

Winterbourne Medieval Barn is an amazing survivor of a large raised-cruck barn built in 1342 by lord of the manor Sir Thomas de Bradeston using green-timber construction methods, the cutting-edge technology of that period. It is now managed by a volunteer-run charitable (WMBT) trust who aim to preserve it and keep it available for community uses.

July

- Fri 8th** - Fused Glass workshops, 10am or 1pm
- Sat 16th** - Pottery Shed Taster, 1pm - 4pm
- Tue 19th** - Talk : Local Medieval Trade Exports, 7pm
- Sat 30th** - Summer Barn Dance, 7pm

August

- Mon 1st** - Family Craft Sessions, 9.30am or 11am
- Tue 2nd** - Shakespeare in the Barn: *Midsummer Night's Dream*, 7pm
- Sat 27th** - Basket-weaving workshop, 10am - 4pm
- Tue 30th** - Talk : Hedgehogs in our environment, 5.30pm

Sept

- 10th-11th** - Heritage Open Days, 11am - 4pm
- Tue 20th** - Talk : Harry Grindell Matthews, 7pm

October

- Sun 9th** - Orchard Harvest Day, 11am - 4pm

Tai Chi Classes - every Wednesday

WMBT would welcome more volunteers to help out, occasionally or on a more regular basis, with Barn maintenance and with community events. Contact us via the website or ring 0117 403 1536 to make enquiries (office manned part-time).

Full details and booking for all events can be found on the website

www.winterbournebarn.org.uk

or the facebook page

Winterbourne Medieval Barn Trust Registered Charity number 1112908

Fused Glass Workshops - Friday 8th July, 10am or 1pm

Rachael Durkan from The Glass Cabin runs 2 hour workshops where you can make a Bristol balloon, a beach huts panel, or your own freestyle fused glass hanging.

Pottery Shed Taster Afternoon - Saturday 16th July, 1 - 4pm

Join Brenda from The Pottery Shed to hand build a round bowl, glaze it and 'Sgraffito' a pattern of your choice into the glaze.

Talk: Medieval Exports of Ham Green Pottery and Dundry Stone - Tue 19th July, 7pm

Pieces of Ham Green Ware were found at the Barn by Wessex Archaeology in 2017. Find out the cultural significance behind the use of Ham Green jugs, and learn about Dundry Stone

exports in the 12th and 13th centuries. Philip Ashford explores the cultural, economic and archaeological significance in our area. The talk will also be livestreamed on Zoom.

Barn Dance - Saturday 30th July, 7pm

Enjoy a mid-summer evening at the Barn with live band Sargent's Mess. Great fun for all ages. No previous experience required - caller Rob will shout out the steps as you go along! . Bar open all evening. And if you prefer just to listen to the traditional music and watch, that's fine too. Tickets £10 (child £7) - book online. Free parking on site.

Family Summer Craft - Monday 1st August, 9.30am or 11am

Aimed at families with children aged 5 -11 yrs. Craft activities based around the magical *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Tickets £7.50 per family.

Shakespeare in the Barn: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - Tuesday 2nd August, 7pm

Shakespeare's wonderful fantasy comedy brought to you by The Festival Players, with a traditional all-male small company of professional actors. A summer treat for the whole family. Doors open at 6.30pm. On-site parking only for those with mobility problems (book in advance). FREE car parking at Winterbourne Academy (BS36 1JL). Please do not park in Church Lane as it causes congestion.

Basket-weaving workshop, Saturday 27th August, 10am - 4pm

Weave a fabulous basket from locally sourced willow with instructor Sarah Jayne Edwards. Tea and coffee will be provided but bring a packed lunch.

Talk : Hedgehogs in our environment - Tuesday 30th August, 5.30pm

Join Yvonne Cox from Yate Hedgehog Rescue to find out how to make our outdoor spaces hedgehog friendly, and what to do if you find a hedgehog in distress. Yvonne will use many hedgehog props, and may be able to bring a live hedgehog if any rescued animals are well enough. Suitable for adults and children aged 12+ .

Heritage Open Days - Saturday and Sunday 10th/11th September, 11am - 4pm

These national Open Days celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering FREE access to properties that are usually closed to the public or charge for admission. This year's theme is *Astounding Inventions*. St Michael's Church next door will also be open.

Talk : Local inventor Harry Grindell Matthews - Tuesday 20th September, 7pm

Born in Winterbourne, did Harry Grindell Matthews really invent the world's first mobile phone, a way of projecting images and messages into the sky, the fuel which propelled Buzz Aldrin to the moon, the forerunner of the microwave oven, and a "death ray"? Or were the claims he made false? Why is our local scientist not a household name? Carole Darling will tell us more about this extraordinary local inventor.

Orchard Harvest Day, Sunday 9th October, 11am - 4pm

Visit the magnificent medieval barn and marvel at the skill of the medieval builders. Celebrate the Great British Orchard lots of apple-themed activities, ferret-racing, local crafts and rural skills, Winterbourne Down Border Morris, stalls, live music from Bygonz and the Frampton Shantymen, children's activities, and great food and drink. A fun day out for all ages.

