

Saturday 18th April 2020- A day conference at Ripon College Cuddesdon with Andy Lester

We are very pleased to welcome Andy Lester (A Rocha UK) as our guest speaker for a day looking at the current state of nature and the actions needed to bring about lasting hope for creation "Is there hope for the planet?" Places are limited and this is likely to be a popular day so book soon!

Best Wishes,

Dr. Martin J. Hodson

PROGRAMME

10.00-10.30 Arrive and Coffee.

10.30-10.45 Welcome and Introduction to CRES (Martin Hodson)

10.45-12.00 Andy Lester, Lecture and Discussion 'The State of Nature; an update on the challenges facing the planet'

12.00-12.15 Break

12.15-12.45 Andy Lester will lead a session on 'The State of Us; how can we play a part in renewing creation at this critical time? Where do we go when things are tough? Is it wrong to lament? How do we know if information is factually correct? How do we talk about extinction in the context of Revelation 21? An open Q & A session'

12.45-13.00 Book Launch, TBA

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.15 Andy Lester, Lecture and Discussion 'The State of Hope; as faith communities rise to the challenges facing nature-what are the new initiatives that are happening around the UK? '

15.15-15.30 CRES News

15.30-15.45 Short Service

15.45-16.00 Tea and depart.

THE SPEAKER



Andy Lester is the Head of Conservation of the Charity A Rocha UK. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management and has an MSc in the Green Economy and a BSc in Environmental management. Andy is also an independent consultant on land management and land use; is local chair of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT)

and looks after conservation liaison for Hampshire Ornithological Society, where he also a trustee and science advisor. In addition Andy is environmental correspondent for three newspapers and writes and talks around the UK on environmental issues. Andy is married to his South African wife Jacqui and lives with her and their four boys in Southampton.

BOOKS

If you borrowed books from the Principal Tutor travelling collection last time, please bring them back! You can only borrow further books if you do so! The Hodsons will be bringing along some of their books for sale. There will also be a variety of other relevant literature for sale.

TRAVEL

a) By Car

Ripon College Cuddesdon (RCC) is located in the small village of Cuddesdon about 4 miles East of Oxford. The postcode is OX44 9EX, for those of you who use on-line maps. Full directions are given on the RCC web site:

<http://www.rcc.ac.uk/>

We want to use as little carbon as possible, so sharing cars seems sensible! If you can offer a lift, or would like one, let us know and we will see if it is possible. Students and Local Tutors might benefit from travelling together- lots of time to chat!

b) By Train to Oxford Station. We will try to arrange lifts from the station, but allow at least 30 minutes to get out of Oxford and over to Cuddesdon. So aim to arrive before 9.30 a.m. Let us know time of arrival.

c) TheOxford Tube (<http://www.oxfordtube.com/>) runs many coaches out of London from Victoria station stopping at a few places in London on the way. You need to get off at the Thornhill Park and Ride just East of Oxford. We will arrange lifts if you tell us a time. Aim to be there before 9.45 a.m.

d) Emergencies on the day. Martin Hodson will base himself at RCC from about 9.00 a.m. on the day. He will turn his mobile on- 07794-631927. Note- he very rarely puts his mobile on, and messages left on it may only get picked up weeks later!! So it is not a standard route to contact Martin, but will be useful on this occasion.

e) We are in the Harriett Monsell Room, which is the ground floor room in the new block that we have used for some of our previous meetings. If you are coming from Oxford this is nearer the first car parking area!

BOOKING

This day is FREE (included in fees) for the speakers, present CRES students, tutors, senior tutors, and members of the CRES steering group and is **£30** for everyone else. Lunch and refreshments are included. Persons with special diets should let us know so that we can inform RCC. Please note that ALL who intend to come to Cuddesdon must book by 6th April 2020 (this means CRES students, tutors, senior tutors and steering group **must book** even though they will not pay). Bookings will be dealt with by the CRES administrator, Lynda McKeown.

If you do need to pay then please email (cres@jri.org.uk) or write to Lynda saying that you will be coming and then pay in one of these ways:

1) By bank transfer into the JRI account using the following account details:

Sort code: 40-52-40; Account: 00098437; Reference: CRES and your surname;
Bank details: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

2) Please send a cheque made out to THE JOHN RAY INITIATIVE to our address:
The CRES Administrator, THE JOHN RAY INITIATIVE (JRI), City Works, Alfred Street, Gloucester, GL1 4DF, UK Telephone (mobile): 07583 481759. Email: cres@jri.org.uk