

Steyning For Trees

Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our April 2024 Newsletter

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STEYNING FOR TREES EVENTS AT STEYNING FESTIVAL

SFT are so happy to be supporting this great community event.

Please do book up.

Saturday 25th May - A stall at the Greening Day showing Steyning's very own **Wildlife Corridor hedges** - over 20 now - **sustaining and increasing biodiversity**. Thanks to those who have taken them on their land. Over **100 trees on verges** with the help of residents. We will be having a **variety of games for children and adults**.



Wednesday 29th May 11am - BUG HUNT, Shooting Field Green with a survey for children and their parents. **Children must be accompanied by an adult**. Lots to **learn and fun** to be had.

Friday 31st May 11am - WALK AND TALK, setting off from Steyning Centre. Hear the real story of what Steyning For Trees are doing to **help this lovely town**. **Flood resistance, carbon and pollution capture, beautifying our streets, saving our birds, mammals and invertebrates**. Providing **the very air we breathe** and **a better future for the next generation**.



Tickets for all events will be available for [Festival Friends](#) from 6th April or later in the month for general booking from the [Steyning Festival](#) website, or from [Steyning Bookshop](#) from early April.

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Saturday 1st June, 6.30 for 7.00pm, Wilton Park, Wiston House, £12.50

The Saiga Saga: Reasons for Optimism about Biodiversity

SFT are so pleased to welcome back to Steyning **Dame Eleanor Jane Milner-Gulland, Professor of Biodiversity at Oxford University**. She was a pupil at **SGS** and our Co-chair David Buckett taught her biology, this is why she is coming. We will get **an insight into what is really happening in the world environmentally and reasons to be optimistic**. Talking about **saving the Saiga antelope from extinction**, the people of the Steppes so love this animal because to them it is **a symbol of the wild steppes of independence and freedom**.



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BUY YOUR TICKET quickly - this could be a sell-out.

SFT are so grateful to solicitors **Mayo Wynne Baxter** for their **generous donation to the Festival** to support this talk. Rebecca Louis, a partner, is a keen environmentalist, letting her lawn grow to support the RHS message **"No mow May, let it Bloom in June"** and has been **rewarded with wild orchids** in the grass. **SFT** have been working with Rebecca and her family to plant a small hedge of **mixed native species** to protect them. This adds **another stepping stone** to our **ever-growing hedge/wildlife corridors** throughout Steyning.



The Small Mammals of the Lost Woods

A free online talk by Laurie Jackson, Thursday 4th April 7.30 – 8.30pm

We have heard from Michael Blencowe about this talk. Michael is launching a Dormouse survey across the **Lost Woods** to understand more about their populations and distribution. Good to see this, as you know we have been flagging up our concerns about them during the winter and encouraging the planting of mixed native trees to cover their needs.



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*In the lecture Sussex ecologist Laurie Jackson will focus on the smaller mammals found in the project area; Harvest mouse, Hazel Dormouse, voles, shrews, and the much-loved hedgehog, and **give details of the upcoming 2024 Lost Woods Hazel Dormouse survey.***



You can register for the talk [here](#).

Remember: Trees are front-line warriors in the fight against climate change.

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