

TALKS (Picnic Barn)

Saturday 24 October, 10-4

10.15

Andrew Howe & Molly Brown:
Landing Project: art and farming
creative partnerships

Andrew is a Shrewsbury-based artist seeking to reveal hidden narratives in places, and Molly is an artist and farmer whose work explores ecological thinking and land-based labour. The Landing Project (2024-ongoing) is a Shropshire-based Arts Council funded project uniting artists, farmers, environmental practitioners, schools and local communities through on-farm artist residencies and a programme of workshops, public events and exhibitions.

11.00

Roger Mortlock, CEO Campaign to
Protect Rural England: Learning how
our past shapes the future:
protecting the countryside in the
21st century

Roger joined CPRE as Chief Executive in May 2023 and is responsible for the overall running of the organisation. He was Chief Executive of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust for 10 years, and had leadership roles at the Soil Association and the Royal Shakespeare Company. He is passionate about a more sustainable future for rural England and CPRE's role in finding solutions which make the best use of our land and safeguard our countryside.

11.45

Jon Kean: CPRE Shropshire's
Hedgerow Heroes project, six years on

CPRE Shropshire's Hedgerow Project is now in its sixth year. With the help of hundreds of volunteers it has planted 30km of new mixed native species hedgerow in the Shropshire countryside on farms, smallholdings and community sites as well as running hedgelaying, coppice management and art workshops. Jon, one of the Hedgerow Heroes' hedge planting volunteer leads, will talk about the project and its achievements to date.

12.30

Roger White: Becoming Rural: how a
Roman city became countryside

Roger grew up adjacent to Hampstead Heath in a garden nursery so he has been fascinated by the natural environment all his life. In his case, this manifested itself in a career in archaeology focusing on the Roman period and specifically on Wroxeter Roman City, which is how he came to move to Shropshire. He has a deep interest in landscapes, trees, and the interaction between humans and their environment, which his presentation will focus upon.

SHORT FILM: The Hedgelayer

1.10

Nigel Adams:**Hedgerows and their management**

Hedgerows need intervention over time to remain healthy, useful and biodiverse. In his talk, Nigel will look at the hedgerow lifecycle and talk about the ways hedgerows can be managed, including by laying, coppicing and incremental trimming.

Based in Oxfordshire, Nigel provides a broad range of countryside management services from hedge planting to hedge laying, conservation advice and hedgerow management plans. He is a long serving member of the National Hedgelayering Society and a founder member of Hedgelink, the steering group for national hedgerow policy. He has delivered six hedgerow management workshops for CPRE Shropshire's Hedgerow Heroes project and has recently written a book on hedgelaying..

1.25

Pete Lambert: Shropshire Wild Waters:
an illustrated bumble around the
waterways - large, tiny and tumbling -
of Shropshire

2.15

Since arriving in Shropshire with his family over 23 years ago, Pete has had the undoubted privilege of working directly to care for the natural places of Shropshire and when not restoring wild places is invariably out exploring them!

SHORT FILM: Life in the Coppice

3.00

Richard Thomason, Wild about
Westhope: "I am going to leave it
to Nature!": the need for woodland
management

3.15

Richard is a Trustee of Wild about Westhope and has supported traditional coppice management on the Westhope estate (near Craven Arms), since 2005. In recent years he has become interested in the relationship people have with woodlands and our role within the community of a woodland.

PERFORMANCE TENT (on the green)
Music, poetry & storytelling

10.15: Rapsquillion

1.30: Men from Off

11.00: Border Poets

2.00: "An Acre of Land 2"
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WALKS (gather at CPRE tent)

10.30: Rob Rowe: Fungi Walk

12.30: Rob Rowe: Ancient Tree Walk

2.30: Nigel Adams: A Walk Around
the Hedges of Acton Scott