

# Guildford and Waverley

Newsletter: April 2012

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Hope you like the new logo? I've chosen blue, but if you'd prefer yellow, red or green, just let me know! For more details of the new branding, look at

[http://www.foe.co.uk/community/local\\_groups/new\\_look\\_35334.html](http://www.foe.co.uk/community/local_groups/new_look_35334.html)

A parcel arrived this morning containing bright new T-shirts, flags, a banner and a tablecloth, which I'm looking forward to using at campaigning stall this summer!

Our last meeting should have been on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March but too many of us were busy at other events so the meeting was cancelled. Lots to do this month though....

## Local News

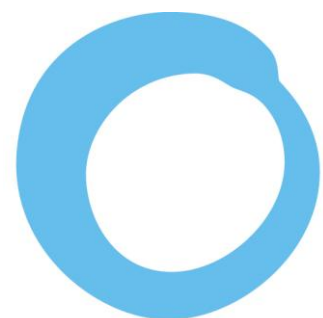
I am sorry to have to pass on the news that Kate Potter, a lovely lady who acted as our volunteer treasurer for many years, died 2 weeks ago after a long illness. Anyone who remembers Kate will be welcome at Guildford Crematorium on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm. Details from Chris Meeks, 01483 422 774

## Future Events

### Launch of the Bee Cause

[http://www.foe.co.uk/bee\\_cause](http://www.foe.co.uk/bee_cause)

National Friends of the Earth's launch of the Bee Cause this month has been so successful that 10,000 free packets of bee friendly seeds have already been given away and a lovely garden set up overnight on the South Bank (see photo) Bees are so important in our day to day lives, and are indicative of the need we have to restore, preserve and protect healthy ecosystems. I have signed our group up!



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the earth**



This weekend I'm attending the regional training event meeting:- **21 April, High Wycombe, Quaker Meeting House**, with Nikki Packham, so I'll be well informed for Monday's meeting of what we can do locally and nationally. In the meantime, please go to the website and sign the petition to David Cameron to protect our bees, then get into the garden and plant something bee friendly!

[http://foe.co.uk/what\\_we\\_do/bee\\_cause\\_petition\\_35038](http://foe.co.uk/what_we_do/bee_cause_petition_35038)

On a personal note, my next big future event is the Friends of the Earth Trust **Big Green Bike Ride** from London to Edinburgh. I'm cycling from London to Cambridge on 06/05/2012, a distance of 65 miles, which I've never done before, so wish me luck and encourage me by sponsoring me at <http://www.justgiving.com/Hilary-Griffiths> All proceeds go to Friends of the Earth, obviously, and they're hoping to make this an annual event- (for other people....)

**Final Demand** campaign has now moved onto the next phase. Tens of thousands of people signed FoEs petition calling for a public inquiry into the Big Six energy companies.

“The next phase of our work - **the Clean British Energy campaign** – starts now! We’ll be calling on people and organisations to switch to clean British energy to earn themselves their own ‘CBE’ award. We’ll demonstrate the massive support for moving away from imported coal and gas and on to clean British energy from wind, waves, tides and sunshine (70% of people according to a recent poll).”

National Friends of the Earth are supporting the Food Waste campaign and I would like to join with some of the members of Transition Guildford to put on a local event that links local food growing and bee friendly ways. Please help Rachael and me to do some joined up thinking!

**Conference 2012-3** Roger Clarke, our new Chair of Friends of the Earth has published a letter about new refreshing Conference ideas. Join the Discussion groups in April and May - Click on the link below to get involved.  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Conference2013>

Lots more good stuff on Marinet’s web site. See  
<http://www.marinet.org.uk/latestnews.html>

## Web Actions

Gasland: Dangers of Natural Gas Extraction  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=j2Nc-kxWfmc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=j2Nc-kxWfmc)

This is a disturbing extended trailer about fracking. I don’t know its heritage, but if even 10% of the facts are true, we need to rise up against fracking as soon as possible!

Also Caroline Lucas is talking about fracking here:-  
[Fracking debate on Newsnight with Caroline Lucas](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2Nc-kxWfmc)  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) or look at  
<http://www.thekitchn.com/the-impact-of-fracking-on-our-food-supply-gilt-taste-169755>

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 23rd April 7.30, back at our usual venue- Guildford Institute

Hope to see you on Monday. If not, the meeting dates for rest of the year are May 21st, 25th June and 23rd July so hope to see you at some of them, mainly in Guildford Institute.

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