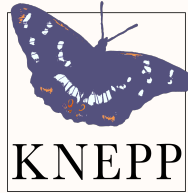


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In this *News from Knepp*: Springwatch broadcasts live from Knepp; summery Saturday evenings at Knepp Wilding Kitchen; it's the eve of the White Stork and Nature Festival; Knepp owner Charlie Burrell inspires the next generation of rewilders at an international event in Spain: a new season of botanical events:

reminders of an international event in Spain, a new season of botanical events, Chelsea Flower Show; and our new Treat a Friend to a Night in Nature

Springwatch at Knepp, from 25 May

We're excited to share that Knepp is one of the locations for the next series of the BBC's Springwatch.

Our ecologists have been beavering away behind the scenes preparing to welcome the camera crew to the Wildland. Iolo Williams will be presenting live from Knepp between Monday and Thursday next week. He'll be revealing the rare and distinctive species – such as white storks, beavers and purple emperors - which are making Knepp their home.

Tune in to the new series from 8pm on BBC 2, from Monday 25 May.

If Springwatch has inspired you, you can book a white stork, beaver or purple emperor safari for yourself.





BOOK A SAFARI

Summery *Saturday evening* dinners at
Knepp Wilding Kitchen



At last, the evenings are stretching out and warming up.

We're throwing open the French doors onto our Provence-style courtyard. At night you'll be hearing hooting owls, perhaps even a nightingale, from your table.

At this time of year, our Saturday evening menu is lighter and brighter, featuring organic salad, vegetables, edible flowers and herbs picked fresh from the Market Garden only yards away.

BOOK A TABLE



White Stork and Nature Festival,
Storrington, 23 May

It's the eve of the second White Stork and Nature Festival. Last year Knepp and our local village Storrington officially became a European Stork Village. Hundreds of local people came together to celebrate storks - the bird Storrington was named

after. Storks are now nesting at Knepp and regularly flying over Storrington, the first time these birds have been breeding in Britain for over 600 years.

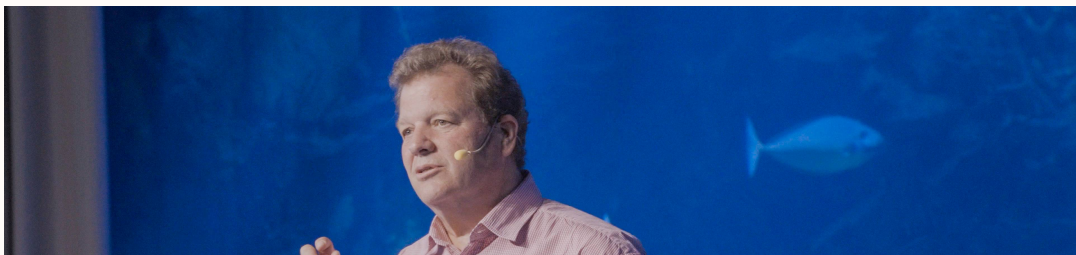
We'll be there with our White Stork stand, watching the unveiling of a stunning stork mural in town, listening to talks from Knepp, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Warsaw Zoo, Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation and other partners in the White Stork Project. And, of course we'll be sampling local food, appreciating Sussex artists, meeting farmyard animals and birds of prey, cheering on the children's stork parade, judging the best-dressed stork (the vicar is rumoured to be a hot contender) and enjoying live music from local choirs in honour of the storks.



Do join us!

BOOK A WHITE STORK SAFARI

Welcoming new rewilders across the globe





Knepp co-owner Charlie Burrell has been speaking in Valencia, Spain at the first global gathering to welcome the next generation of conservation leaders and rewilders.

Charlie and other leading conservationists from all over the world shared their practical experience and hopeful stories with 30 trainees aged 25-40 selected from four continents who had just completed training with Effective Conservation in Action. This is an initiative involving the Frankfurt Zoological Society, The American Prairie Project, African Parks and the Australian Wildlife Conservancy, hosted by the Fundación Oceanogràfic of Valencia.

The rewilding movement is growing, crossing geographical boundaries, inspiring an extraordinary cohort of new conservation doers, our planet's future guardians.

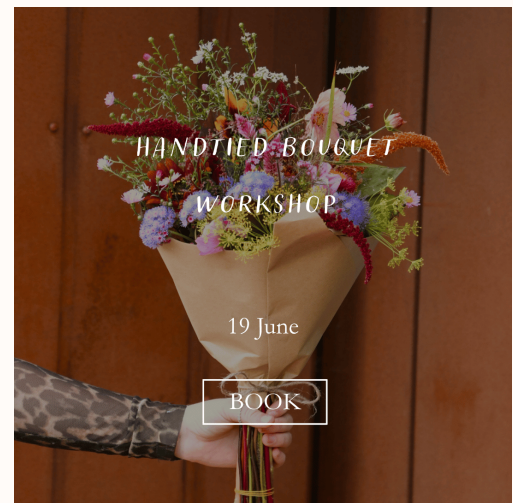
Flowers in art - a season of botanical events

With gardens bursting into life, we're laying on some creative events to capture the spirit and beauty of flowers in bloom.

