

Saturday, 25th May 2019

at

Bradfield St George Village Hall,

Felsham Rd, Bradfield St George, Bury Saint Edmunds IP30 0AS

& Bradfield Woods



Bill Logan

Renowned American author, William Logan, signs and discusses his latest book "Sprout Lands: Tending the Endless Gifts of Trees"

WILLIAM LOGAN reading, signing and discussing
TENDING THE ENDLESS GIFTS OF TREES

Once, farmers knew how to make a living hedge and fed their flocks on tree-branch hay. Rural people knew how to prune hazel to foster abundance: both of edible nuts, and of straight, strong, flexible rods for bridges, walls, and baskets. Townspeople cut their beeches to make charcoal to fuel ironworks. Shipwrights shaped oaks to make hulls. No place could prosper without inhabitants knowing how to cut their trees so they would sprout again.

SPROUT LANDS is seasoned arborist William Bryant Logan's account of the lost traditions that sustained human life for ten millennia.

Programme:

10.00am Refreshments

10.30am Introductions

10.40am – 11.10am - VetCert – Dr Helen Read (ATF)

11.10am - 11.30am - Small Woods – Gary Battell (Suffolk CC)

11.30am - 12.30pm – Sprout Lands by Bill Logan

12.30pm - 13.30pm - Book signing/Lunch (bring your own)

13.40pm - 16:00pm - Guided walk with Giles Cawston (SWT)

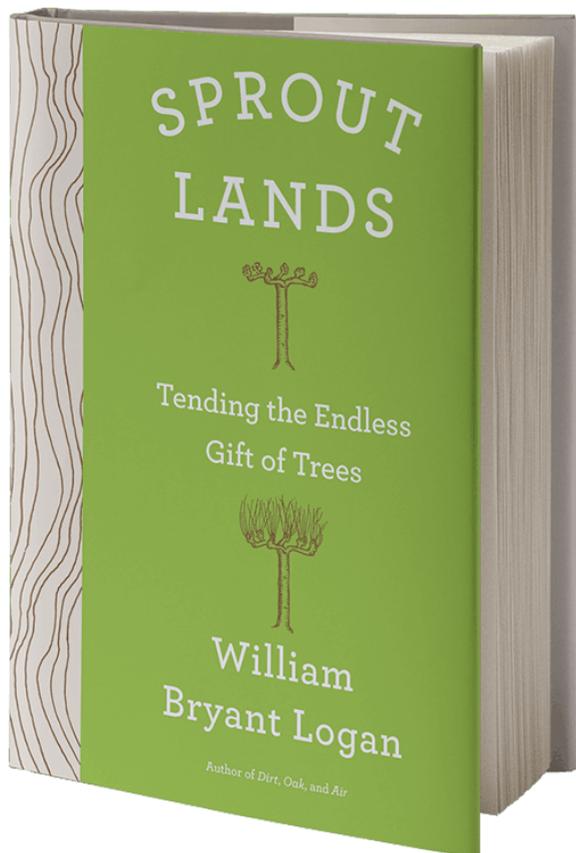
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BRING £20 CASH TO PURCHASE THE BOOK.

**Small Woods**

**Suffolk
Wildlife
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Bio: WILLIAM BRYANT LOGAN

William Bryant Logan is the author of *Sprout Lands*, *Oak, Air, and Dirt*, the last of which was made into an award-winning documentary. He is on the faculty of the New York Botanical Garden. He has spent the last three decades working in trees. He is a certified arborist, and founder and president of Urban Arborists, Inc., a Brooklyn-based tree company. Logan has won numerous Quill and Trowel Awards from the Garden Writers of America, and was a contributing editor to *House Beautiful*, *House and Garden*, and *Garden Design* magazines, as well as a regular garden writer for the *New York Times*. He won a 2012 Senior Scholar Award from the New York State chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), as well as a True Professional of Arboriculture award from the international ISA. He is a sought-after lecturer and teacher.

Sprout Lands

THOUSAND YEAR WOODS

Once, people around the globe did not simply live beside or under trees. We lived with them, taking from them and giving to them. We cut them back, and they sprouted again. Whole woodlands were coppiced, that is, cut near the ground, or pollarded, that is, cut at about 6 feet tall. Surprisingly, perhaps, this was not an exploitative but a symbiotic relationship. Proper human care for the woodlands increased their diversity, and promoted the numbers and kinds of insects, birds and other creatures who lived among the trees and the open understory vegetation. This was true not only in England and in Europe, but in the Americas, Japan, China, Africa, the Middle East, and wherever trees grew.

When cared for in this way, the trees themselves lived longer. In return, the trees gave us wood, charcoal, fodder, medicines, foods, rope, clothes, baskets and ships, as well as beauty, fresh air, and cooling shade. Whole cultures were built around such woods. This talk evokes that ancient world, not as an idyll of the past, but as a model for a future, active relationship to our trees. It also suggests ways in which we can start this living relationship anew, replacing extraction with grateful exchange.

To Purchase:

Sprout Lands: Tending the Endless Gift of Trees (Hardcover)

Available from 26 Apr 2019

Please bring £20 cash