

Something For Everyone – The Short Course Programme 2025

Title	Speaker	Date & Time	Location	Brief Description
An Introduction to Ancient Egypt	Keith Coates	Monday 22 September 10 am – 1 pm	Tod College, Todmorden	After a broad overview of the history of Ancient Egypt and its main phases with a brief look at various topics such as Pyramids, some of the most significant Pharaoh's death and the afterlife; Ancient Egypt and the wider world; and everyday life in Ancient Egypt.
Why we see things as we do and staying calm when others don't!	Michael Astrop	Tuesday 23rd September 10 am – 12	Tod College, Todmorden	Ever wonder why others don't see the world as you do? Explore the concept of our "perceptual frame" and discover ways to understand differing viewpoints. Find out how to handle the different viewpoints of our diverse world.
Genealogy Get Together	Barbara Wigley Jim Botten	Tuesday 23rd September 10 am – 12 1 pm – 2 pm	Tod College, Todmorden Todmorden Library	If you are tracing your ancestors, or would like to start, come along and share experience and expertise with others, followed by an opportunity to explore the use of on-line resources available for free at our local libraries
The History of the Templars	Michael Astrop	Friday 26th September 10 am – 1 pm	Tod College, Todmorden	An exploration of the history of the Templars from their inception in 1119 to their destruction in 1312. It will look at the accuracy of conspiracy theories and consider why the order has attracted this notoriety.
Exploring Local Poets	Brenda Botten	Wednesday 24th September 10 am - 12	Hebden Bridge Town Hall	An informal gathering to read the work of two local, living poets (examples will be distributed before-hand). Members are encouraged to bring their own knowledge and responses to the poems.

Tackling misogyny & violence in society - a man's perspective.	Chris Green	Wednesday 24 September 2 pm – 5 pm Friday 26 September 10 am – 1pm	Tod College, Todmorden Hebden Bridge Town Hall	For the last twenty years Chris has worked in the field of challenging male violence. The workshop will look at the issues around that topic and participants will discuss existing policies and potential solutions.
Using Recycled Man Made and Natural Materials to Create Art and Craft	Mary Findon, Wendy Coates, Corinne Roberts, Margarete Scaife and Sheila Underhay	Wednesday 24th September 1.30 pm – 4 pm	Fielden Hall	Making and using a yarn created from old T-shirts to weave on various supports. Folding and cutting old paperback book pages to create items. Using materials such as paper, material, feathers for creating a collage
Two Versions of the French novel 'Thérèse Desqueyroux' to be shown and discussed.	Angela Greenwood	Thursday 25th September From 10 am to 3 pm Flexible Lunch from 12 to 1 pm 10-12pm. The 1962 version black and white directed by Georges Franju. 1 pm -3pm The 2012 version colour version directed by Claude Miller will be shown	Roomfield Baptist Hall, Todmorden	This course provides the opportunity to show two films and discuss them. The plan is to watch two different film adaptations of François Mauriac's 1927 French novel 'Thérèse Desqueyroux' A general discussion will follow about both films and the process of adapting novels for the cinema.
Creating Art and Craft Using Non-Traditional Materials	Mary Findon, Wendy Coates, Corinne Roberts, Margarete Scaife and Sheila Underhay	Thursday 25th September 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Fielden Hall	Using bubble wrap for painting or creating texture with cling film. Using plastic bags filled with sand to paint or with twigs, feathers, needles, fingers instead of brushes. Even weaving without a loom. Creating very original artworks.

Lace Making	Barbara Wigley	Thursday 25th September 10 am - 4pm	At her home in Todmorden so numbers are limited to six.	If you always been fascinated by bobbin lace, come along on and make a snake bookmark. It's easier than it looks and you only work with four bobbins at a time. All threads, bobbins, pins etc will be provided - just come along and enjoy making lace.
The Recipe Exchange	Barbara Wigley	Monday 29th September 10 am – 12	Central Methodist Hall Downstairs Room	Join us for a cup of tea or coffee and bring your favourite cake(s) for us to sample, along with the recipe and any other recipes you would like to share.
The Fashion Cycle, from Concept to Customer	Gaynor Lea-Greenwood	Monday 29th September 10 am – 1 pm	Tod College, Todmorden	This session looks at the complexity of the supply chain. The costs, the countries, the currencies and the sustainability will be looked at. Examples will be deconstructed and evaluated as to how they passed through the supply chain.
Coding with Python	Bill Black	Monday 29th September 10 am - 12	Hebden Bridge Town Hall	Python is a popular computer programming language with a simple syntax. Widely used from Raspberry Pi kit computers to invoking AI tools. We walk through the coding of a program to solve a word puzzle.
Enjoying the Movies	Ashleigh Cooper	Monday 29th September 2 pm – 4 pm	Tod College, Todmorden	This is a highly interactive session where the movies we watch and how we watch them is explored and discussed.
Introduction to Immunology	Reg Czudek	Tuesday 30th September 10 am – 12	Tod College, Todmorden	How does your immune system protect you from infection? The brilliance of the way our body's immune system works and how it was discovered is looked at in this fascinating session.

Using Your Senses to Be Creatively Inspired by the Forest'	Mary Findon, Wendy Coates, Corinne Roberts, Margarete Scaife and Sheila Underhay	Tuesday 30th September 1.30–4pm	Fielden Hall	Explore materials from the forest environment and express yourself using a variety of tools, materials and techniques. a) decorating wood, stones etc b) prints of leaves and bark in clay c) painting/ drawing forest objects d) painting to express forest sounds
Aspects of Morris	Tristan Molloy	Wednesday 1st October 10 am – 1 pm	Tod College, Todmorden	William Morris was so much more than a designer; he was a Victorian polymath. This session will look at his life and inner circle, explore the breadth of his work and discuss his legacy.
Plastics Good or Evil?	Mike Cooke	Wednesday 1st October 2 pm – 3 pm	Hebden Bridge Town Hall	The history and chemistry of plastics is explored and the debate about its presence in society today is examined.
An Acoustic Guitar Get-Together.	Ian Innes	Thursday 2nd October 10 am – 12	Tod College, Todmorden	A chance to meet and discuss all aspects of acoustic guitar playing with like-minded and interested enthusiasts. With perhaps a view to forming a regular meeting/playing group.