

HARDWICK

LECTURE SERIES - BACK TO THE LAND



730PM, PACKING SHED, THE TOLHURST ORGANIC MARKET GARDEN, RG8 7RB

Hardwick is a hive of interested minds doing interesting things. Join us to hear from local experts about inspiring projects and practices to reconnect us to the land that supports us all. There will be tea and biscuits!

27th February 2025

Richard Coates

**RECONNECTING TO PLACE:
MAPLEDURHAM LOCK AND
BIOREGIONAL THAMES**

As a Neuropsychologist, ProSocial Facilitator and Regenerative Practitioner Richard will talk about the importance of reconnecting relationships where we live and introduce a very local project at Mapledurham Lock/Purley on Thames aiming to bring lots of groups together as part of a bioregional process across the River Thames watershed.

27th March 2025

Neil Melleney

**REWILDING IN PRACTICE -
LETTING NATURE LEAD**

Ecosulis's Nature Restoration Specialist talks about the role of humans in 'active rewilding' to create functioning landscapes with high biodiversity and high bio-abundance, and discusses some of the successes and failures in active rewilding projects.

24th April 2025

Chloe Houston

UTOPIA AND THE LAND:

PERSPECTIVES FROM LITERATURE

Chloë is an associate professor from the Department of English Literature at the University of Reading who has written on the ideal society in early modern literature and politics. She is co-lead of a new project, The Utopia Experiment, which aims to use the narratives and creative approaches of utopian literature to address the problems of climate change. In this talk she will look at the relationship between people and the land in a variety of utopian and dystopian texts.

29th May 2025

Sarah Fasoli

CUT FLOWER GROWING:

MY JOURNEY BY THE FLOWER ARTISAN

Sarah grows organic cut flowers on the Hardwick Estate, she will talk about her journey into cut flower growing and her time growing on the Estate.

Suggested donation towards the space and costs: £3