



GreenTEA News

Extinction Rebellion – are giving a talk in Eynsham: "Heading for extinction (and what to do about it)". It's in the Baptist Church this Tuesday (27 August) at 7.45pm (doors open at 7.30pm) and you will need to [register](#)

Are you saving your excess useable items – for the next Swapshop on Saturday October 12th? Recyclable clothing, books, DVDs also kitchen and household bric-a-brac will all be welcome and can be delivered from 09.30 to 10.30 am. Larger items can be advertised on our board with contact details. Details below, and [contact Eleanor](#) if you have any questions.

Green TEA Autumn Festival – October 19th at St Leonard's Church Hall. In addition to apple juicing and working group stalls this year will be 'Food Tasting - replacing meat and dairy', and Helen Gavin's 'Repair Café' - bring items for sewing, mechanical, electrical, bicycle, and I.T. repairs. The availability of this service depends on... volunteers - so if you have any expertise to offer, please [contact Helen](#).

Local News

Bikesafe – our Chair reports that Chair of OCC, Cllr Hudspeth, wrote to Andrew Gilligan following Gilligan's appointment to Boris Johnson's team as a Transport Adviser (SPAv). He asked for money for the path. This is a strong indicator that the OCC are serious in their support for the B4044 path.

Thames Valley Wildflower Meadow Restoration Project – Long Mead owners Catriona and Kevan, in collaboration with BBOWT and Neves Bees have taken over Park Meadow (Oxford Road) to make the first wildflower meadow in this project. They have started with great zeal but, Catriona says, "don't hold your breaths - the science suggests it takes 80 to 120 years to restore a meadow to full biodiversity!" Also "If anyone knows of another 7 acres longing for a new life, do [let us know!](#)"

WOCoRe – The West Oxford Community Renewables scheme held an open afternoon at their Osney Lock Hydro grounds. Helena and Ros attended this delightful celebration of the 10th anniversary of Low Carbon West Oxford's hydroelectric scheme. Ruth Finar, the manager, showed us the impressive Archimedes screw and the slipway for fish, all in a beautifully designed wooden housing. The grounds were attractive, with a wild flower 'meadow' and lawn, and we were entertained by a

singing duo and an instrumental group. Drinks and cake completed a perfect, warm 'eco-afternoon'! GreenTEA tour offered in Nov/Dec, anyone interested please [contact Ros](#).

Youthstrike – Ros attended the monthly meeting and march from Bonn Square. Aply run by sixth formers, with Interesting range of speakers from Extinction Rebellion, ECI Oxford and Abingdon Carbon Cutters etc. The next meeting is part of the Global Youthstrike on September 20th. Details below.

National News

Bank of England governor issues climate warning – Companies that fail to respond to challenges of climate change “will go bankrupt without question”, [says Mark Carney](#).

Just 10% of fossil fuel subsidy 'could pay for green transition' – Redirecting small portion of subsidies would [unleash clean energy revolution](#), says report.

Time running out to repair climate and wildlife: Gove – Minister to say 2020 a [crucial year for deciding future of planet](#) with key international summits.

UK energy-saving efforts collapse after government cuts – Only [10,000 upgrades such as loft insulation](#) happen each month compared with 65,000 in 2014. DISGRACEFUL!

'Catastrophic' climate change impact if farming doesn't change – UK's entire farming and food system must become sustainable by 2030 says [new RSA report](#).

The government listened to '10-10' – From 1 January 2020, homes and businesses with solar [must be paid for the electricity they send to the grid](#).

Decarbonisation is getting cheaper. Why? – Reducing emissions has turned out to be far cheaper than the Committee on Climate Change expected, writes [Roz Pidcock from the ECIU](#).

UK's first climate assembly agrees plan to tackle crisis – Camden citizens' [climate change proposals](#) focus on housing, transport and green space.

Low-carbon energy makes majority of UK electricity for first time – [Rapid rise in renewables](#), combined with nuclear, generated 53% in 2018.

Ban fracking in UK, Jeremy Corbyn urges Boris Johnson – Labour says fracking for gas will [prevent Britain meeting carbon emissions target](#).

UK set for first grass-fed power station – Hampshire power station to open this year, exploring potential of [grass to provide renewable electricity](#).

Carbon pricing alone won't get UK to net zero – Government's official advisor says drive to eliminate net emissions needs [climate policies across the economy](#), and soon.

Tories plan mini-nuclear reactors for the North – "Government providing £18m for [construction of](#)

[reactors designed by Rolls-Royce.](#)" Ros has written to the editor of Daily Mirror...

MPs urge PM to remove barriers to new onshore wind schemes – 150 MPs, including 35 Conservatives, write to PM [calling for Government to change course on onshore wind](#).

International News

Climate change reducing Earth's capacity to sustain humanity – Risks to nature and critical supply chains are increasing dangerously as the world warms, warns [major UN climate report](#).

EIB to cut all funding for fossil fuel projects by 2020 – [European Investment Bank financed oil, gas and coal projects in 2018](#) with more than €2.4bn.

Guterres asks all countries to plan for carbon neutrality – UN chief [António Guterres calls on heads of state](#) to set out plans to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

Climate changes faster than animals adapt, study finds – Even common birds such as great tits, blue tits and guillemot [cannot adapt fast enough](#).

Super-efficient flats don't need heating or air-con – "Green" construction boom in the US, where demand for efficient and eco property has [created an \\$81 billion industry](#).

'No doubt left' on global warming consensus – Scientific consensus that humans are causing global warming is [likely to have passed 99%](#) with publication of new papers.

World must change how we produce food – Cutting GHG emissions from only cars, factories and power plants is doomed to failure, [scientists will warn this week](#).

Global energy storage market to hit \$500bn by 2025 – Germany, Japan and US set to lead battery boom as electricity systems [continue renewables expansion](#), say analysts.

US medical schools teaching climate change – Movement backed by American Medical Association seeing [more medical students taught on climate change](#), seen as "greatest health danger".

Old Book

['Silent Spring'](#) by Rachel Carson 1962 " This landmark book (1962) exposed the adverse environmental impacts of the indiscriminate use of pesticides and is recognised as accelerating the global environmental movement. Carson's words are eerily relevant to the climate emergency." (LCON news 6.19)

GreenTEA Events

September 7th: **GreenTEA Café** at The Emporium/Market Garden, 32-34 Mill St., Eynsham. 10.30

am-12 noon

October 12th: **Autumn Swap Shop** - Eynsham Sports Pavilion, 1 Oxford Road, OX29 4HG from 10 - 11 am (helpers at 9 am please)

October 18th: **GreenTEA meeting with Robert Courts MP** - our third update on his climate activities...!

October 19th: **GreenTEA Autumn Festival** - St Leonard's Hall, The Square, Eynsham from 2 - 4 pm

Other Events

August 27th: Extinction Rebellion Meeting - Baptist Church, Eynsham 7.45pm free, register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>

September 17th 'How to set up a Cooperative business'. Aspire Oxford, St Thomas' School, 6 Osney Lane OX1 1NJ

11am-5pm [Book now](#)

September 20th Global Youth Strike - Oxford branch - adults welcome - Bonn Square 11am See September. 'Brew'.