The Festival Of The Yew Tree

One Day Conference, Saturday 24th June, 2017 10 am to 4.30 pm

Venue: St. Nicholas church, Newington, Near FOLKESTONE, Kent CT18 8AU

covering all aspects of old yew trees including folklore, cultural, medicines old and new; best practise for the management of old yew trees & workshop; and the natural history and history of old yew trees.

Tickets in advance only, £20 includes a buffet lunch and tea/coffee, biscuits. Folklore Book Sale.

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10 am Arrived, registration, tea/coffee


11.30 am Break

11.45am Talk 2 - ‘Medicines of Yew Old and New’ by John Linch-Batten, retired pharmacist. John will tell us about medicines both old and new that come from Yew (Taxus baccata)

12.30 am Cold Buffet Lunch.


2.30 am Workshop – Russell Ball. Outside around the old Yew tree, Anatomy & Best practise maintenance and management to conserve old yew trees for future generations.

3.00 pm Break

3.15 pm Talk 4 – ‘The Natural History of Old Yew Trees ‘ by Martin Newcombe, Ecologist and Mycologist. Martin is an engaging and enthusiastic specialist with a wealth of knowledge to share.

4.30 pm Finish

On Bus Route 17, Stagecoach. Folkestone to Canterbury route. It is an hourly service.

Nearest Train Stations: Folkestone West (nearest at 2.1 miles) and Folkestone Central (at 3 miles). Bus route 17 is nearby to both train stations. Taxis: Channel Cars 01303 252252; Folkestone Taxis 01303 762715; JJ Taxis 01303 244442;

Please car share if possible because there is limited parking in the village.