

Celebrating 60 Years of Silent Spring

Silent Spring -- The Future of Food and Farming

Rachel Carson, Biology and Biodynamics

PROGRAMME

AM (Foundation Room)

9.00 Register for Workshops, Farm walks

9.30

WELCOME

Sarri Tapales and Simon Blaxland de Lange St Anthony's trustee

Meet the Team and Workshop leaders

9.50

OPENING REMARKS

Rachel Carson, biodynamics and the future of food and farming

--Neil Ravenscroft Professor, International Agriculture University

10.10

TRIBUTE

Who is Rachel Carson?

And the biodynamic farmers who informed the writing of *Silent Spring*

--Sarri Tapales and ecologists Schumacher College

CONVERSATIONS IN THE ROUND

Sarri Tapales and Martin Large, moderators

with contributors and guests

Vic Borrill (Brighton & Hove Food Partnership), Peter Brown (Tablehurst Farm), Jonathan Code (Royal Agricultural University), Josie Cohen (Pesticide Action Network), Berni Courts (Ruskin Mill Trust), Camilla Fayed (Farmacy Restaurant), Kirsten Hartvig (Healing Gardens), Gabriel Kaye (Biodynamic Association), Sarah Langford (farmer and author), Martin Large (founder Biodynamic Land Trust), Marina O'Connell (farmer and author), Neil Ravenscroft (International Agriculture University), Aurora Sola (Farmacy Restaurant), James Woodward (Sustain), biodynamic and regenerative farmers, Sussex and UK food practitioners

The writing of *Silent Spring* and the influence of biodynamics

The message of *Silent Spring* for UK food and farming today

Challenges facing food and farming in post-Brexit UK

Music inspired by Nature, Simon Blaxland de Lange St Anthony's trustee

11.00 -- tea at Pixton --

11.20 (Foundation Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRO TO ST ANTHONY'S TRUST

--Brian Swain to honour founders

INTRO TO RACHEL CARSON CENTRE PROJECT

The Biodynamic Botanical Gardens at Emerson

--Kirsten Hartvig Healing Gardens

11.30

BOOK LAUNCH

Designing Regenerative Food Systems and why we need them now

Marina O'Connell The Apricot Centre at Huxhams Cross Farm

Martin Large Hawthorn Press

All walk to Rachel Carson Centre for book signing

PM

12.10 (Rachel Carson Centre)

12.20

Celebration at Rachel Carson Centre

history of RCC and the work of St Anthony's Trust by trustee Brian Swain, with founder Bob Wills
unveiling the newly installed plaque by special guest, Camilla Fayed Farmacy Restaurant
welcome everyone into the building

(Lobby)(Green Room)

Videos of Rachel Carson interviews

Book signing by Marina O'Connell

Designing Regenerative Food Systems and why we need them now

(Healing Garden room)

Exhibition - Encountering Rachel Carson's work

books by Rachel Carson, in a nature display

(Green room)

Exhibition - Encountering Biodynamic Agriculture (BDA, BDLT)

12.45 -- lunch at Pixton --

1.30 Guided walks (optional)

GROUP A Biodynamic Botanical Gardens led by Kirsten Hartvig Healing Gardens (15 places)

GROUP B Emerson gardens led by Chris Stott Emerson College gardener (15)

GROUP C Emerson gardens led by Katherine Beaven St Anthony's trustee (15)

GROUP D **Exploring food quality through Goethean observation** (see Workshops) (10)

2.30 Workshops

GROUP E (Green room, Rachel Carson Centre)

Biodynamics and ecologies of care (20 places)

Marina and Mark O'Connell The Apricot Centre at Huxhams Cross Farm

GROUP F (Garden and Lobby, Rachel Carson Centre)

Exploring food quality through Goethean observation (10 places, second group)

Berni Courts Ruskin Mill Trust

GROUP G (Foundation Room)

Food resilience mapping workshop (15 places)

Martin Large Biodynamic Land Trust founder

Sarri Tapales Living Systems Thinking

GROUP H (Gardens)

Biodynamic Botanical Gardens led by Kirsten Hartvig (15 places, second group)

3.30 (Foundation Room)

Book signing by Sarah Langford, *Rooted: Stories of Life, Land and a Farming Revolution*

-- tea available at Pixton --

3.40

BOOK PRESENTATION

Rooted: Stories of Life, Land and a Farming Revolution

by Sarah Langford barrister, regenerative farmer and author

4.20

Music inspired by Nature, Simon Blaxland de Lange St Anthony's trustee

Lighting a candle to Rachel Carson, Marjorie Spock, Mary Richards, Ehrenfried Pfeiffer

Leading thoughts from Rachel Carson

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Harvesting the day

The questions we should be asking for the future of food

Community call to action

--taking action now, as individuals and communities

4.50

Closing and thanks

5.00-6.30 Guided farm walks

GROUP A Tablehurst legacy farm walk with Peter Brown (15 places)

GROUP B Tablehurst legacy farm walk with Neil Ravenscroft (15)

GROUP C Plaw Hatch farm walk with Louisa Ellerker (15)

*Thank you for joining us! 27 September 2022 is the 60th anniversary of Rachel Carson's **Silent Spring**.*