



Recently completed dining set in Elm and Oak

Some Student Occupations

- PROFESSOR OF GENERAL MEDICINE
- AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER
- UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR
- LANDSCAPE GARDENER
- PROPERTY DEVELOPER
- CANCER RESEARCHER
- RESEARCH SCIENTIST
- CORPORATE LAWYER
- CHEMICAL ENGINEER
- PROBATION OFFICER
- COMPANY DIRECTOR
- NUCLEAR PHYSICIST
- MERCHANT SEAMAN
- ENVIRONMENTALIST
- FINANCIAL ADVISER
- SAFETY SPECIALIST
- HORTICULTURALIST
- COMPANY DOCTOR
- RAILWAY WORKER
- PSYCHOLOGIST
- ESTATE AGENT
- CIVIL SERVANT
- HEAD HUNTER
- SCAFFOLDER
- HOUSEWIFE
- ENGINEER
- SURGEON
- PLUMBER
- STUDENT
- DENTIST
- JOINER
- CARER

## Courses - One Year On!

I began my teaching career just a year ago, and have taught 57 people on 17 courses in that time, both at The Windsor Workshop and West Dean. The Windsor Workshop is just 7 months old, and already 11 courses have been run here. One of the great pleasures for me has been the variety of interesting people that I have had the privilege to meet. Just glance down the remarkable list (right) of occupations that some of my students have had.



Plans for a new workshop, taking up to eight students at a time, are coming on well. Planning Permission is granted, and we are almost ready to get prices from builders. I hope to be teaching in the new building in twelve months time, but in the meantime there is the opportunity for one-to-one/two tuition in the existing workshop.

For those that have already taken the introductory bow-back course, I will be shortly adding new advanced courses in addition to the sack back (double bow) course. The new courses will include a writing arm chair, a child's armchair, and a seven day course (2 + 5) in which you can design and build your own unique chair.



## Demonstrating at the V&A

Last month I had the pleasure of setting up my stall on the grand marble staircase of the V&A under the watchful eyes of Grinling Gibbons (his feet are visible in the photo!). I had been asked to demonstrate Windsor chairmaking over a weekend to coincide with the "International Arts & Crafts" exhibition, which continues until 24th July. (Further details on [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk))



In spite of the glorious weather outside, a good number of people gathered each day to learn about chairmaking, and watched me adzing out a seat, and shaving spindles for a chair. Several have now signed on for courses at The Windsor Workshop. If only I could afford a marble floor for my new workshop - it would be so easy to sweep clean!

# Tools - new tools added to the catalogue



**Small Spokeshave:** This tiny tool has transformed the making of Windsor chairs. It is crucial to the shaping and finishing of spindles, and is also used on the bow, and for fine work on the seat. The blade is easily sharpened, and is adjusted by tapping the tangs with a small hammer. The excellent steel keeps its edge for at least one chair, before requiring resharpener.

An essential tool for the Windsor chairmaker, and many other woodworkers. *A real bargain!*

Price: £15 plus £1.50 p&p

**Drawknife:** this drawknife has been specially made for me by an accomplished local blacksmith, to my specification. While most drawknives have thick blades and a chisel cross section, this has been forged and ground to a genuine knife edge (curved bevel on both sides). This design gives superb control, and the curve along the length of the blade encourages a slicing cut which further reduces the effort required.



The blade has been forged from spring steel, and maintains a razor sharp edge over a long period.

This tool will last a lifetime, and give great pleasure in use. A 'must' for the serious green woodworker, and tool enthusiast.

Price: £75 plus £3.50 p&p

**Tools:** details of other tools sold by The Windsor Workshop can be viewed on our website. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any specific queries.

## Course Availability:

At the start of my show season (June - September), availability of dates is good, although a number of courses are already part-filled. If you would like to come on a course, I suggest that you do not delay, in order to avoid disappointment.

### Courses with vacancies, weeks beginning:

<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	
4, 11	July	15, 30
1, 22, 29	August	6, 17
12, 26	Sept.	January
No courses	October	February
7, 14, 21, 28	November	
5	December	



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I will be attending the following shows, and would be delighted to see you there:

- Crafts in Action - Michelham Priory:** 11 - 14 August
- Parham Craft Fair:** 19 - 21 August
- Weald & Downland Wood Show:** 10 - 11 September
- Weald Wood Fair:** 23 - 25 September