

Steyning For Trees Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our June 2026 Newsletter

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What a wonderful time we have all had. Many **congratulations** to the hard-working **FESTIVAL TEAM**, all working together to produce this great **community** event.

The **SFT** committee have all been working hard too, using their individual expertise to support this great event with our **Talks** and **Tea and Tree Tour**. Tremendous **thanks** to [Mayo Wynne Baxter](#) for supporting all the **SFT** events.

We were all so fascinated to hear what **Dame EJ Milner-Gulland PROFESSOR OF BIODIVERSITY AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY** had to say, all joining in to ask questions and getting such **thought-provoking** answers. The Penfold Hall made a great and friendly venue. We were pleased to see plenty of **younger** people from her old school, the **Steyning Grammar School**. They were all asking such relevant questions and she was so enjoying, as she said "the **lively discussion**" that followed. I believe Robin Bowers has a recording of the evening.

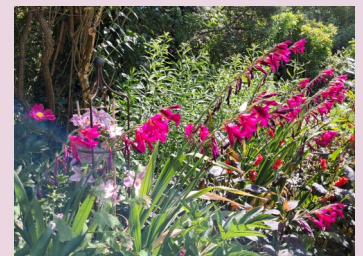


Rev. Peter Owen-Jones and his **film** of the **South Downs National Park**

What a lovely evening we had watching this **fabulous film** of places we know and love. How lucky we all are to live so close to the Park to be able to walk through it daily. We watched Peter striding across this **landscape**, explaining its **history** and its importance to **nature**. Then answering questions from a fascinated audience.

Many thanks to all who helped with the evening, we think **SFT** have done the **Festival** proud with these **two thought provoking talks** from up to the minute influencers.

SFT Tea and Tree Tour. This was a sell-out at 60 tickets. **Many thanks** to all those who provided their fields and land for people to see the great **support for nature** that is happening all round Steyning by this wonderful group of people. Everyone was so impressed by what they saw and the friendly and informative message. Many **teas** were served at the **Bowls Club** and **Mouse Cottage** and the relaxed approach to gardening, needing less work, resonated with many particularly as it also **benefited nature** so much.



Sweet Chestnut Trees Need You

Plant **scientists** are asking you to **check** sweet chestnut trees and report signs of fungal blight as there has been an **outbreak** in **Devon**. Signs include a **sparse crown** of leaves and **disfigured bark**. Also leaf galls should be reported showing as contorted leaves or swelling. Report to [Check-a-Sweet-Chestnut](#) at **Forest Research**.



RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2026

We were interested to hear on the wonderful BBC coverage of the show the idea of a [HEDGEROW IN THE SKY](#) talking about planting **native hedges** in **troughs** on your balcony and how **beneficial** they are for **nature**. Not such a bad idea, giving you **privacy** as well as **supporting nature**.



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

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