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FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD

Learning the Good Life is just that. If you would like learn how to **Plant a Willow Coppice**, a **Healing, Poison or Aromatherapy Garden**, **Weave a Frame Basket**, **Make a Rustic Ladder Back Chair**, **Keep Chickens or Bees**, **Make Bread with Wild Yeast**, a **Rag Rug or your own Sausages**, join a **Make do and Mend** group, **Swish** or simply enjoy a lecture on the **Medieval and Renaissance Garden** or the **Truth about Peonies** this is the place to be.

Four years ago Victoria Merrick started running workshops reflecting her country lifestyle and today the programme includes over **70** courses, workshops, demonstrations and lecture days embracing the **kitchen**, the **garden**, **living sustainably**, **traditional rural crafts** and **skills**, **the arts** and **crafts** and **wellbeing**.

A day with Victoria at **Home Farm House** always involves excellent tuition as well as delicious food. Nestled into the Lincolnshire Wolds and sitting tranquilly in a lovely old, walled garden, Home Farm House plays host to course days. With big views and fresh air this is the perfect place to learn something new and forget the rest of the world for a day or two. Depending on the workshop, you could find yourself in the vegetable garden, orchard or vineyard or the whitewashed kitchen.

Lunch is always a welcome repast, meals echoing what's available in the garden and is accompanied by wine produced from the vineyard. Victoria is adamant that a day spent **Learning the Good Life** will be fun and relaxing as well as instructive. Not only will you leave with a new skill or new knowledge you will feel refreshed and excited after a day of undivided attention to the subject, delicious treats and time out, **far from the madding crowd**.

For further information and photographs

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