

**Saturday 7th November 2015- CRES Day at Ripon College Cuddesdon
with Chris Naylor and Martin & Margot Hodson**

Dear All,

We have now fixed the programme for our CRES Day in November. These days are now opened up to a wider audience and are very pleased to welcome Chris Naylor to be our guest speaker in the morning. Chris is Executive Director of A Rocha International, and has recently written a book "Postcards from the Middle East: How our family fell in love with the Arab world." In the afternoon Margot and I will look at one of the topics from our recently published book "A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues".

The themes explored will be highly relevant to those on the CRES course, but could be taken as a stand-alone day for all interested in mission, the environment and theology. Places are limited so book soon!

Best Wishes,

Dr. Martin J. Hodson (Principal Tutor, CRES)

NB. Very sadly the very large ancient beech tree is no more. In September a large branch fell off, and it was found that the tree was rotted inside. So all that remains now is the stump.

PROGRAMME

10.00-10.30 Arrive and Coffee.

10.30-11.00 Welcome and Introduction to CRES (Martin Hodson)

11.00-12.30 Talk & Discussion – Chris Naylor on "*Postcards from the Middle East: How our family fell in love with the Arab world.*"

12.30-13.00 The lead up to COP21 in Paris

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 Talk & Discussion – Martin and Margot Hodson on "*A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues*".

15.00-15.30 News and updates on CRES

15.30-15.45 Short service

15.45-16.00 Tea and depart.

THE SPEAKERS

Chris Naylor has been Executive Director of A Rocha International since April 2010. He joined A Rocha in 1997 working, until 2009, as Lebanon Director where he cofounded the work. He oversaw the habitat restoration programme at the Aammiq marsh, the development of the environmental education project and the field research programme; identifying 11 new Important Bird Areas nationally. Prior to joining A Rocha, Chris had a wide experience of science teaching and schools' management in the UK and the Middle East, attending Bible College and learning Arabic (in Jordan) along the way. He holds a Master's degree from Cambridge University and a PGCE from Nottingham. He was born in 1961 and is married with three children.

Margot Hodson is Vicar of Haddenham Benefice in Buckinghamshire. Her publications include *Cherishing the Earth* (Monarch, 2008) and *A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues* (BRF, 2015), both co-authored with her husband, Martin.

Martin Hodson is a plant scientist and Operations Manager for the John Ray Initiative a charity connecting science, faith and environment. Martin is Principal Tutor for CRES. He writes and speaks widely on environmental issues.

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! Chris Naylor and 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 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) Both the Oxford Tube (<http://www.oxfordtube.com/>) and Oxford Bus Company (<http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/espress1.shtml>) run 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 Graham Room, which is the room we used for the residential and is near the common room. If you are coming from Oxford this is off the second car parking area- the one where the large beech tree used to be!

BOOKING

This day is FREE (included in fees) for present CRES students, tutors and members of the CRES steering group and is £25 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 28th October 2015 (this means CRES students, 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 (or write) to Lynda indicating how long you will be staying and then pay in one of these ways:

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

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account: 00098437

Bank details: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Reference: CRES and your surname.

2) Please send a cheque made out to THE JOHN RAY INITIATIVE to our **NEW** address:

The CRES Administrator, THE JOHN RAY INITIATIVE (JRI), Gloucestershire Resource Centre, City Works, Alfred Street, Gloucester, GL1 4DF, UK

Telephone (mobile): 07583 481759. Email: cres@jri.org.uk