

2016 Yew Seminar



Saturday 6th February 2016

St John's Church Waterloo, Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8TY

Russell Ball, Ancient Yew Group

www.ancient-yew.org

Managing ancient yews

Jamie Preston, National Trust

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/runnymede

The Ankerwycke yew

Hilary Taylor, Hilary Taylor Landscape Associates

www.htla.co.uk

Yews in historic landscapes

Dr Owen Johnson, TROBI

www.treeregister.org

Yews in garden design

Dr Anne Anderson, Hon Associate
Professor Exeter University

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Picturing the yew

Edward Parker, Photographer and the
Ancient Tree Hunt

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The cultural importance of ancient trees

Photographs by Andy McGeeney

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Russell Ball

Russell is founder and Chair of the charity Fund4Trees. After recently biking around Britain twice visiting schools and planting trees en route, later this year Russell will cycle from Gibraltar to London to raise funds and awareness for Fund4Trees. Presently he is a consulting arborist working out of NW London. In 1996 Russell was voted Environmental Londoner of the Year. He is a founder member of the Ancient Yew Group.

Jamie Preston

Jamie is the National Trust's Area Ranger for the Runnymede estate including the ancient Ankerwycke yew which grows there. The yew at Ankerwycke is the National Trust's oldest tree. Jamie's work includes managing visitor pressure of different types around the site for the tree's wellbeing.

Hilary Taylor

Hilary Taylor Landscape Associates specialises in the conservation, restoration and management of historic landscapes, including parks, gardens and historic estates. Current projects include Nostell Priory, West Yorkshire, Wentworth Castle, South Yorkshire and Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal, North Yorkshire.

Dr Owen Johnson

Is Registrar of The Tree Register of the British Isles (TROBI). Dendrologist, conservationist and author of *The Sussex Tree Book*, the *Collins Tree Guide* and *Champion Trees of Britain and Ireland*.

Dr Anne Anderson

Hon Associate Professor at Exeter University, Art historian, archaeologist, lecturer, broadcaster and one of the authors of *Ancient Landscapes, Pastoral Visions, Samuel Palmer to the Ruralists* which 'locates where the Ruralists fit in the sweep of 20th Century British art'. Anne has published books on Roman pottery and Octavia Hill. She is currently working on a book – *Aesthetic Materialities: Constructing Taste from Whistler to Wild*.

Edward Parker

Is Project Manager of the Woodland Trust's Ancient Tree Hunt. Edward was the co-writer and photographer of *Ancient Trees – Trees that Live for a Thousand Years* which was one of the first major books celebrating ancient trees from all over the world – from the Amazon to South Korea.

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Andy McGeeney

Founder of the Ancient Yew Group, Andy has had national and regional photographic exhibitions on ancient yews. In the 1990s he spent four years on a project photographing ancient yew trees, mostly in Britain. Andy is an Ecotherapist with a lifetime fascination in the natural world.