

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

WE6507 MAKE AN ENGLISH LONG-BOW

Tutor: GAVIN POND

Dates: WEEKEND FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

On this course you will make a traditional English Long-Bow.

In the first session on Friday evening, we will prepare to laminate the stave using Hickory, Purple Heart and Lemon Wood timber and make a string. On Saturday we will mark out our bows, cut and shape the rough dimensions and start tillering (bending the bow). We will also fit the black Buffalo horn nocks.

On Sunday we will finish tillering, sand, oil, attach string and make the handle to complete your long bow. Then, if time allows, we will shoot a volley of arrows on the lawn at the front of the College.

LEVEL: SUITABLE FOR ALL

A subject focused course that is delivered to suit any level of experience from beginner to advanced practitioner. A structured start is followed by guided independent practice.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Gavin Pond trained at West Dean as a maker of stringed instruments and he is now an experienced craft teacher. His has a cittern on display at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, London.

TIMETABLE:

Arrival day: Friday 14 October

From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students
6.45pm	Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner
7.00pm	Dinner
8.00pm – 9.00pm	First teaching session – attendance is an essential part of the course.

Other days: Saturday 15 October

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
4.00pm	Afternoon classes continue
5.00pm	Classes finish
From 6.30pm	Dinner
8.00pm	Evening working – workshops are available up to 10pm for those wishing to work on providing this has been discussed with the tutor. These sessions are untutored.

Departure day: Sunday 16 October

(Residential students to vacate rooms by 10am)

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue

Departure day continued: Sunday 16 October

12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.00pm	Classes finish
3.30pm	Tea then departure

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm.

For any materials you need to purchase from the shop, we suggest you do so during the first morning of your course, after having discussed with your tutor.

Materials included in the course fee:

The cost of the timber and strings for your long bow is included in the course fee.

Please bring:

Please wear sturdy covered footwear in the workshop

Steel ruler and craft knife – if you have these

Block plane – if you have one, also provided for use in the workshop

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. Students may work unsupervised on agreed projects once they have satisfied the tutor as to their competence. There may be restrictions on the equipment available to students in the tutor's absence. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.