



## GreenTEA News

**Swap Shop** – on Saturday 12 October 10-11am.: are you saving items, like recyclable clothing, books, DVDs, as well as kitchen and household bric-a-brac? Everything will be welcome and can be delivered to the sports pavilion from 09.30 to 10.30 am. Larger items can be advertised on our board with contact details. [Contact Eleanor](#) if you have any questions.

**Green TEA Autumn Festival** – on Saturday 19 October 2-4 pm at St Leonard's Church Hall. In addition to apple-juicing and working group stalls, this year will include 'Food Tasting - replacing meat and dairy', and Helen Gavin's 'Repair Café' - bring items for sewing, sharpening and bicycle-fixing. If you like to fix things and can cover other types of repair, please [get in touch with Helen](#).

**Meeting with MP** – On October 18th, for the third time, members of GreenTEA will meet with Robert Courts to discuss with him what he has done, and what he is going to do about the Climate Emergency and other things.

**Extinction Rebellion (XR), Talk** – several GreenTEA members attended this galvanising talk at the Baptist Church Hall, Eynsham on Tue 27th August. "Heading for Extinction; and what to do about it" was presented by Linda Aspey, psychotherapist, and Zohara, a young activist brought up in Freeland. Linda presented the scientific evidence for the climate emergency and information about XR, including their three demands:

1. The truth about ecological disorder/destruction.
  2. Zero carbon by 2030
  3. A Citizens' Assembly to create policy and follow through decisions.
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Zohara explained how personal despair can be turned to hope when rebelling non-violently with others.

Details of events and training workshops are in the link: <https://www.xroxford.org/events/>

## Local News

**Bikesafe** – now meet once a month with a team of officers appointed by the OCC to work towards getting the B4044 project ready for application for planning permission. "We have a very good working relationship, they report progress and we agree next steps and make suggestions which are generally accepted." (I.L.)

**Peace Oak Association Invitation** – The directors would like to invite members and supporters of Green TEA to a special Open Event at the Peace Oak Orchard on Saturday 5 October at 2.30 pm. The event is to celebrate 100 years since the planting of the Peace Oak tree in the garden of 'The Gables'. The Peace Oak itself has a plaque saying Peace Oak 1919 and is one of many trees planted across the country commemorating the armistice. This is an important opportunity for us to show you how we are protecting the land for quiet use, shared growing and the development of an orchard of local Eynsham varieties of apple.

Entry to the Orchard is via Cobbetts Close off Newland Street, Eynsham. The programme follows:-

2.30 Arrival

2.40 Welcome by Jonathan Ferrier, Chair of the Peace Oak Association

2.50 Eynsham Community Choir

3. 00 Poetry Festival with poems written by local children and adults, inspired by the Peace Oak tree. Procession round the poetry flags and readings.

3.20 Planting of Sweet Chestnut Tree followed by other specimen trees.

3.40 Activities and Food, including Apple juicing and tasting; Willow workshop; Peace Crane origami; Musical interlude; Coconut Shy; Cakes etc.

4.30pm Fire We look forward to seeing you there.

**Festival of Food** – 28 September, 11am to 4pm (Oxford): explore and enjoy Barracks Lane Community Garden, with pizza and chutney making, potato printing live music, refreshments and stalls from youth groups that use the garden. [More info.](#)

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## National News

**UK to host pivotal 2020 UN climate summit** – [Glasgow summit](#) will be most important since Paris in 2015, with leaders due to ramp up pace of carbon-cutting.

**Wind farm funds delayed by challenge from Banks Group** – Government accused of [unlawfully discriminating against onshore farms](#) by only offering subsidies to offshore projects.

**Minewater touted as an alternative energy solution** – [Advocates claim](#) enough geothermal energy in abandoned coal mines to heat 180m homes.

**Cutbacks and dithering stalling climate progress, say MPs** – Select Committee says [net zero goal won't be met](#) without new policies on transport, energy and home heating.

**Call to abandon coastal towns before sea claims them** – [Governments should prepare](#) for “managed retreat” from coasts as sea levels rise because of climate change - scientists.

**Ministers wary of plans to cut fuel duty** – [Concerns raised](#) over cost and environmental impact of mooted fuel duty cut.

**Electric car boom will spur £100bn mining investment** – Surge in production of batteries set to [boost demand for raw materials](#).

## International News

**Following a year of school strikes, protests and action** – young people are calling on adults to join them in a **GLOBAL STRIKE** this Friday (20th September). In what is set to be the biggest action on climate change ever undertaken, thousands of people from all across the world will be taking to the streets, to draw attention to and ask governments to take urgent action on climate change. Local details below.

**Amazon and other rainforests ON FIRE** – many not from natural causes, but human-created, due to the increased global demand for beef. Supported by their pro-business President, Brazil has become the largest exporter of beef in the world. Cattle need room to roam and crops to feed them - and for that, land is required. Avaaz tells us that armed

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militia swarm into protected areas, and indigenous leaders who stand up to them are murdered. There are stories of planes dropping gasoline to start massive forest fires. Brazil's far-right President Bolsonaro is making it even worse by stripping the Amazon of its remaining protections.

Petition: <https://secure.avaaz.org> What can we do? - Boycott Soya beans and palm oil from the Amazon.

**Conference explores using the law to fight climate change** – An [international conference](#) is to look at how the law can be used in the fight against climate change.

**Climate change could cost USA up to 10.5% of its GDP by 2100** - Extreme weather events will be a [major source of future losses](#).

**Surge in young Republicans worried about the environment** – Two thirds of 18-34 US Republicans ['worry about the damage humans cause the planet'](#).

**China hopes U.S. will come back to the table at Chile climate talks** – China hopes to welcome the United States "back to the negotiating table" to discuss global efforts to limit climate change at a [United Nations summit to be hosted by Chile](#) in December.

**UN 'very confident' China plans to raise climate ambition** – Country expected to come to UN climate summit with [more ambitious climate plan](#), says top official.

**Dutch take cycling to a new level** – with world's [biggest multistorey bike park](#)

Statistic of the day: - 91% – The vast majority of electric cars sold globally in June were 'pure' battery models rather than hybrids, suggesting ['range anxiety' is disappearing](#).

**10:10 tells us:** ['There are now officially more electric vehicle charging points than petrol stations in the UK!'](#)

**Amazon employees plan climate change walkout** – Nearly [1,000 Amazon employees have pledged to walk out](#) in protest of their company's inaction on climate change.

**BP CEO: we'll sell oil projects to hit climate targets** – "Boss plans to [sell some oil projects and curb development of others](#) to align business with global climate targets".  
[One wonders how offloading parts will help the whole global threat ?!]

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## GreenTEA Events

October 5th: **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

September 20th: Global Strike - Youthstrike; XR; Greenpeace and others. Broad St., Oxford 11am-2pm

October 5th Peace Oak Centenary Open Day - Entry via Cobbett's Close, off Newland St. Eynsham 2.30pm

October 4th Extinction Rebellion. Non-Violent Direct Action training starts: <https://www.xroxford.org/event>

Oct 7th International Extinction Rebellion - London - details tba

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