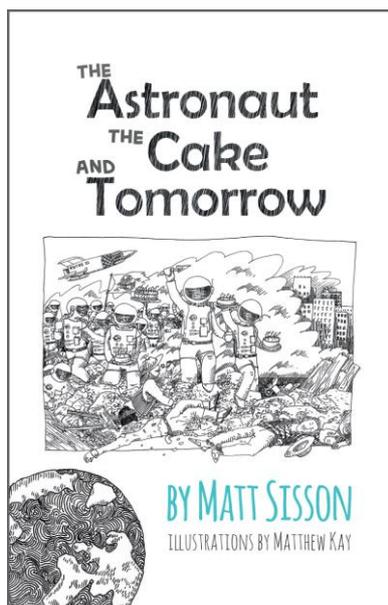


Community Climate Action Email November 2014

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Welcome to the Community Climate Action newsletter, with all the latest news, events and resources in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. A special hello to new subscribers and thanks to those who have contributed items this month.

Win a Book About the Environment by a Local Author!



Do you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter? Maybe there are people in your community group who you pass it on to but they don't receive it directly. Please forward this link to anyone you think might like to sign up to receive the newsletter: www.everybodys-talking.org/newsletter-sign.

If they sign up before Christmas and provide your email address as the person who recommended the newsletter to them then we'll enter both them and you into a prize draw to win one of three copies of [The Astronaut, The Cake and Tomorrow](#) by Nottinghamshire-based author Matt Sisson. This new book takes a compelling look at the environmental and financial crises we face, the connections between them, and the better world that could emerge if we find the imagination and will to bring them into being. Find out more: www.cakeforastronauts.org

If you recommend more than one person then you'll be entered into the draw as many times as you recommend someone! To be eligible for the prize the winners must be able to provide a Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire postal address to send the book to. The draw will close on Sunday 28th December at midnight.

Get news throughout the month:

www.everybodys-talking.org

Twitter: @CCANNetwork

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ccan.network

Got Any News?

Most of the items in this newsletter are contributed by readers. If you have anything you'd like us to include in the December e-newsletter please send it to us by Monday 1st December: ccan@mea.org.uk

You can also submit information about events via our [website](#)

A. Local Events

Inspiring Sustainability in Community Learning Seminar

Saturday 8th November 2014

Derbyshire Eco Centre

Booking essential: ecocentre@derbyshire.gov.uk

This event will bring together people from a range of backgrounds who share a passion for inspiring adults to live sustainably. Speakers include: Bill McGuire, an academic, science writer and broadcaster and Professor of Geophysical & Climate Hazards at University College London; Andrew Reeves from De Montfort University's Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development and Pam Warhurst, founder and Chair of Incredible Edible Todmorden.

Together, we will develop a shared vision of the role that adult learning takes in the development of a sustainable world. We will explore the rich variety of ways in which adults are encouraged to make a positive response to climate change in their lives. We will each bring our ideas and experiences to share good practice and learn from each other, and we will identify some useful next steps to encourage sustainability through adult learning, in a variety of contexts and settings.

Email: ecocentre@derbyshire.gov.uk Tel: 01629 533038, Derbyshire Eco Centre.

Climate Change – From Bad To Worse: a Talk by Bill McGuire

Tuesday, 11 November, 7.30pm

Memorial Hall, Wirksworth

Organised by Transition Wirksworth

Bill McGuire was an author of the 2011 IPCC report on climate change and extreme events. He is a frequently invited speaker at major literary and science festivals, including Hay, Edinburgh, Oxford and Cheltenham; Emeritus Professor of Geophysical and Climate Hazards at University College London; author or editor of over 400 books; and presented the BBC Radio 4 series 'Disasters in Waiting and Scientists Under Pressure'.

Contact: Mary Ann Hooper: mhooper944@btinternet.com

Making it Better: An Exploration of the Practical Path Towards a More Sustainable Future.

