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**SOUTH WEST REGION ICF and The Ancient Tree Forum**  
**ANCIENT AND VETERAN TREE MANAGEMENT**  
**&**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Visit to Knightshayes Court, Tiverton**  
By the kind permission of the National Trust

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Knightshayes Court is noted for its fine collection of rare and unusual trees and the largest Turkey oaks in England. It also supports some ancient and veteran trees that pre-date the William Burges designed Victorian house and associated landscaped grounds.

We will have indoor presentations in the morning from Jill Butler and Ted Green of the Ancient Tree Forum (ATF) [www.woodland-trust.org.uk/ancient-tree-forum](http://www.woodland-trust.org.uk/ancient-tree-forum), who will present the historical, cultural, landscape and ecological importance of ancient trees as well as the work which the ATF are involved with in trying to raise awareness and management issues of these priceless artifacts. We will also be joined by a guest speaker from Natural England who will present details of grants and incentives available to help conserve ancient trees and the historic landscapes in which they are often located.

In the afternoon we will walk around the parkland below Knightsayes Court with Jill, Ted and John Lanyon, the head gardener discussing some of the origins of the ancient and aged trees, management issues and technical aspects of conserving and prolonging these trees and their landscape context and the features associated with them.

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**Rendezvous:** Hartnoll Hotel, Bolham, Tiverton. Take the A396 from Tiverton – Bampton, at Bolham approx 1 mile north of Devon Link-road roundabout exit for Hartnoll Hotel which is clearly signed. For the PM session approach Knightshayes from Bolham **directly opposite** the Hartnoll Hotel access, clearly signed Knightshayes Court NT. Turn left onto main drive, take the 1<sup>st</sup> left after the lodge over cattle grid into Heathcote Cricket Club

**Outline**

<b>Programme</b>	10.30 - 11.30	Ted Green	ATF
	11.40 - 12.15	Jill Butler and	ATF
	12.20 - 12.45	Guest speaker	Natural England
	12.45 - 13.45	Lunch/ <b>SW ICF AGM (non ICF Members leave meeting)</b>	
	13.50	Depart for site	
	14.00	Assemble Heathcote Cricket Club for tour around Knightshayes Park with John Lanyon NT Head Gardener and morning speakers.	
	16.00	Depart	

**Time:** 10.00 for 10.30 hours, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Domestics:** Finger buffet and tea and coffee provided. Washing and toilet facilities will be available at the morning venue.