

Dear Members & Supporters,

Welcome to my latest PPC newsletter, especially to new members and supporters.

Hope you've all been managing to keep up with the goings on in Westminster! The daily farce of Brexit and Boris is getting everyone very down and I honestly can't guess what will happen by Halloween/Brexit Deadline Day. We wait with bated breath.....

Meanwhile...

Green Party Campaign School.

Our Green Chard Town Councillor Serena Wootton was the latest attendee of the Green Party Campaign School. She has returned to us simply buzzing with ideas and has most definitely got her 'Campaigning Hat' firmly in place. It was a very intensive few days of training and learning, which she is very much looking forward to sharing with members at future meetings.

The Big Green Gig.

A fantastic evening of music was held in Chard Guildhall on Saturday 21st. Our wonderful Deputy Leader Amelia Womack kindly came down for the night to show her support and it was a great way to kick-start a music scene in our community. Hopefully the first of many such events.

Climate Strike.

I took part in the Yeovil Climate March on Friday 20th. It had a good attendance and it was great to be part of a global action. In the absence of an event organiser I took the bull by the horns and called participants to commence their march up through Middle Street. There was one rather nasty heckler who I politely but firmly put in her place, otherwise a very positive event.

September SSGP Meeting report.

Thanks to Colin and Julie for hosting our latest meeting, our AGM, in their barn at Honeypot Farm. It was a very positive meeting and we discussed making future meetings a bit more interactive: we can all happily sit around for hours setting the world to rights, but sometimes we need to be a bit more direction and constructive action!

All SSGP officers remain the same apart from Serena taking over the Membership Secretary baton from me, to allow me to concentrate on parliamentary candidate stuff.

Minutes of this meeting are available upon request to members only.

Next SSGP Meeting

Our next get together is going to be Wednesday 9th October 7pm at the Y.E.S.S. Club, Preston Road, Yeovil (downstairs). If you have anything you would like added to the agenda, please email Alan on contact@southsomerset.greenparty.org.uk.

Some upcoming events you may be interested in:

Third Saturday of every month – Sustainable Yeovil Walk and talk, Ninesprings Café from 10am

4-6th October – Green Party Autumn Conference in Newport

Sat 5th Oct – The Pop-up Eco Supermarket, Odcombe from 9am

Sun 6th Oct – Chard Eco Market, 10-2, Crowchute Centre
Thurs 10th Oct – Green Party Chard Autumn meeting, 7pm, Saraiva's Restaurant, High Street
Sat 12th October – Bridport Vegan Octoberfest Market, Town Hall 10-2:30
Sun 13th October – Plastic Free Chard Litter Pick 10-12
Tues 15th Oct – Carbon Neutral Chard Autumn Meeting, 7pm Eleos Cafe
Sat 19th Oct – Yeovil Vegan Market, The Quedam 10-4
Sat 19th October – Crewkerne Vegan Market at the Town Hall from 10:00
Thurs 24th Oct - #TreesAreTheKey film screening (narrated by Kate Winslet), Chard Guildhall from 7pm
** CANCELLED **Sat 19th October – Sustainable Yeovil Mass Unwrap ***
Weds 20th Nov – Extinction Café – informal meet and chat with XR South Somerset at Take No Wrap, Yeovil 10:30-12:30
Sat 30th Nov – Chard's Festive Vegan Food, Arts, Crafts & Holistic Fayre, Guildhall 10:30-15:30
Sat 21st December – Crewkerne's Christmas Vegan Market, Town Hall 10-2

Until next month.

Best wishes
Diane Wood (PPC)