

Dear Members & Supporters,

Welcome to my latest PPC newsletter. Rob and I have been on a "Summer Sabbatical" to re-charge ahead of any possible/probable General Election. However, this has to have been the busiest summer of politics in a very long time! Even in rural France, the lure of the Wi-Fi was often too much in the need to keep abreast of the unfolding worldwide news; we just couldn't quite leave it alone!

With the ongoing Brexit/Boris issue and the catastrophic fires in the Amazon to name but two things, the world a very challenging place to live in at the moment. It is very easy to feel quite despondent and depressed with current affairs but it is essential we find some hope and cling onto it. The wonderful and inspiring Greta Thunberg has made it to the USA with her demonstration of persistence and defiance in the face of negativity, and downright nastiness directed at her.

We Greens are standing together on the side of what is good and right, we are resilient and keep fighting, no matter how tough. As a Green I stand by my principles and stand for what I believe to be right, without hate, without name calling, without negativity. Other parties do not do this, they represent egos, money and self-aggrandisement, which is why I will be standing as a Green Party Candidate in the next General Election no matter what.

South Somerset Plan Consultation.

A reminder to please look at the South Somerset District Council Local Plan public consultation before the deadline of 18th September. There are areas of development on greenfield sites planned that you may not have been aware of and it is vital we all have our say about how our communities evolve and grow in the coming years. I for one don't want to live in an urban sprawl, do you?

<http://consult.southsomerset.gov.uk/consult.ti/PreferredOptionsConsultation/consultationHome>

SSGP Website.

If you haven't done so recently, please look at our new and improved website. Many thanks to Mark for the hard work you have put in. If anyone has got any ideas for the website content, please let him know at edwarp@mac.com

<https://southsomerset.greenparty.org.uk>

Green Party Campaign School.

We are very pleased to announce that Chard Town Green Councillor Serena Wootton was selected to attend this year's Campaign School, following in the footsteps of my husband Rob. This means intensive campaign training and ongoing mentoring for one year for Serena, all of which can really help all of us at SSGP to campaign more effectively and positively. Thank you Serena for offering your precious time to do this.

Yeovil Pride.

Rob, Lily and I attended the inaugural Yeovil Pride event on Sat 31st August. Despite it being organised at quite short notice with limited publicity, they managed to get around 200 people

attending which was fantastic. The support from our local Fire and Police services for the event was also great. Lily even got to sit in the rainbow Police Car for a photo. Well done to all who arranged it and attended.



Next SSGP Meeting

Our next get together is going to be this coming Friday 6th September 7pm at Honey Pot Farm, Fosse Way, Yeabridge, TA13 5DJ. It was going to be in Ilminster but our usual venue there (The Green House) was too expensive (previously was free to use). Luckily our members Colin and Julie have kindly offered us the use of their barn which should make for a lovely venue.

In the light of a possible upcoming GE, we are also making this our AGM so we can get all our officers and coordinators in place ready to start proper campaign planning.

Some upcoming events you may be interested in:

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

Sat 7th Sept – The Pop-up Eco Supermarket, Odcombe from 9am

Sat 7th Sept – Yeovil Vegan Market, The Quedam 10-4

Tuesdays 3rd Sept/17th Sept – Volunteer Tuesday, activities, tour and lunch at Hewood Organics nr. Chard

Thurs 12th Sept – XR “Climate Change: Heading for Extinction” Talk at Green House, Ilminster from 7pm

Sat 14th Sept – Extinction Café – informal meet and chat with XR South Somerset at The Emporium Café, Yeovil 10:30-13:30

Sat 14th September – Clothes Swap at Take No Wrap from 18:30

Friday 20th – Friday 27th September – Global Strike for Climate: Week For Future!

Events are being coordinated worldwide culminating in a global general strike on Friday 27th.

Locally I have found the following events under this umbrella:

Yeovil – 20th at Kaspas, Middle Street from 11-2

Exeter – 20th at Bedford Square from 11-2

Bristol – 20th at College Green from 11-5

Weston-Super-Mare – 20th at Town Hall from 9-3

Wells – 20th at Town Hall from 11-2

Sat 21st September – The Big Green Gig, Chard Guildhall, doors open at 7pm. A full line-up of music plus special guest speaker Deputy Leader of the Green Party Amelia Womack!!

THE BIG GREEN GIG

3 DAFT MONKEYS

THE WING FACED EARTH FIGS

SHARON LAZIBYRD

GUEST SPEAKER - AMELIA WOMACK

CHARD GUILDHALL

SATURDAY 21ST SEPT

DOORS OPEN 7PM

£10 FROM ELEDS £12 ON THE DOOR

FACEBOOK - SUSTAINABLE CHARD
TIMDEA1@HOTMAIL.CO.UK
07912 262 773

If you think you could help out at this event, please contact Tim Eggins.

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

Sat 12th October – Bridport Vegan Octoberfest Market, Town Hall 10-2:30

Sun 13th October – Plastic Free Chard Litter Pick 10-12

Sat 19th October – Crewkerne Vegan Market at the Town Hall from 10:00

Sat 19th October – Sustainable Yeovil Mass Unwrap at a supermarket, details to follow

Sat 21st December – Crewkerne's Christmas Vegan Market, Town Hall 10-2

Until next month.

Best wishes

Diane Wood (PPC and Membership Secretary)