



**Rossett School**  
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Rossett adult learning **Learning for pleasure courses to suit all tastes and interests**

## Course Information

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<b>Wooden Spoon carving 17SU033</b>			
Start date	<b>24 July 2017</b>	End date	
Half Term Bank Holidays (no class)		Number of weeks	<b>1</b>
Day(s) of week	<b>Monday</b>	Time	<b>09.00 – 16.00</b>
Teacher	<b>Stewart Lawrence</b>	Fee	<b>£50</b>

### **This course is for: anyone**

Come and spend a day with Stuart learning to make your own spoon. See it transform from a block of wood to the finished utensil. A whole day with a skilled woodland craftsman.

Carving can be hard on your hands and requires a degree on manual strength and dexterity.

**For the first session students will need** All materials provided.

**Additional Costs:** None

**This course aims to:** teach you how to use traditional tools, techniques and methods to produce a wooden spoon from a small log, which will be a useful tool as well as a work of art that you will have created.

**The course will cover:**

On this course you will learn to use traditional techniques to carve and whittle green unseasoned wood, using simple tools - an axe and knife.

You will be guided through choosing wood, cutting and cleaning, basic axe skills and simple knife skills and carving techniques as well as tool care, sharpening and honing. You will also learn how to "read the wood", ie how to sculpt it into the desired spoon shape as the wood will allow. A day not to be forgotten!

- **Choice of wood.** You will learn about the different qualities of the main varieties of common British hardwoods and the difference between suitable and unsuitable material.
- **Tools.** You will use three tools; axe, straight blade knife and curved 'hook' or spoon knife. The focus will be on how to use these tools safely and efficiently. All tools and wood will be provided on the day and I will give advice on where to buy tools and source materials.
- **Axe strokes.** Several essential techniques to shape wood and remove waste material to create a spoon blank ready for the knife work.
- **Knife grips.** Various techniques from 'power strokes', wasting lots of wood quickly, to very controlled 'smoothing strokes', taking fine shavings to refine the form of your spoon.
- **Good spoon design.** By paying close attention to detail we will consider what makes a good spoon strong and comfortable enough to function well.
- **The process.** From cleaving a small log, to rough shaping with the axe and finishing with carving knife/spoon knife.

**By the end of the course:**

Students should feel confident in combining a range of art techniques and be able to judge, create and assess accurately.

**Tutor Profile:**

Stuart is a self-taught stick maker who enjoys his craft and passing on skills to his students. He's a talented artist who has turned his hand to blacksmithing, pyrography, green woodwork and leatherwork and equally at home in the woods teaching bush craft. Born in Germany but hails from Northern Ireland hence the softly lilting Irish brogue. He has a friendly, informative approach to his lessons and aims to get the best from his students.

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