



# *The Heath & Hampstead Society*

## ***15th Annual Springett Lecture***

**Thursday 7 October, Rosslyn Hill Chapel NW3, 8.00pm**

doors open at 7.30 for a glass of wine

**Non-members welcome. All free**

### ***Oliver Rackham***

Professor Rackham, an authority on the British countryside, especially trees, woodlands and pasture, will be bringing together some of his research topics into the effects on Kenwood and the Heath of their higher temperatures as urban heat islands – a subject particularly topical in the context of the effects of global warming on our environment

### ***‘Hampstead Heath and Woods: deer, woodcutting and the urban heat island’***

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**Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel 3 Pilgrims Place, London NW3 1NG** is in London’s Hampstead village on Rosslyn Hill between Willoughby Road and Pilgrim’s Lane. It is 440 yards down Hampstead High Street on the same side of the street as Hampstead Tube Station. The 46 and 268 buses stop nearby.

**Professor Oliver Rackham OBE** is a Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. **This is a rare opportunity to hear him in London.** He has been described as “a Renaissance man, an ecological Sherlock Holmes. He is also a national treasure. No other scientific writer has so lucidly demonstrated that humans and woods are ancient partners of linked origins, and could be so again”.

Rackham has written a number of well-known books, including *Trees and Woodland in the British Landscape*, *The History of the Countryside*, *The Last Forest: The story of Hatfield Forest*, *Woodlands*. Kenwood and Hampstead Heath are mentioned in these books

It is possible that Professor Rackham may bring books for sale and signing