

Martin Damen

Traditional Green Woodworker



INFORMATION FOR EVENT ORGANISERS

Keeping Traditional Craft Alive



Martin Damen **Traditional Green Woodworker**

I have been involved with traditional woodwork since 2000. I focus on the craft of making hand-carved spoons, bowls and platters. In addition, I use the pole lathe to produce a variety of domestic items.



All the work I produce is made using traditional tools and techniques and timber is locally sourced. While such an approach is not suitable for modern mass production, each item is unique and has its own beauty and character.

In providing demonstrations I hope to give the public an appreciation of our shared rural craft heritage. As such the demonstrations offered would be ideal for craft fairs, rural shows and fetes.

Please note that the demonstrations offered are intended to promote public interest and participation in traditional rural crafts. While a small range of products are offered for sale, my presence at an event should not be seen primarily as a retail opportunity but as an opportunity to promote traditional crafts or “entertainment”.

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DEMONSTRATIONS PROVIDED



SPOON CARVING

The demonstration shows how a log is made into a wooden spoon. The timber, tools and techniques used are described.

This demonstration would be ideal for events where space is limited.

BOWL CARVING

Using only traditional hand tools and techniques a log is first split and then carved to produce a bowl or platter.



POLE LATHE

The public have the chance to have a go on a traditional pole lathe and experience the craft of the bodgers who made the legs and spindles for Windsor chairs.

- During the demonstrations questions from visitors are encouraged.
- The spoon carving demonstration can be combined with either the bowl carving OR the pole lathe demonstrations at no additional cost.
- The demonstrations are continuous activities and are not suitable as timed programme events.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

I provide all the equipment, tools and timber for the demonstrations.

SPACE REQUIREMENTS

I require space for a 3 x 3m gazebo unless the event organiser provides appropriate alternative tentage. An additional 2m frontage is required for the pole lathe or bowl-carving bench.

INSURANCE

I am insured for £5m public liability. A copy of the insurance certificate can be provided on request and is taken to all events.

RISK ASSESSMENT

A full Risk Assessment has been produced that covers all the demonstrations offered. A copy can be provided on request and is taken to all events.

CONDITIONS

The following conditions apply:

- I reserve the right to sell products.
- Minimum height restrictions apply to children using the pole lathe.

COSTS

Please contact Martin as prices vary according to the demonstration required and the duration of the event.

Travel Expenses. Travel expenses for events over 40 miles from Home Base (OX17 1QH using AA Route Planner) are charged at the rate of 40p per mile for that element beyond 40 miles.

For example, an event 55 miles from Home Base would be charged for 30 miles (i.e. 55-40 = 15 miles each way giving a total of 30 miles). Therefore, £12 travel expenses would be due.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss your requirements or have any further queries.