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# Thatching in Practice

A practical training day  
in traditional techniques

Choice of dates:  
Tuesday 28 June 2005 *or*  
Wednesday 28 September 2005

**at Knuston Hall  
Wellingborough  
Northants**

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This one day practical training course, providing hands on experience, aims to encourage a greater understanding of thatching materials and techniques. It will cover regional variations in materials and styles, current training practice, the use of thatch in new build, fire prevention treatments, and a thatcher's responsibility towards listed buildings. There will be a question and answer session to discuss any current issues. The afternoon will be spent with a thatching demonstration followed by practical training with long straw, water reed and combed straw using the easily reached (no ladder) rooflets in the workshop.

Lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

The activity will take place in a workshop environment so please wear suitable clothing, eg overalls and strong footwear.

### Programme

- 9.30 Registration and coffee
- 10.00 Lecture on thatching materials, regional variations and a thatcher's responsibilities towards listed buildings
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.20 Talk on current training practice, new build, materials and fire prevention
- 12.15 Questions and answers on the morning's programme
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.45 Thatching demonstration and practical training with hands on experience  
NB This activity takes place in a workshop environment so please wear suitable clothing and strong footwear.
- 16.00 Tea
- 16.20 Discussion with questions and answers on the afternoon's practical session
- 17.00 Close

### The Presenter/Trainer

Roger Scanlan has been in the thatching industry since 1974, running his own business since 1979. He has been a member of the local Master Thatcher's Association since 1987. He has been the regional representative on the National Thatching Standards Committee and a member of the Occupational Working Group on Thatching with the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB).

From 1993–2004 Roger was a Thatching Advisor to the Rural Development Commission and subsequently the Countryside Agency. He was Chairman of the National Council of Master Thatcher's Associations.

Roger has taught Thatching apprentices on a National basis since 1993 and is an Assessor for NVQ and an Examiner to the City & Guilds Institute in London.

### Three ways to book

**Post** the completed booking form to:  
Short Course Administrator, International Centre for Open and Continuing Education,  
Oxford Brookes University, Harcourt Hill Campus, Oxford OX2 9AT

**Fax** the completed booking form to 01865 488601

**Telephone** 01865 488606 to provisionally reserve a place, then post or fax the completed form

Please book by Tuesday 14 June 2005.



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Please reserve me a place on this one-day course (please tick the appropriate box).

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or

Wednesday 28 September 2005

I understand the fee will be £140 (fee includes lunch and refreshments)

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A full refund will be given for cancellations received in writing at least 1 week prior to the conference.

No refunds will be made for cancellations received less than 1 week prior to the conference.

Non-arrivals will be charged the full fee.

A substitute delegate is welcome at no extra charge.

Oxford Brookes University reserves the right to alter the programme without notice.

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