



Great Green Week



Opening night at the Spring



RSPB talk on Langstone's birds



Organic tomatoes at Green Fair



Tree walk & talk at Staunton

Green Weeks in Havant just get better. 27 events in seven locations throughout the borough stretched our small team to the limit. The high-lights were the opening night at the Spring and Green Fair in Havant Park. In between there was something for the gardeners, birders, tree-huggers, bee lovers and others with green ambitions.

As with last year, FOE teamed with the Havant Transition Network and the Borough Council to share the cost and workload. Both the Mayor and deputy Mayor, who opened the two main events, said how fortunate Havant is to have many groups working for a better environment. The most difficult part in a long march is the first step but Havant has at least begun the journey

Bee cause creates a buzz at Green Fair

British bee numbers have fallen dramatically in recent years. And the way we farm our food and plan our towns and cities is making the problem worse. This was the message at the launch of Havant FOE's Save the Bees campaign launched at the Green Fair in Havant. FOE campaigners, Sophie Cobbett and Emily von Kirchner, gave out leaflets and seed packs and collected dozens of signatures on a petition to David Cameron asking him to adopt an action plan to arrest the serious decline in bee populations throughout the country. For more information:

http://www.foe.co.uk/what_we_do/bee_cause_petition_35038.html?gclid=CKGRg73xhLECFYzbfAodDT7tfg



OPENING NIGHT DEBATE AT THE SPRING

There was no shortage of views on what it meant to be green when three speakers got together at the Spring for the start of Green Week. First up was Claire Smith, author of 'Save Cash and Save the Planet', and a Green Party member. Claire's focus was on what everyone can do as individuals to make a difference starting with her own experiences and views on sustainability. Stef Kling describes himself as a renegade economist and attacked the traditional financial culture and its recent meltdown. Equal

societies were generally happier and healthier than some Anglo-American models. Does growth equals happiness? One does not always lead to the other. FOE Campaigns Coordinator, Andrew Pendleton, summarised where the planet stood in the battle for survival. Rio plus 20 went much the same as other conferences like it with few signs of any durable agreement to cut emissions. He moved on to speak about FOE's 'Clean British Energy', specifically wind and the Bee cause campaigns

Gardeners slug it out with an old enemy

This summer has been great not only for ducks, snails and slugs but a bumper year for makers of poisonous pellets. After a constant deluge, desperate gardeners have stepped up the use of animal-unfriendly poisons to save their prize veg. The fact is there is no food plant that can totally resist snails and slugs whatever the defence.

Pellets are poisoned cereal chunks. As well as slugs they attract birds insects and small mammals and can inflict a slow and painful death. Although cheap and convenient to use they often don't work.

FOE's web site lists some of the 70 or so non-toxic ways of deterring the hungry molluscs.

http://www.foe.co.uk/news/killing_slugs_36291.html?product=TIP&utm_source=tip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tip



Peak oil is history says new study

For decades industry experts and others have said that peak oil has either passed or is just around the corner. Now, research by Harvard university, claims production is likely to increase for the foreseeable future as new mining techniques come on stream and US shale oil and gas deposits become massive new sources of accessible energy. Nearer home pilot drillings are under way for oil in Havant and For-estside in West Sussex.

Meanwhile, the government has rejected calls for a moratorium on fracking or hydraulic fracturing in the UK despite reports of it causing tremors in Lancashire and its potential for polluting water aquifers and causing other serious damage.

For more info:

<http://www.thenewamerican.com/economy/markets/item/11942-Harvard-senior-fellow-peak-oil-is-history>

Imperial College London FOE Conference 2012

This year's conference will be held in Imperial College, London starting on 14-16th September. 15 speakers will include:

- Caroline Lucas MP
- Vivienne Westwood - Clothes Designer
- Liz Jenson - Author
- Fred Pearce - Author

Plus

Loads of workshops
Motions from the floor
Earthmover awards
Bed and Breakfast on Campus
for 2 nights from £80

The registration fee (£30) for three members will be paid from group funds with preference to unwaged members and those attending for the first time.

Copy this link into your browser to book and re-claim the registration fee
http://www.foe.co.uk/events/conference_7967.html



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WHAT'S ON

14-15th July

Hampshire Water Festival
Staunton Country Park

14-15th September

FOE Local Groups Conference
Imperial College, London

26th September

Green Drinks, Old House at Home, Havant

10th October

AGM - followed by film & debate.
Crown Hotel, Emsworth

Who does what in Havant FOE

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