

Running and Maintaining a Kiln

Specialist Weekend Workshop Notes

This specialised weekend workshop covers:

* types of kiln available
* best use of each type
* setting up a wood fired kiln
* firing times
* glaze firing

Students are welcome to bring pre-cast pieces with them to the Saturday class for firing. During the weekend students will produce at least 3 pieces of their choice.

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| **Saturday** | **Sunday** |
| Intro and talk | Unpacking a kiln |
| Lighting a wood fired Kiln | Glaze techniques |
| First Firing and packing of kiln | Lunch |
| Lunch | Firing times |
| Throwing clay for a gas kiln | Finishing up! |

We emphasise wherever possible the basic understanding of raw materials and the use of workshop equipment.

Discussion groups take place and influences and personal approaches are assessed.

Hands On! take a total approach to encompass the potter’s art.

**Uses for different types of Kiln**

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|  | Gas | Electric | Wood Fired |
| Ceramics |  |  |  |
| Jewellery/ Dolls heads |  | ☺ |  |
| Beads |  | ☺ |  |
| Plates |  | ☺ | ☺ |
| Vases/Large pieces |  | ☺ | ☺ |
| Glass |  |  |  |
| Jewellery/ Dolls heads |  |  |  |
| Beads | ☺ |  | ☺ |
| Plates | ☺ |  | ☺ |
| Vases/Large pieces | ☺ |  | ☺ |

**Heat required for different pottery types**

**Extra Notes on Amenities for weekend.**

**Pottery Gallery Hours**

Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday: 12 noon - 4 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Accommodation and Food

Daisy chain B&B is providing from 35% off accommodation for students in association with Hands On! If you book in advance for the full two week intensive course, they will provide evening meals if required. You can contact Margaret at Daisy chain on 663 8989

The list of other suggested accommodation includes some places offering beds only.

Brookwood Tavern serves snacks and evening meals at a reasonable price and is conveniently close to Hands On! There are several restaurants in the area including a Mexican, Chinese, Indian and a Bistro.