

## **‘Fresh Wind in Our Sails’ - craft skills training days 2013**

Would you like to learn more about mills, millwrighting and building conservation issues? As part of the ‘Fresh Wind in Our Sails’ project, Burwell Mill and Museum has devised an exciting programme of free traditional craft skills training days aimed at a range of audiences, from beginners and families with no prior knowledge of mills, to those who already have some understanding and expertise and want to learn more.

<b>WHEN &amp; WHERE</b>	<b>WHAT’S ON</b>	<b>SUITABLE FOR...</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 May</b> Burwell Mill Wicken Corn Mill	Mechanical and structural repairs and maintenance including millstone dressing, advanced level	Adults, students, mill professionals, heritage building owners
<b>Thursday 23 May</b> Impington Mill	Safety in maintenance and working at heights, intermediate level	Adults, students, mill professionals
<b>Thursday 6 June</b> Burwell Mill	Timber frame and weatherboarding repairs, lime render and stonework repairs, window repair and installation, intermediate/advanced level	Heritage building owners, adults, students, mill professionals
<b>Tuesday 25 June</b> Impington Mill	Safety in maintenance and working at heights, advanced level	Adults, students, mill professionals
<b>Sunday 7 July</b> Lode Mill Wicken Fen Wicken Corn Mill	Introduction to millwrighting and mill maintenance, introductory level	Families with children over 8 years, adults, students
<b>Thursday 15 August</b> Lode Mill Wicken Fen Wicken Corn Mill	Introduction to millwrighting and mill maintenance, introductory level	Families with children over 8 years, adults, students

### **HOW TO BOOK**

The events are **free** but booking is essential as numbers are limited. Preferably please email [education@burwellmuseum.org.uk](mailto:education@burwellmuseum.org.uk) or alternatively tel: 01638 605544 for further information and programme for the day. See [www.burwellmuseum.org.uk](http://www.burwellmuseum.org.uk) for more details and updates.

**Tuesday 7 May 10am-4pm**

**Mechanical and structural repairs and maintenance including millstone dressing**

At Burwell Mill and Wicken Corn Mill

Lunch provided

Participants will receive tuition from a professional millwright and windmill on a range of aspects of repairs specific to a working mill. You can also try your hand at traditional millwrighting techniques such as millstone dressing, cap roof works, machinery maintenance and the day-to-day operation of a windmill.

**Thursday 23 May 10am-4pm**

**Safety in maintenance and working at heights – intermediate level**

At Impington Mill

Lunch provided

A unique training opportunity with Impington Mill's expert owner and restorer, Steve Temple, to learn about the planning and safe performance of windmill repair and maintenance, particularly to inaccessible external walls, cap, sails and fantail.

Participants will receive an introduction to safe working at height using rope access techniques, and tuition on working from ground level using ladders, tools and equipment. For those keen to put skills into practice, this day is preparation for the hands-on maintenance day on 25 June.

**Thursday 6 June 10am-4pm**

**Timber frame and weatherboarding repairs. Lime render and stonework repairs. Window repair and installation**

At Burwell Mill

Lunch provided

A day for those with an interest in historic building conservation to learn more about traditional craft skills. Tuition will be provided by professional contractors working on the windmill's clunch tower and by the project's conservation architect.

You will develop your understanding of key techniques in the repair of structural timber and masonry and observe conservation work in progress. These techniques are applicable to a wide range of historic buildings.

**Tuesday 25 June 10am-4pm**

**Safety in maintenance and working at heights – advanced level**

At Impington Mill

Lunch provided

An opportunity to put into practice the skills learned on the intermediate training day on 23 May and experience hands-on maintenance of a windmill. The day focuses on the preparation of tools and equipment and the safe performance of repairs and maintenance to windmills – particularly the inaccessible external walls, cap, sails and fantail.

You will gain practical experience of safe working at height under supervision using rope access techniques, and tuition on working from ground level using appropriate ladders, tools and equipment.

**Sunday 7 July 10am-4pm**

**Thursday 15 August 10am-4pm**

**Introduction to millwrighting and mill maintenance**

At Lode Mill, Wicken Fen and Wicken Corn Mill

All entry fees are provided

Join us for an introduction to traditional mills and milling. Experience a watermill, windmill and drainage wind pump in action, and find out exactly how they work. You will see flour being produced, try your hand at stopping and starting a mill, learn about looking after a traditional mill and their history and development.

This absorbing introductory day is suitable for families and individuals with no prior knowledge of mills.

**Also happening:**

**Friday 27 September 9.30am-4.30pm**

**SPAB Mills Section One Day Course: Owning a Mill**

At Burwell Museum and Mill

An informative day for mill owners, guardians and volunteers involved in opening and maintaining traditional wind and watermills.

For details and to book your place, contact [gaelle@spab.org.uk](mailto:gaelle@spab.org.uk)

**Saturday 5 October 9.30am-4.30pm**

## **SPAB Mills Section Annual Autumn Meeting**

At Burwell Mandeville Hall and Burwell Mill

Find out about the history of mill conservation and repair in the East of England from the 1950s to the present day. This will include a presentation about the 'Fresh Wind in Our Sails' project and an opportunity to visit Burwell Mill. For details and to book your place, contact [gaelle@spab.org.uk](mailto:gaelle@spab.org.uk)

## **Coming up in 2014**

### **Easter 2014**

#### **East Anglian Mills Conference**

At Burwell Gardiner Hall and Burwell Mill

An opportunity for local people and those with an interest in mills to exchange information about conservation projects in the region. The conference also provides a chance for heritage professionals to promote best practice with reference to case studies of past and current mill projects.

### **June 2014**

#### **Blacksmithing and fabrication of metalwork: brick and tile making**

At Burwell Museum and Burwell Brick & Tile Works

Learn about the materials and techniques used in industrial and hand-made brickmaking. Participants will also receive an introduction to metalworking at the Museum's blacksmith's forge.

See [www.burwellmuseum.org.uk](http://www.burwellmuseum.org.uk) for further details

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## **VENUES**

Burwell Mill and Museum, Mill Close, Burwell, CB25 0HL

Impington Mill, 10 Cambridge Road, Impington, CB24 9NU

Lode Mill, Quy Road, Cambridge, CB25 9EJ

Wicken Corn Mill, 23 High Street, Wicken, CB7 5XR

Wicken Fen, Lode Lane, Wicken, CB7 5XP

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