

THE ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

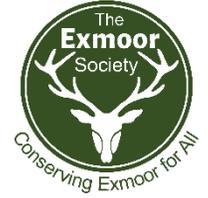
INSPIRATIONAL EXMOOR:
Natural Beauty & People's Wellbeing

Friday, 12 April 2019 at Dunster Tithe Barn
10am to 3pm

Programme

- 10.00 **ARRIVAL & COFFEE**
- 10:30 **WELCOME**
- SETTING THE CONTEXT**
- 10.45 **THE FIGHT FOR BEAUTY**
 Dame Fiona Reynolds
- 11.30 **BREAK**
- 11.50 **ADAM HOROVITZ: *The Soil Never Sleeps***
- 12.00 **BUILDING BEAUTY**
 Peter Beacham OBE
- 12.30 **EXMOOR'S UNEXPECTED DELIGHTS**
 Rob Wilson-North
- 13.00 **LUNCH**
 Book signing by Fiona Reynolds - *A Fight for Beauty*
- 14.00 **HILL-FARMING IN A TIME OF CHANGE**
 Adrian Colston, Researcher Exeter University
- 14.30 **ADAM HOROVITZ & WESTERMILL FARM**
- 14.45 **1949 ACT CELEBRATIONS**
- 15.00 **CLOSE**

(Speakers and/or the order may be subject to alteration)



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2019 celebrates the 70th anniversary of the 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act. National Parks are special places where nature and people over time have produced areas of distinct character with significant ecological, biological, cultural and scenic values. The Government's 25-year Environment Plan states that the creation of designated landscapes has been among the most outstanding environmental achievements of the past 100 years. At the same time, it has set up the Glover Review to see what changes are needed in delivering the national park purposes and enhancing their environments and communities.

The conference will celebrate the British approach to the national park concept by exploring what is inspirational about them, and Exmoor in particular, and how they contribute to the nation's wellbeing from local to the national and international levels. Dame Fiona Reynolds will open the conference by speaking on her recent book '*Fight for Beauty*'. As a member of the Glover Panel, the contribution of her thoughts will be particularly pertinent. Peter Beacham OBE, was responsible for the former English Heritage's listing programme and will describe how buildings contribute to our appreciation of beauty, not least as part of the English landscape. He will be followed by Rob Wilson-North, ENPA head of Conservation & Access, who will explore Exmoor's unexpected delights.

Adrian Colston, researcher at Exeter University into the management of the natural environment, will discuss hill-farming in a time of change. Interlaced throughout the proceedings will be poems celebrating Exmoor's farming life read by poet, Adam Horovitz, whose book *The Soil Never Sleeps* has been greatly acclaimed. There will also be further information on how Exmoor will be celebrating the 1949 Act.

**Places can be booked at www.exmoorsociety.com
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