



Havant's FOE team with Author Andrea Clair Smith

Emsworth flocks to the Fair

Emsworth residents found plenty of ideas for greener living at a unique fair held in International House, Emsworth Square. Organised by Havant and East Hampshire Friends of the Earth, the fair showed ways in which we can all help the future survival of the planet. Exhibitors included Havant Council's recycling team and a company specialising in solar generated electricity, now rapidly expanding along with wind turbines, as a source of renewable energy.

Local conservationists were strongly represented by the award-winning Brook Meadow Conservation Group, Emsworth Tree Wardens Scheme and the Emsworth Cycling Project.

The Fair was opened by journalist, Andrea Clair Smith, co-author of 'Save Cash and Save the Planet' (Collins £12.95) which is now into a second print run after selling 12,000 copies.

Visitors were invited to make a personal pledge on greener living in return for a free low-energy light bulb. 80 accepted the challenge and pledges ranged from making fewer car and plane trips, buying a water butt and composting more.

'Hippos' that reduce water in WC's flew off the shelves. With Xmas on the way, the Fair Trade stall reported record takings for their tasty range of cakes, biscuits and chocolate. For the health conscious natural therapies provided by the Medicine Garden proved to be popular.

'Food miles have now been targeted by all the main supermarkets as customers recognise the true cost to the environment of imported food. More locally grown produce is the answer and if grown organically as well, there's a double plus. A local box vegetable producer was on hand to give growing tips and offer a home delivery service.

Fuel for the future attracted attention from drivers of diesel cars. A Petersfield company explained how a car could be adapted to use unmodified cooking oil to replace ordinary pump diesel. Over 250 people came to the fair making it an event Havant's FOE group will want to repeat elsewhere.

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Climate Bill on the way

Climate campaigners have hailed the announcement in the Queen's Speech of a Climate Bill in the new parliament. In a statement Environment Secretary, David Milliband MP, acknowledged the work Friends of the Earth had done to promote the new bill

"Friends of the Earth have played a big role in pressing the case for action on climate change. Today's Bill is a big step forward in tackling climate change and we will work with them and many others to make sure it works"

FOE Director, Tony Juniper, welcomed the Bill as a crucial first step in ensuring the UK plays its part in keeping temperatures below danger levels. But there was criticism of the government's reluctance to set annual targets. The announcement follows a nationwide campaign by FOE groups throughout the UK. This resulted in hundreds of MP's signing an Early Day Motion (EDM 178) calling on the government to move the Bill.

Havant FOE played its part by organising over 200 local residents to sign postcards and send them to MP David Willetts asking him to support the EDM. **Despite a written assurance that he would Mr Willetts was not among the 415 MP's who signed. It seems he was called away on business but has now signed EDM 58 demanding annual targets be set on carbon dioxide emissions.**

Who is the greenest of them all ?



The Environment Agency recently invited experts to name 100 people who had done the most to save the planet. The full list is published on the Guardian web site but here are the top 10.

Rachel Carson

The patron saint of environmentalist. A writer, scientist and ecologist from rural Pennsylvania, famous for her book the *Silent Spring* attacking the indiscriminate use of toxic chemicals

EF Schumacker

Born in Bonn he was an early critic of economic growth as a measure of national progress, helped to found the Soil Association and wrote *Small is Beautiful*

Jonathan Porritt

Co-founder of FOE and the Green Party. Now heads the Sustainability Development Commission. Critical of nuclear power and classic growth theory

David Attenborough

Veteran Broadcaster and practically everybody's idea of a loveable green

James Lovelock

Author the Gaia Theory saying the Earth is a biosphere working as a single living organism. His book, *The Revenge of Gaia*, predicts that billions will die by the end of the century with survivors forced to live in the Arctic.

Wangari Maathai

Africa's "tree woman" who founded the green belt movement in Kenya in 1977 and was awarded the Nobel peace prize in 2004.

Prince of Wales

Charles' long history of speaking up on green issues especially organic foods and local produce have defined him the green royal.

All Gore

Politician turned campaigner whose film 'An Inconvenient Truth' seals a lifetime of campaigning on climate change.

Gro Harlem Brundtland

Former PM of Norway her 1987 report, Our Common Future, led to the 1992 Rio Earth summit.



How to enjoy Christmas without it costing the Earth



Starting with presents there's second-hand and charity shops full of recycled goodies. Or theatre tokens, annual subscriptions or a weekend away. A copy of *Save Cash and Save the Planet* would be handy or a bag for life (125,000 tonnes of packaging is thrown away over Christmas). For food and drink opt for locally grown, buy loose veg and for parties avoid disposable crocks. Peelings and food waste are all compostable-the answer is don't buy too much. We buy 744,000 Xmas cards, the equivalent of 1/4 million trees. Add the wrapping paper and that's another 50,000. OK keep the fairy lights but change some to low energy. If every household used one low-energy bulb they'd save £80 million. We buy 6 million real Xmas trees which should be ground into mulch for use in the council's parks and gardens

Tesco Store Stalled

Scores of objections, organised by Havant FOE, has delayed a planning decision on Tesco's proposed new monster store in Solent Road. It is understood that talks are under way on what non-food lines the new store will stock and its impact on local small businesses

**Meet Friends of the Earth
for a Xmas get-together
18th December 7.30
6 South Street, Havant
Opposite the Old House & Home**

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