

Isabella Tree and Dave Goulson – Making Beautiful Places – Biodiversity is Key

As part of our series on Making Beautiful Places, we will have an inspiring morning on the return of nature and biodiversity to our countryside. Isabella Tree will do the first talk of the morning, describing the hugely exciting project she and her husband have been overseeing of Rewilding their estate in West Sussex, with a quick and extraordinary explosion in the numbers of Nightingales, Purple Emperor Butterflies, and the now very rare Turtle Dove.

After a coffee/tea/cake break Dave Goulson, Professor of Biology at University of Sussex will tell us how we can all have valuable effects in our own gardens and do our bits to create “A Garden Jungle”. Sadly, wild insects such as bees and butterflies are in decline, symptomatic of the widespread harm we are doing to our environment. Dave Goulson will explain the causes of these declines, and how they threaten our future wellbeing; the fate of man and insects such as bees and earwigs are inextricably linked. Fortunately, gardeners can play a vital role in helping to save our beleaguered insects, for gardens cover more land than all of our nature reserves. Dave will explain some of the simple steps that we can all take to make our gardens a little wilder, and ensure that our bees and butterflies have a future.

The morning will end with a book signing by both our speakers and two course Perch Hill garden lunch in the barn.

- ✿ This course is delivered by Isabella Tree and Dave Goulson
- ✿ It is held at Perch Hill Farm TN32 5HP
- ✿ The day lasts from 10.30 till 2.30 including tea/coffee on arrival, morning tea/coffee break with home-made biscuits and a delicious 2 course lunch using Sarah’s recipes.

Booking

Friday 25th October 2019
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Itinerary

10:00 arrive for tea/coffee

Session 1

10.30-11.30 lecture plus Q and A

Isabella will discuss her book *Wilding* and tell us the story of the 'Knepp experiment', a pioneering rewilding project in West Sussex, using free-roaming grazing animals to create new habitats for wildlife.

Reviews of Isabella's book

'A passionately personal, robustly argued and uplifting book . . . One of the landmark ecological books of the decade.' *Sunday Times* 'Books of the Year'

11.30-12.00 Coffee/tea/cake break

Session 2

12.00-1.00

Dave will tell how important we are with our own gardens in reversing pollinator declines and the most effective things we can do to create our own Garden Jungles.

1.00-1.30 Book signing – “Wilding” and “The Garden Jungle”, and garden wandering (weather permitting)

13:30-14:30 Lunch prepared from Sarah's recipes

After lunch there will be time for shopping, or for more private wandering in the gardens at Perch Hill.

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Directions and further information

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Parking at Perch Hill Farm

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Sarah Raven's Cutting Garden at Perch Hill Farm, which is the home of Sarah Raven, Adam Nicolson and their family. Parking for courses, garden visits and garden open days will be in the grass field next to the Cutting Garden, as the family car park does not fit a large number of cars. Please do wear suitable shoes or boots, particularly at the wet times of year, as the grass may be muddy. The paths are sometimes slippery and a little uneven, so please take care.

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