

CRES Definitely Rural and Environmental

For some years now we have held the CRES residential in Ripon College Cuddesdon nr. Oxford in September. We have decided to open up the Friday (2nd September) of the residential to day visitors as we have an excellent and very interesting programme. In the afternoon we will visit a natural burial ground, a composting toilet at a small chapel, and a local farm shop. In the evening Dr Richard Gunton will lead a session on "Why conservation is a religious matter and how it can be Christian."

Timetable for 2nd September 2016

11.00am Arrive Cuddesdon for coffee in the Common Room

11.45 to 1.00 Introduction to the weekend and CRES news. Introduction to the afternoon field trip (Harriet Monsell Lecture Theatre).

1-2 Lunch

2.00 Leave promptly for field trip "Definitely Rural and Environmental" (bring suitable walking shoes)

2.30 to 3.30approx. Visit to Aylesbury Vale Natural Burial Meadow

<http://www.aylesburynaturalburials.co.uk/>

3.30 to 4.10approx. Visit to St Peter's Chapel, Owlswick to see their new composting toilet. Details of the planning application are here:

<http://publicaccess.wycombe.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NRKO57SC0AW00>

There do not seem to be many photos available at the moment, but the Owlswick Morris recently visited:

<https://twitter.com/Owlswick Morris/status/727929519651340289>

4.10 to 5.20 approx Visit to Orchard View Farm for tea and cake. This will be a great opportunity to buy some local produce:

<https://www.facebook.com/Orchard-View-Farm-143403575691877/>

(the web site is currently being redeveloped, but might be available by September!)

5.20 approx return to Cuddesdon

6.00 to 7.00 Dinner in Cuddesdon

7.15 to 8.45 Dr Richard Gunton* will lead a session on "Why conservation is a religious matter and how it can be Christian" (Harriet Monsell Lecture Theatre)

9.00 to 9.30 Rev. Margot Hodson will lead a short service and reflection (Chapel)



* Richard Gunton undertakes research in ecology and nature conservation at the University of Leeds. With the Faith-in-Scholarship network he is coordinating a working group on ecosystem services (FiSWES) and a "Scientists in Congregations" project; he also participates in a project of the International Society for Science and Religion called "The New Biology: implications for philosophy, theology and education". He has a degree in Natural Sciences from the University of Cambridge and a PhD from the University of Leeds; he has also undertaken research in South Africa, Australia and France. Recently married, Richard and his wife Diana live in Leeds where they attend Blenheim Baptist Church.

Booking for "Definitely Rural and Environmental"

Please note that **ALL** who intend to come to Cuddesdon must book **by 22nd August**, but the CRES external examiner, speakers, current students and tutors and members of the steering group do not have to pay, as costs relating to the

weekend are written into the fees for the CRES course. Spouses of all categories are expected to pay (unless they are students themselves!!).

If you are coming for the whole of Friday 2nd (including lunch and dinner) the charge is £40; for the Friday field trip (not including dinner and evening session) the charge is £25. Many in the CRES course will be staying on to the next day. Other charges available on request! Bookings will be dealt with by the CRES administrator, Lynda McKeown. For those who do not have to pay please send an email indicating how long you will be staying to cres@jri.org.uk

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 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) By enclosing an appropriate cheque made out to THE JOHN RAY INITIATIVE and sending it to: The CRES Administrator, THE JOHN RAY INITIATIVE (JRI), City Works, Alfred Street, Gloucester GL1 4DF, UK Telephone (mobile): 07583 481759.

Please book early. Travel directions etc. will be forwarded to you with confirmation of your booking.