First event: Tuesday 11th November, 7:30pm

Friends Meeting House, Chapel Row, Bakewell

Organised by Bakewell Quakers

Following from Bakewell's Green Festival earlier this year, which was attended by more than 4000 people, Bakewell Quakers are organising a series of evening events:

- 11th November: '**Zero Carbon Britain**'. Renewable energy is just one of the elements of this plan from the Centre for Alternative Technology which means that becoming a zero carbon nation is well within possibility - hair shirts not required.
- Tuesday 9th December: **Community Rules OK**. The Bakewell Green Festival showed that community action is happening – shops, allotments, house building and much more - this is a meeting to encourage each other, inform each other and build a united front.
- Tuesday 13th January: **Rich World-Poor World**. Is charity enough? A look at economic systems which shows how we can encourage the rich world to downsize and the poor world to upsize in order to build a fairer world. Changing goals!
- Tuesday 10th February: **The Environmental Quality Mark**. Did you know that the Peak District has its own internationally acclaimed Eco-label? Discover how small local businesses and community groups have achieved the 'EQM' award as part of their journey towards sustainability.
- Tuesday 10th March (tbc): **Positive News**. Most of our news media and government etc. feed off the negative – how do we accentuate the positive?

www.bakewellquakers.org

Nottingham Post Environmental Awards

Wednesday 12th November, 6:45pm
The Nottingham Belfry Hotel
£25 per ticket

10 awards are up for grabs! Find out who has won Environmentalist of the Year, Environmental Community of the Year and more.

Book your tickets by 10th November: 0115 948 2000

Bike Maintenance Workshop

Sunday 16 November, 10am – 12pm

Loundsley Green

Organised by Transition Chesterfield

£2 per person

Booking essential: workshop@transitionchesterfield.org.uk

Get a free bike health check from a qualified bike mechanic and learn how to check and adjust your bicycle. The workshop will cover riding position, brake adjustment, gear adjustment, tyres and wheels. Participants should bring their own bicycle to work on. Suitable for beginners.

www.transitionchesterfield.org.uk

Time to Act On Climate Change: Public Meeting

Wednesday 19th November, 7pm

St Peters Church (opp BHS), St Peters Street, Derby

Derby Climate Coalition is inviting all the organisations in Derby that care about climate change to come and say a few words about what they are doing, and how we can act together. Derby Trades Council, Unite Community Branch, Justice and Peace and the WDM have already agreed to support the event.

Climate activist Danni Pafford will speak about the growing number of institutions divesting from fossil fuels. She was one of 21 activists who occupied the gas-fired power plants at West Burton Power Station for a week in October 2012. The energy company EDF was forced to drop their £5m civil lawsuit against the group.

Book [here](#) or email Derbyclimatecoalition@gmail.com or just turn up.

Solar/LED/Electric Car Workshop

Sat 22nd November, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Hady, Chesterfield

Organised by Transition Chesterfield

£2 per person

Booking essential: workshop@transitionchesterfield.org.uk

Find out how you can cut your energy use with LED lighting and even go off grid. Chris Brooks and family will give a tour and explanation of their solar house. All the lights in the house are low energy LED and run off batteries linked to solar panels. The house also has solar panels linked to the grid which Chris uses to charge his electric car.

www.transitionchesterfield.org.uk

Foundation Derbyshire Funding Appointments

Thursday 18th December, 10am – 3.00pm

The Granville Centre, Long Eaton

An opportunity to meet with the foundation if you would like to bid for funding from them. Book a 20-30 minutes appointment: stella@erewashcvs.org.uk

www.foundationderbyshire.org

Derbyshire Eco Centre Courses

Jan- Feb 2015

Middleton-by-Wirksworth

Course coming up in January and February 2015 include Permaculture Design Certificate, Introduction to Beekeeping, Family Bird Boxes Using Recycled Materials, Explore Renewable Energy, Organic Gardening and Introduction to Green Homes.

www.ecocentreexchange.org.uk

B. Local News

Yimby are looking for Nottinghamshire 'MakeHappeners'

Crowdfunding website Yimby are looking for people in Nottinghamshire who have an idea to make a difference in their community or for the environment and want to make it happen. You can use Yimby to raise funds and you could even receive a £250 pledge to get you started.

Submit your idea here: www.yimby.com/makehappeners

Grindleford Primary School Launches Solar Panel Fundraising Campaign

Grindleford Primary School have launched an exciting campaign to raise £12,000 to buy and install solar panels, after winning one of just 15 places on the national Solar Schools project.

Once installed the panels will generate clean electricity, help cut the schools energy bills and generate additional income which will be spent on school resources, equipment and a bike shed. The fundraising drive kicked off with a Green Day where pupils wore green clothes, bought cakes donated by the teachers and had fun outdoor activities in the school garden. The project helps school children learn first-hand about renewable energy, climate change and energy efficiency. Amy Cameron, Solar Schools campaign manager said: 'It's going to be a big challenge, but we know, if the local area gets behind them, they're more than capable of doing it!'

