

The Brew (April 2020)

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## GreenTEA News

**GreenTEA Café and all meetings** cancelled until further notice because of Covid-19. We need to follow guidelines and STAY AT HOME with rare exceptions. This is for everyone's benefit and, in particular, for the dedicated NHS and Community workers who are risking all for our benefit.... THANK YOU NHS and COMMUNITY WORKERS! We wish all our readers a happy and productive isolation!

**Inspirational video** - from Angie: - - - - - Italian, with subtitles [https://youtu.be/UEgl\\_TUYOZo](https://youtu.be/UEgl_TUYOZo)

**Nettle Soup recipe** - Just in case !! – This is made with wild stinging nettles (NO other wild leaves, if in doubt ask Helena or Ros). Nettle soup – full of nutrients and infinitely adaptable. Wearing protective gloves cut off the tops of young nettles. Wash thoroughly. Chop up an onion and garlic and fry in a light oil or butter until soft. Add the nettles and some vegetable or chicken stock. Cook for 10 minutes. You can add any other domestic vegetables or herbs you choose. Chop these small and add an extra 5 minutes to the cooking time. Blend the mixture and serve hot with optional crème fraiche or cream.

## Local News

**LOOK! Low Carbon Hub's latest investment in Renewable Energy:** for details [see their website](#).

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## National News

**UK greenhouse gas emissions fall for seventh year in a row!!** - More than a third of British electricity was [generated by renewables in 2019](#).

**BlackRock vows to keep pressuring bosses over climate change** - [World's biggest investor](#) will try to boot out bosses who fail to step up their action on climate change.

**Britain's oil industry begs for taxpayer support** - "Predicting a billion in 'negative cashflow', industry says it will struggle to [survive against cheaper suppliers](#)." NO! NO! NO!

**Green partnership of local organisations to tackle climate change** - Bradford organisations [work towards tackling climate change](#) and improving social and economic wellbeing of district.

**Fewer oaks, more conifers: Britain's forests must change** - Expert warns that to meet climate targets, [imports will have to be planted](#) in their millions to offset emissions.

**South East risks running out of water in 20 years** - Government must [reduce water demand](#) or face parts of the country running dry, says National Audit Office.

**Researchers have developed new sustainable solar panels** - Bristol researchers' method uses expanded solar energy conversion [without the need for scarce materials](#).

**Petrol SUVs face tax rise to support electric car sales** - [Large utility vehicles face tax rise](#) and new incentives to be introduced to support the uptake of electric cars. Now we're talking!

**45 climate activists 'treated as terrorists'** - Dozens of environmental activists have been [referred to the Home Office's anti-terrorism programme](#).

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## International News

**Climate experts hopeful after COP26 delay** - Moving summit [gives world time to respond to coronavirus](#) and may allow a new US leader to join talks.

**New renewable energy capacity hit record levels in 2019** - [Most new electricity globally was green](#) and coronavirus bailouts must boost this further, says agency.

**6 Alarming Facts From the UN's New Report on the Climate** - The new report provides an overarching view of a [planet undergoing seismic changes](#).

**EU presses on with 2030 climate target despite pandemic** - Executive launches plan for [tougher 2030 emissions target](#) despite pressure to soften ambitions in response to pandemic.

**Synthetic liquid fuels 'competitive in two years'** - Fuels made using carbon captured from atmosphere could soon [compete on cost with petrol and diesel](#), researchers claim.

**Horse importation could slow permafrost decline** - Researchers find [hooved feet on permafrost slow summer melting](#), slowing release of stored carbon.

**Climate change to collapse ecosystems 'within a decade'** - Warming to push thousands of species beyond safe limits, warn scientists, [though swift emission cuts could buy time](#).

**Antarctica was warm enough for rainforest 90m years ago** - Experts say [new evidence from Cretaceous period](#) 'shows us what carbon dioxide can do'.

**Right dose of geoengineering could mitigate climate risks** – “New study finds that spraying special chemicals into the air could [mitigate the worst impacts of climate change](#).” On the other hand, renewable generators would remove the cause! .... (Ros)

**World's wind power capacity up by fifth after record year** - [Global wind industry record year in 2019](#) as capacity grew by 60.4 gigawatts, or 19%, compared with 2018.

**Wall Street calls time on shale revolution** - Latest price shock has further exposed sector that depends on [cash infusions and dwindling faith of investors](#).

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**New gas mileage rule to roll back Obama-era climate policy** - "[Relaxation of efforts to limit tailpipe pollution](#), virtually undoing government's biggest effort combat climate change." Uh oh!!

**Outbreak triggers drop in climate-changing emissions** - US Energy Department predicts [7.5% drop in fossil fuel emissions for 2020](#).

**Atmospheric methane levels reach an all-time high** - [New NOAA analysis](#) highlights an alarming trend; experts call for curbing pollution from oil and gas wells.

## **Book**

David Wallace-Wells   ['The Uninhabitable Earth'](#)   "It is worse, much worse than you think"

## **GreenTEA Events**

May 2nd: no GreenTEA Café

## **Other Events**

**Most events cancelled due to Covirus19**

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