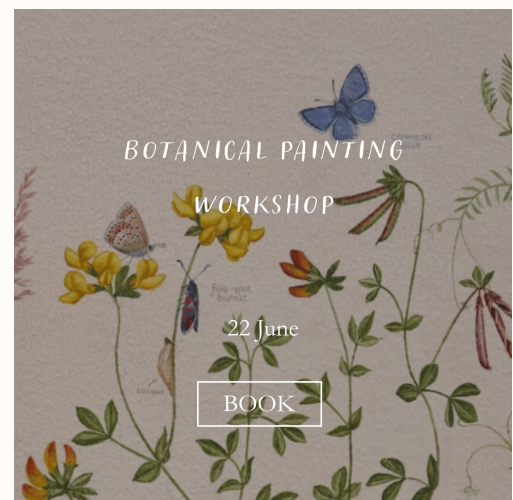




On 19 June, at our Handtied Bouquet Workshop, we're gathering for a morning of floristry and learning about regenerative flower growing. Learn how to grow cut flowers with biodiversity, pollinators and soil health in mind. Then pick your own seasonal stems and arrange them into a stunning handtied bouquet using sustainable, compostable materials.

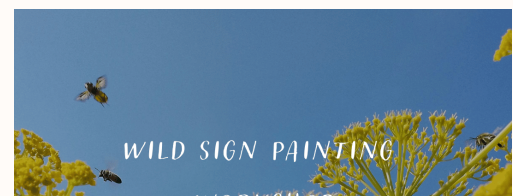


On 22 June, award-winning botanical artist Nessie Ramm is leading a one-day Botanical Painting Workshop. Experiment with slow-drying acrylics and different ways of mark-making to capture botanical details.



Walk with Nessie around the Rewilded Walled Garden to select plants for your own painting in the afternoon.

On 10 August, Nessie Ramm returns for a Wild Sign Painting Workshop. A



For a wild sign among ferns and
beautiful handmade sign is a
delightful, gentle way of getting the
message across. Signal 'No Parking',
'Wildflowers in Action', 'Wildlife Only'
or anything you need to say, with a
smile.



Let your neighbours know your messy
verge is intentional, a wildflower
wonderland in the making.

BOOK A GARDEN EVENT

Hurray for Chelsea Flower Show - but there's *gnome excuse for peat*

We've loved seeing the vibrant and varied gardens at Chelsea this week, and particularly the leaning in to a wilder, more natural aesthetic. The Show demonstrates how many different things a garden can be: a space for beauty, a sanctuary for peace, a hub for wildlife, a place for people.

But all of that is possible without using peat – a precious store for carbon which takes thousands of years to form, and which is needlessly ripped from the ground to make compost. Sadly, peat continues to be allowed by the Royal Horticultural Society at Chelsea.

That said, we were amused to see garden gnomes welcomed back to the Show. Gardening doesn't need to be a serious business. In Knepp's Rewilded Walled Garden, we talk about "gardening like a beaver". By that, we mean moving through a space like a herbivore would, selectively grazing and browsing on the vegetation


space like a herbivore would, selectively grazing and browsing on the vegetation. This 'herbivory' helps make space for more species, creating the conditions for life to boom.



BOOK A GARDEN TOUR

Treat a Friend to a Night in Nature

TREAT A FRIEND



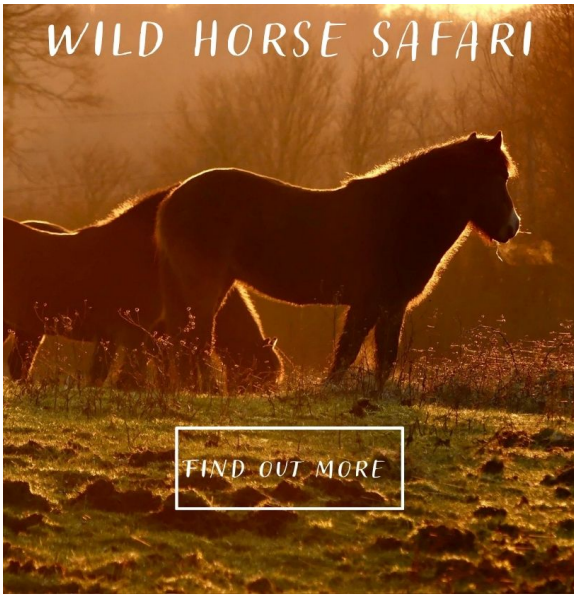
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NIGHT IN NATURE

Camp in our pitch-your-own wildflower meadow
and bring a friend along for free!

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Coming up





Author suppers at the Wilding Kitchen





Dave Goulson's author
supper, 4 June

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Stephen Moss' author
supper, 16 July

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Lee Schofield author
supper, 17 September

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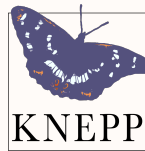
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