Donate online: www.solarschools.org.uk/grindlefordprimaryschool

Local Environmental Educator Up for Award!

Kate Allies, an Education Development Manager at Rosliston Forestry Centre in Derbyshire has been nominated for an Lifetime Achievement Award in the national Learning Outside the Classroom Annual Awards and needs your votes! Her nomination comes as recognition of 20 years work at Rosliston and developing environmental education opportunities across The National Forest. Kate is the only Midlands candidate for this award.

Vote here by 14th November: www.lotc.org.uk/news-and-events/awards-for-outstanding-contribution-to-lotc/

Hydro Project Receives Funding for Feasibility Study

Amber and Derby Valley Community Energy has received WRAP funding for a Pre-Design feasibility study for a potential community-owned hydro project. They hope the survey and its findings will be ready to review and discuss by late December.

www.advvyce.co.uk

Join Love Food Hate Wastes Nottingham Volunteer Network

Love Food, Hate Water are offering free training to individuals, groups and businesses. If you can get 15-20 people together and provide a venue they'll train

you to reduce food waste at home and give you the skills and confidence to tell others how to do the same.

Contact Marion Homer for more information: marion.homer@wrap.org.uk

Grants Available to Plant Trees in Nottinghamshire

Greenwood Community Forest is offering schools and community groups advice and up to £250 to help them plant trees in schools and publicly accessible land in the Mansfield, Ashfield, Newark and Sherwood, Gedling and Broxtowe areas of Nottinghamshire. The theme for this year's grant is 'Trees for Shade' as planting trees is one way of dealing with the adverse effects of climate change – a 10% increase in tree cover can significantly reduce temperatures in an urban area.

Deadline: 12th December. Get an application form: greenwood@nottsc.gov.uk

Woodland Volunteer

Amber Valley CVS are looking for a Woodland Volunteer who would like the opportunity to experience land and woodland management of a 12½ acre community woodland in the Ripley area of Derbyshire. The land is used by many local people and the Forest School Scheme. They are particularly interested in people who are qualified in chain saw and brush cutter usage, and environmental management skills,

To apply contact Amber Valley CVS on 01773 512076.

Support Available to Apply for Active Communities Grants

Help is available from Foundation Derbyshire to apply for a grant from The Peoples Health Trust. Grants will be awarded for projects that bring small communities together to share, learn, or play and by doing so improve our quality of life and well-being.

Surgeries are taking place during November for community groups who are interested. Our project will need to be based in an eligible ward. Call the Foundation on 01773 514850 to see if you are in an eligible ward and to book an appointment.

Supporting Local Communities Fund Launches

Nottinghamshire County Council have launched the Supporting Local Communities (SLC) fund, which will help local people deliver improvement schemes in their area, which will offer environmental, economic and community benefits. This fund will support a wide range of community-based schemes, anything from improving play parks to new allotment sites or a bandstand refurbishment. Up to £50,000 is available.

<http://bit.ly/1uGmB6M>

C. National News

PROJECT: Love Your Community, Get Energy Fit Together

The Big Energy Race is a new nationwide programme that supports community champions to enlist the help of friends and family in a shared energy challenge. The more people you get behind your team the more chance you have of winning an energy-saving makeover for your community.

Join now and be one of 250 groups around the country to have the chance to do something different for your local community, extend your community links and win prizes.

Register your interest: www.bigenergyrace.org or email info@bigenergyrace.org

EVENT: UK Passivhaus Open Days

7th-9th November

All over the UK

FREE

Passivhaus owners and residents will open their homes, offices and even construction sites to share their experiences and show what Passivhaus is all about.

www.passivhaustrust.org.uk/our_events

FUNDING: Grow Wild Funding

Funding of £1,000 to £4,000 is available to community groups that want to bring people together to transform a communal space by sowing and growing UK native plants. Deadline: 2nd December

www.growwilduk.com/community-project-funding

News in Brief

- [Nottinghamshire enjoys warmest October in a decade.](#)
- [Will the lights stay on this winter?](#)
- [How much could you earn from solar thermal or a heat pump?](#)
- [Galaxy Hot Chocolate fund](#) offering £300 to community groups:
- IPCC: [Rapid carbon emission cuts vital to stop severe effects of climate change:](#)
- The effect of fuel poverty on health [highlighted on TV.](#)

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