Saturday evening is a feature of Mark's courses.

£132.00 £185.00 £198.00

06 - 08 Jul 2007

### Beethoven at the Crossroads

with Julian Williamson  
In the first of three weekends on this revolutionary composer we reach the "Eroica" symphony. We explore how this provincial musician became one of the most avant-garde composers in history. His initial conservative efforts changed as his radically experimental music for the developing piano took Europe by storm. Innovation gradually filtered through to his chamber and orchestral music until the "Eroica" heralded a new era of sound.

£132.00 £185.00 £198.00

13 Jul 2007

### Clementi: Born in Rome, Died in Evesham

with Tim Porter  
Composer Muzio Clementi should be better known. He was one of the greatest! His life-story is extraordinary; how did the son of an Italian silversmith end up in Evesham, hobnobbing with the likes of Mozart and Beethoven on the way? Come find out and hear some of his fantastic music. (19:15 - 21:00) Tickets: £9.00

14 Jul 2007

### The Three Choirs' Festival

with Tim Porter  
The world's oldest music festival is on our doorstep! Learn of its origins, and curious history. We trace it, from shadowy beginnings in the days of Purcell and Handel, through triumphs and disasters to the early 20th century and its present form. Slides of the cathedrals and copious musical examples will illustrate the day. (09:30 - 16:30) £50.00

20 - 22 Jul 2007

### History of Jazz Music : An Introduction

with David Price  
We study early forms of jazz and explore its history, its musicians and music from around 1880. We consider elements, ragtime, blues and military bands, which eventually became recognizable as jazz form. Listen to recordings that made the masters famous and consider what each added. Musicians will include Scott Joplin, Original Dixieland Jazz Band, King Oliver, Jelly Roll Morton, Bessie Smith, Louis Armstrong.

£132.00 £185.00 £198.00

19 Aug 2007

### Jazz for a Summer's Afternoon

with Nicholas Gill & Debbie Arthurs  
A wine-filled summer's afternoon of music and song from two of the UK's best vintage jazz performers. Featuring classic songs from the 1920s. Just ENJOY! (14:30 - 16:30)

Tickets: 12.00

24 - 27 Aug 2007

### The Symphonies of Sibelius

with Terry Barfoot  
Jean Sibelius is one of the giants of music. His symphonies are among the towering achievements of western man, from the romanticism of Nos. 1 and 2, through the austere power of the 4th to the unity of the single movement No. 7. During this three-day weekend we feature them all, while considering their relationship to his life and career.

£195.00 £275.00 £295.00

14-16 Sept Leonard Bernstein - The Man & his Music

21-23 Sept Wagner's Ring: "Die Walküre"  
05-07 Oct Mendelssohn and the Salons of Berlin and the Concerts of Leipzig

12 - 14 Oct History of Opera Part III  
19 - 21 Oct Diaghilev and the Ballet Russe  
27 Oct Evening Concert

09-11 Nov Elgar: World War I & the Years Beyond

10 Nov Evening Piano Recital  
02 Dec Handel's Messiah: A Phenomenon (DS)  
07 Dec Piano Jazz Evening: Festive Swing  
08-09 Dec The Oratorios of Handel  
15 Dec Seasonal Supper with Victorian Entertainments



## WALKING, WILDLIFE & GARDENS

08 - 10 Jun 2007

### Summer Walking Holiday: Welcome to our Gardens

with Derek & Sandra Starkey  
A new weekend for garden lovers who enjoy walking! Each day has gentle walking and visits a selection of local gardens open for the summer. Join us on one or both days. Routes include Ashton under Hill on Saturday and Winchcombe on Sunday. Transport and lunches provided. Both are easy walks with some stiles - 4-5 miles per day. Saturday or Sunday only: £55.00

£152.00 £205.00 £218.00

23 Jun 2007

### Evening Walk - A Circular Summer Stroll to Broadway and Back

with AONB Voluntary Wardens  
Join an enlightening stroll, from Farncombe to Broadway village and back via Willersey. Whilst enjoying an amble and gorgeous Vale views, learn about the Wardens' work and history of the area. The walk has some stiles and a small uphill climb. Finishes with drinks and snacks at Farncombe. (17:30 - 20:30) Tickets: £12.00

21 Jul 2007

### Guided Walk: The Dixton Harvesters

with Anne Martis & Margaret Burden  
Have they left their mark? Based on the BBC's Talking Landscapes and featuring the Vale of Evesham, we compare today's landscape with a painting of the Dixton Harvesters of around 1720, and trace evidence of the past in some intensely cultivated land. Moderate (8 miles/6 hours). Includes transport and lunch (09:30 - 16:30) £62.00

12 Aug 2007

### Map Reading Course : A Beginners Guide

with Ian Chalmers  
Learn how to navigate and read maps, using the OS 1:25000 map (OL45 - The Cotswolds) and the basic Silva Sighting Compass (or similar) the aim is to acquire a basic level of competence in map and compass skills. (09:30 - 16:30) £55.00

17 - 20 Aug 2007

### Cotswold Gardens to Delight

with Letta Jones MA  
Explore some inspiring and historically important gardens. Much of Saturday will be at Hidcote Manor garden and the very different Kiftsgate Court garden (coach transport provided). Sunday afternoon visit Batsford Arboretum (travel in students' cars) and Monday morning the gardens at Sudeley Castle (coach provided). If you enjoy gardens and want to find out more about their design, history, creators and plants, this is a weekend for you. Practical plant identification is provided with inspiration for your own garden. Excludes admission fees.

£220.00 £300.00 £320.00

21 - 23 Sept 2007

### Autumn Guided Walks: 1. Food, Fruit & Drink Trail & 2. Lower Farm Strolls & Rolling Hills

30 Sept 2007  
Garden Design Day Course (II)

18 Nov 2007

The History & Restoration of a Garden : Croome Park (Afternoon Talk)



## WALKING GUIDES: ILLUSTRATED TALKS BY THE AUTHORS

"The Monarch's Way", by Trevor Antill

28 Sept Book 1 (Worcester to Stratford-upon-Avon)

12 Oct Book 2 (The Cotswolds, The Mendips & The Sea)

26 Oct Book 3 (The South Coast, The Downs, The Escape)

23 Nov "The Cotswold Way": A Guide to this National Trail by Kev Reynolds  
For tickets please call 01386 854100. Tickets from £9 per talk