

TOFTigers

Sustaining the wild

Fundraising Event, TOFTigers' 10th Anniversary

Thursday 21st May 2015 at 7.30pm. Doors open 6.30pm

at the Royal Geographical Society

1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

(use Exhibition Road entrance)

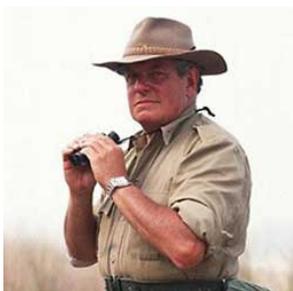
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Is there a future for tigers, elephants and rhinos in the wild?

As poaching ravages wildlife across the globe alongside seemingly irreversible pressures on wilderness from man, how can we win the battle to keep iconic species in the wild?

With four speakers including explorer Colonel John Blashford-Snell, founder of Operation Raleigh and Chairman of The Scientific Exploration Company; Colin Bell, founder of Africa's leading eco-safari company Wilderness Safaris; and Julian Matthews, Founder of the TOFTigers campaign; plus Jeffrey Parrish, live from WWF USA, highlighting their 'Conservation Travel' mission, the evening will be both entertaining, inspiring and informative. It should also give you hope and a real way to help on your next nature safari.



Col. John Blashford-Snell OBE
Explorer, Writer & Raconteur
Founder Operation Raleigh



Jeffrey Parrish, PhD
Conservation Traveller & Innovator
Managing Director WWF-US



Colin Bell
Conservationist/Photographer
Founder Wilderness Safaris



Julian Matthews
Naturalist & Campaigner
Founder TOFTigers

Also meet some of the best nature tour operators in the UK before the talks

Book online: www.toftigersanniversary.eventbrite.co.uk

Further info: T: 01963 824514, E: talks@toftigers.org

Tickets: £15 per person

Full pay bar from 6.30pm

Raffle on the night

THE SPEAKERS

Colonel John Blashford-Snell OBE



One of the world most renowned explorers, he founded Operations Drake and Raleigh, the round the world expeditions for young people. He has travelled to many of the most inhospitable places, and supported many conservation causes across the globe through his Chair of the Scientific Exploration Society, most recently in the Nepalese jungles.

Colin Bell – Founder Wilderness Safaris and Africa’s Finest



As South African founder of multi-award winning Wilderness Safaris, Africa’s most successful and innovative safari operators, he pioneered many of the ‘win-win’ partnerships that today form the backbone of wildlife conservation and community integration across Southern Africa, along with what he now terms ‘The Green Safari model’. He is co-founder of Great Plains Conservation, and recently published a book, with many of his fabulous photographs called - Africa’s Finest.

Julian Matthews - Founder TOFTigers



Brought up in the wilds of Zimbabwe, and founder of an award winning nature tour operator, Discovery Initiatives, now part of Steppes Travel, in 2005 he set up the TOFTigers charity as a collective travel industry campaign to effect better tourism for nature conservation in India. A passionate conservationist, in 2010 he tried to set up the first community based tiger reserve in central India and remains driven through TOFTigers to see

well run, sustainable tourism playing a vital role protecting tigers, wildlife and their forests.

Jeffery Parrish, PhD – Managing Director WWF-US



An ecologist by training, Jeff has travelled across the globe from Namibia to the Eastern Himalayas as a conservationist. Today as Managing Director WWF-US, he leads innovative strategies that can accelerate WWF’s mission to build a future where people live in harmony with nature. He has pioneered WWF’s Conservation Travel initiative to use travel to incentivise the direct protection of wildlife and wildlands.



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TOFTigers is a collective action campaign to protect tigers, wildlife and wilderness in the Indian subcontinent and benefit rural communities through sustainable nature tourism. Aimed at the nature travel community, including operators, lodges, parks, nature educationalists, communities and visitors, TOFTigers facilitates and promotes good practice.



Our pioneering PUG eco-rating scheme, the first accommodation kitemark of its kind in the Indian subcontinent, now covers more than 60 wildlife lodges in 20 parks, complementing our global supply chain campaign to ensure sustainable policies and practices. TOFTigers also supports a network of Village Wildlife Guardians, runs Wildlife Tourism Awards, publishes the Good Wildlife Travel Guide and carries out a host of other activities.



Get Involved

Support or join TOFTigers, and play your role in protecting wildlife and benefiting local communities on your next visit to India’s wildlands.



For more information contact info@toftigers.org or visit www.toftigers.org.

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