

GreenTEA 'Monthly Brew' 9.18

GreenTEA News

The Future for a Green Eynsham - Come and join us for Green TEA's Annual Festival at the Village Hall on Sat 29th Sept from 12pm-4pm. Despite a difficult growing year we hope to have lots of apples to juice and give away.. and do bring your own apples for expert identification. New themes include repair rather than waste; and electric vehicles. Everything is for all ages, and all free! We'll start with a vegetarian bring-and-share sit down meal at 12 noon so we can enjoy each other's food and share ideas and recipes .. all welcome! Bring your favourite low carbon food and maybe a bottle... The theme of **The Future of Eynsham** reflects our desire to engage with the challenges and opportunities for our much loved village. Let's ensure that whatever development happens in Eynsham we fight for the highest possible eco standards in new housing, for locally owned renewable energy and opportunities to grow, harvest and enjoy the green spaces. Do come and share your ideas with us at the Festival. Venue below.

Book discussion - On 28th Aug the group chose 'Adapting Buildings and Cities for Climate Change' for discussion. Roaf, Crichton and Nicol conclude that at the centre of the climate crisis stands the architecture and building community. They advocate a building design revolution to address the problem. See link: <https://www.pdfdrive.com/>

Rise for Climate - On 8th Sept. Angie, Sarah, Hywel and Ros attended the Oxford part of a [worldwide](#) Climate demonstration. In Radcliffe Square a group of about 100 people formed a 'cross' against fossil fuels and a 'sun' for renewable energy. All good fun and great publicity! Watch local papers for the week of 10th Sept.

Local News

Peace Oak Association - Come and visit our beautiful site [on Saturday 6th October](#) and find out how this hidden gem is being preserved for ever as an **orchard**, for shared growing spaces, for education and quiet enjoyment. We will be open to all [from 12 noon till 4pm](#) to show you our unique collection of Eynsham's own apple trees, try your hand at juicing and tasting and discover the comforts of our new compost loo! And if you like it you can join as a member then you can visit it anytime and help us to plant, harvest and enjoy the fruits of our labour. Single membership is £8 per year. Family membership (two adults and children under 18) is £10 per year. Contact Sue Raikes. sue.raikes@appleinter.net

Zero waste is coming to Eynsham! - The Market Garden will be reopening on 25th September in bigger and better premises - just over the road at 32 Mill Street. (The Emporium building). Jonathan and Lucy say: - "This will enable us to convert a large range of our products to zero waste dispensers, cutting out a lot of unnecessary packaging. We hope to offer about 80 dried goods and 20 household products as refills, so you can bring your own containers and feel confident you are making a saving not only for the environment, but for your pocket too. If you forget your containers – worry not! There will be paper bags on standby, as well as an attractive range of glass Kilner jars and bottles to purchase and prettify your pantry!"

National Forest Gardening Scheme - invite you to join them on 29th/30th September in Florence Park (Oxford) for their first AGM which aims to finalise its Constitution. Discussions on setting up Forest Gardens in Urban settings, principles, impact on communities, food sovereignty, wellbeing and general health. Registration link: <https://ti.to/national-forest-gardening-scheme/bringing-forest-gardens-to-life-in-urban-settings/en>

The clean energy map of Oxfordshire, the [People's Power Station](#), has had some upgrades and now features energy efficiency work that is taking place across our county to reduce energy demand. The People's Power Station is mapping out all the great work happening to consign fossil fuels to history. [Have a browse through the map](#) and add your clean energy project if you haven't already.

[Windrush Bike Project](#) - the newest addition to the CAG network! The Windrush Bike Project aims to make the bike the vehicle of choice for short journeys in and around Witney, resulting in better health and well-being, a stronger community and a cleaner environment. They achieve this through cycle training, information sharing, campaigning and are currently [Crowdfunding](#) for a new community bike space.

Communicating Climate - Climate Outreach's latest: <https://climateoutreach.org/resources>

National News

British Scientists - just Invented a way to make 'Unlimited Renewable Energy'. It's called "semi-artificial photosynthesis" — and it's an awesome way to fight climate change! <https://www.globalcitizen.org>

Summer 'wind drought' - puts UK green revolution into reverse: <https://www.theguardian.com>

This emphasises the need for diverse renewable electricity generation - what price the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon Scheme cancelled by Business Secretary Greg Clark.... an action criticised by business leaders and Welsh politicians! The scheme would have been infinitely cheaper than the proposed new nuclear plant...

Greenpeace UK - has a petition open calling on the Government to guarantee a fair deal for solar, which can be signed by any and all individual members of the public in the UK. Please sign the petition [here](#).

International News

Scientists - found that our heatwave was made more than twice as likely by climate change.

Britain hasn't been the only country baking in the heat, with 54 heat-related deaths in Quebec, and deadly wildfires in Greece, California and Sweden - even as far north as the Arctic Circle. Japan declared a 'natural disaster' as temperatures soared to a record-breaking 41°C. Africa has also seen record-breaking heat, with 51.4°C recorded in Algeria last month - the hottest weather ever reliably recorded on the continent.

(Sust.Wantage News 8.18)

Paradoxically "Big Oil asks government to protect it from climate change!! ... and ... wants taxpayers to cough up!!!: <http://www.cbs42.com/news/>

Costa Rica became the first country to ban fossil fuels. Their ambitious target is to decarbonise completely by 2021. The country already gets 99% of its energy from renewables, but the transport sector will be a challenge.

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California's legislature - voted 'yes' this week to 'SB 100', a bill to achieve a 100% clean energy electrical grid by 2045. Now it's up to California Governor Jerry Brown to sign it into law – and then go even further by ending all fossil fuel extraction. The pressure is on as San Francisco's Global Climate Action Summit approaches 12-14th September.

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Did you see - this response to "Hothouse Earth" from 350.org programme director Payal Parekh? She's also a climate scientist – and she's saying there's still time to turn things around. This week, [we invite you to share and comment](#) with the reasons you're still hopeful about our ability to come together and confront climate change.

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Good for Greta! - direct action outside the Swedish parliament by a 15 year old schoolgirl "... we are heading full speed for a catastrophe, and in this situation the only reasonable thing is to be unreasonable." <https://www.theguardian.com>

New Books '21 Lessons for the 21st Century' by Yuval Noah Harari As Obama said, this approach certainly gives the reader perspective. Ivan the Terrible was probably more, well, terrible than Trump. Cheer up! Until you remember climate change, at least – because, to his credit, Harari is one of the few futurists to factor ecological collapse into his predictions."

GreenTEA Events

Sep 29th **GreenTEA Festival** Eynsham Village Hall, Back Lane, Eynsham OX29 4QW 12noon-4pm

Oct 6th **Eynsham Swapshop** Sports Pavilion, Oxford Road OX29 4HG. 10am-11am

Oct 6th **GreenTEA Café** at [The Swap Shop](#), Sports Pavilion, Oxford Rd. 10-11am

Other Events

Sep 20th **Oxfordshire Climate Action Network** - at Friends Meeting House, 43 St Giles, Oxford. Book [here](#).

Oct 2nd LCON meeting - Oxford Town Hall Assembly Room. Speaker - **Andrew Gilligan**, 6.30 for 7pm.

