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## Long Course

Our [Professional Long Course](#) has been now **extended to 35 weeks**. Our students are in their final weeks, busily preparing their masterpieces for their End of Year Show at our [Open Day](#).

 Follow Peter and the students to see daily updates.

This September's Professional Long

## Book a Place on our Long Course Taster Day Sun 19th June - 9am-4pm

Book your place on our free [Taster Day](#) here at [The Threshing Barn](#) - the day is for students interested in our [9 month Professional Long Course](#) starting in September 2016 and is a chance for you to meet Peter, see our workshop facilities and fabulous location, view the pieces being made by our current students and have all your questions answered about the newly extended 35 week Long Course.



Peter will be demonstrating hand-cutting dovetails and then it's your turn on the bench to put your newly learned skills, into practice. As well as getting hands-on experience in hand-cutting dovetails, you'll also get a feel for Peter's teaching style and the aim of the day is to see if our [35 week Professional Long course](#) is for you!

There are only 8 benches available for the last few places on this year's course - all the tools and timber, free lunch and refreshments are all provided. You will need to register for a place with our Student Manager by emailing [sarah@peterseftonfurniture.school.com](mailto:sarah@peterseftonfurniture.school.com) or calling Sarah on 01684 591014.

We will be holding last year's price for our newly extended 35 week Long course until the end of June for anyone attending this Taster Day, and we will be reviewing the price on 1st July.

Please register for a place by calling or emailing Sarah:-

01684 591014  
[sarah@peterseftonfurniture.school.com](mailto:sarah@peterseftonfurniture.school.com)

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Open Day Sat 16th July 2016 - 10am-3pm



Course dates are:-

**12th Sep 2016 until  
21st Jul 2017**



Come along to our annual **Open Day** here at **The Threshing Barn** on Saturday 16th July 2016 from 10am-3pm. You can meet our expert tutors, see professional demonstrations and pick up advice, tools and products along with a stunning Furniture Exhibition of the pieces designed and made on this year's **Professional Long course**, at the students' End of Year Show:-

- **Peter Sefton** will be demonstrating Hand Tool techniques
- **Mark Hancock** will be demonstrating Woodturning techniques
- **Chris Yates** our **2 or 3 Day Routing Course** tutor will be talking routing techniques
- **Bob Jones** our **2 Day French Polishing Course** tutor will be demonstrating
- **Our very own Tool Shop** will be open, **Wood Workers Workshop**, and there will be plenty of deals on tools on the day
- **Sean Feeny**, the School's **Designer/Maker in Residence** will be talking about the School's **Professional Long Course** and End of Year Show

There will also be a free BBQ run by **Help for Heroes**, the veterans charity and they will be hoping for donations in return for their hard work grilling all those burgers for our hungry visitors!

They will be collecting old tools too for their veterans workshops - for the full schedule and more details, visit our **Open Day** webpage ...

## Short Courses

**New dates for 2016-2017 are now on the website.** We have some availability on the following **Short Courses**:-

**French Polishing** -

June (2 places left)

**Beginner** - July (3

places left)

**Wood Machining**-

July (2 places left)

**Routing** - September

**Sharpening**- January

(1 place left)

**Box Making**- February

To check availability, or to make a booking, call Sarah on 01684 591014 or **email** for more information

Peter is the resident **Hand Tool Expert** for **Woodworking Crafts Magazine** - read his monthly Published Articles **here**

## Virtual Tours



**Handwoodworking**

**Insight**

**Veneer**  
Peter Sefton and his students use burr walnut veneer to make boxes

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Proud to support **The Furniture Makers' Company** the furnishing industry's charity

## Mind the Gap!

Did you know that there is a **shortage of skilled furniture makers?**

Peter was invited to

Furniture Makers Hall to discuss ways of ensuring that the furniture industry has enough people and skills for the future, and to contribute his ideas as a Liveryman and a teacher of future furniture designer/makers, on how the industry can address the ever-increasing skills gap.

**Insight**  
**Timber storage**  
Peter Sefton looks at his school's method of storing timber.

**Handwoodworking**  
Hand woodworkers often prefer to store their timber in a dry, well-ventilated area. This is to prevent the timber from becoming warped or distorted. Peter Sefton's school has a dedicated timber storage area, which is a large, well-ventilated shed. The timber is stored in a way that allows it to dry naturally, and the shed is kept at a constant temperature. This ensures that the timber is always in the best possible condition for use.

**Handwoodworking**  
The students of the Peter Sefton Furniture School are learning the art of French polishing. This is a traditional technique that involves applying a thin, even layer of polish to the surface of the wood. The process is time-consuming and requires a high level of skill and attention to detail. Peter Sefton's students are learning this technique from their teacher, Peter Sefton, who is a master craftsman with over 30 years of experience. The students are working on a variety of projects, including tables, chairs, and cabinets. They are learning the importance of precision and quality in their work.

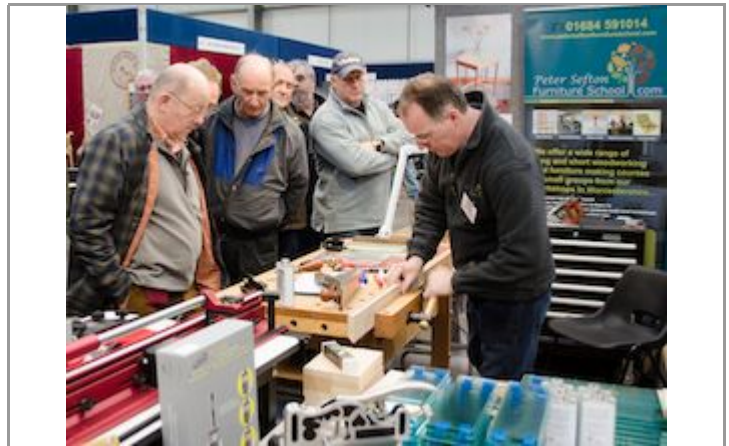
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## Wood Workers Workshop

Don't forget to visit Peter own tool shop **Wood Workers Workshop** and sign up for their Newsletter for all the latest information on New Products and offers.



## News & Events

Peter has had a busy **diary** over the last few months, he was an Official Demonstrator at the Harrogate Woodworking Show in November as well as the the Midlands Woodworking Show in Newark at the end of March.

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