

Steyning For Trees Help Fight Climate Change



Welcome to our September 2022 Newsletter

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Please do come and see us at the **Steyning Farmers Market on Saturday 1st October** where we will again be **giving out free native 60cm saplings** for your gardens. **Gardens are a great resource for wildlife.** We are now in our 2nd year of rewilding our garden, **leaving the grass long** and certainly not keeping it too tidy. We have had the **most wonderful reward** for this with **a family of foxes** taking up residence here, or certainly using it on a fairly regular basis. We know quite a few of you have had the same experience.



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Picture credit: SFT

Apple Juicing in the Orchard



Picture credit: Steyning Community Orchard

On **Saturday 10th September** between **2pm and 4pm**, **Steyning Community Orchard** will be on the **Memorial Playing Field in Steyning** (Cricket Field) with 2 sets of apple juicing kit.

Bring your washed apples and bottles and (for a small donation) they'll help you press them and **turn them into delicious apple juice.**

If you don't have any apples, **bring the family** along anyway, and help them juice theirs. **It's great fun!** **Any children who help, will get a free bottle of juice.**

The event will be repeated on **Saturday 24th September, 2pm-4pm.**

Any surplus juice will be sold at the **Steyning Farmer's Market** on **1st October.**



CPRE The countryside charity have reminded us **Hedgerow Week** is **17-25 September.** **Please sign the petition** on their website calling for the new Government to **commit to a 40% increase in hedgerows by 2050.**

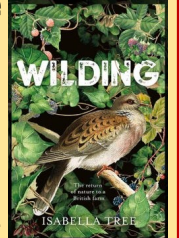
Join the 40,000 people who have already signed.





We know that the 150+ people who came to our **inspiring talk** given by **Isabella Tree** on the 15th July will be interested to know about the article in 'Sussex Life' all about "Knepp Rewilding: Back to the future of nature". It gives a **fascinating insight** into the struggles they encountered and also the miraculous change they have seen. Including the **much lower levels of methane** produced by the animals feeding on a herb-rich pasture which is also self-medicating.

Steyning For Trees was able to send [Knepp Wildland Foundation Charity](#) £550 after the talk. They have written thanking us and said "... the money will be put to very good use as we increase our **efforts to create Wildlife Corridors across Sussex**". We all know one of these corridors will involve the rewilding of the Adur River, **helping to prevent flooding in Steyning, Bramber and Beeding**. Reading Isabella's book "**Wilding - The return of nature to a British farm**", this was originally instigated at Knepp, after a wait of 8 years of consultation and feasibility studies by the Environment Agency, in 2008. This **excellent book** can be bought from [Steyning Bookshop](#).



Many thanks to so many of you for buying raffle tickets and wine and contributing to our donation. This shows Steyning's appreciation of their work.

SFT has a **busy tree and hedgerow planting season** ahead of us. Many thanks, in advance, to all our wonderful volunteer tree planters.

4 or 5 hedges are being planted this year adding to the 10 so far.

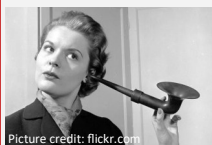
- another at Steyning Town Community Football Club.
- another at [Saddlescombe Farm](#), a 100metre hedge.
- one at [St Mary's House Bramber](#), by kind permission of the owners.
- and one at Toni and Kevin Bovis' on land leading to the Adur; we and they are buying these hedge plants through David Buckett's daughter's company, Greenwood Plants. Plus **compostable spirals** and hopefully re-using the spirals from Abbey Road. This will give us a good chance to try out this new type of spiral.



Picture credit: SFT

Other sites are also currently being considered.

We will also be **planting another 24 trees on verges** including on WSCC's land near the Steyning by-pass. An **enormous thank you** to all those taking a tree and for your **very generous donations**.



By the way, **is your hearing not as good as it used to be?** Why not pop along to the St. Cuthmans Lipreading Group? Thursdays 10 - 12 at the Cuthman Room, Christ The King Church. Tel. Peter Burton, 01903 812500.

ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WATERING THE 60 ODD TREES ALREADY PLANTED ON VERGES THROUGHOUT THE DROUGHT. BECAUSE OF YOUR CONTINUOUS EFFORTS WE SHOULD ONLY HAVE A VERY SLIGHT LOSS. **SFT** have been paying contractors to do some hedges and larger groups of trees; they do this in the early hours so you may not be aware of them.

Remember: Trees are front-line warriors in the fight against climate change.

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