

The Ancient Tree Forum



2010 Summer Field Trip to Staverton

Meeting at Butley Village Hall

Thursday 10 June

10:00 - 10:20

The role and work and achievements and future of the Ancient Tree Forum - Neville Fey - Chairman of the ATF

10:30 – 10:50

National Lowland Woodpasture & Parkland – What need to achieve - Susanne Perry (Natural England)

11:00 – 11:20

Local HAPs = Local Action and the role of the Biological Record Centres

Martyn Sanford (SCC Biological Record Centre Manager) & Gen Broad (SCC Biodiversity Officer)

11:20 – 11:40 Refreshment break

11:40 – 12:00

The importance of ancient trees and support in our landscape - Joanthan Dix (Landscape Specialist - Natural England)

12:10 – 12:30

Tree Safety & Legislation - Mike Seville – CLA National Forestry Advisor

12:40 – 13:00

What is the biggest threat to our ancient oak trees - is it Acute Oak Dieback (AOD)

Dr Sandra Denman (Forest Research)

13:15 – 14:00 Lunch & The biodiversity of Staverton

14:00 – 17:00

Walk around Staverton led by Oliver Rackham & Gary Battell & the ATF team.

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Friday 11 June

9:45 – 12:30

A walk around the Rendlesham Housing Estate looking at ancient tree management in the urban setting. Led by Anne Westover & Martin Minta (Tree & Landscape Officers with Suffolk Coastal DC)

1:00 – 1:45 Lunch at Butley Village Hall

1:45 – 17:00 15 minute talks

1:45 – 2:00 Jeremy Dagley – Ancient tree management in Epping Forest

2:00 – 2:15 Simon Leatherdale – The Blyth/Alde Project: creating new habitats and landscape

2:15 – 2:30 Ed Parker – The National Ancient Tree Hunt

2:30 – 2:45 Howard Leader - The Dedham Vale ancient tree survey

2:45 – 3:00 Colin Hawes – Stag beetle research

3:00 – 3:30 Refreshments

3:30 – 3:45 Chris Knapman – The Devon ancient tree hunt

3:45 – 4:00 The National Trust – Our approach to landscape, ancient tree and habitat management

4:00 – 4:40 **Professor Oliver Rackham OBE** A national figure who will summarise the event, speak about ancient trees; their cultural landscape and biodiversity value along with the challenges; that fewer ancient trees are being created, climate change and pests, pathogens and diseases. It would be great to come up with a few main points for action – some specialist specific e.g. greater research into oak condition and AOD, more tree planting in our woodpasture where appropriate, create new woodpasture, plant trees in adequate space etc.

4:40 Questions & depart



To book go to the Ancient Tree Forum website:

<http://frontpage.woodland-trust.org.uk/ancient-tree-forum/atfevents/events.htm>

It is a free event - although there is a £5 charge for afternoon tea

We look forward to seeing you at Staverton