

Guildford and Waverley

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Our last meeting was a largely social one on July 23rd where we celebrated a successful year, the culmination of which was launching our new facebook page and helping collect several hundred cards over 2 days at the Hampton Court Flower Show Bee cause stall!

AND- We've just found out that we've been shortlisted for "Group of the Year" in this year's Earthmovers awards, so please make every effort to come to Conference to see our presentation on Friday and cheer us on!

Local News



As a result of the newsletter, at short notice, 4 of our local group took a large part with Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) and other NGOs in practical invasive species management tasks,



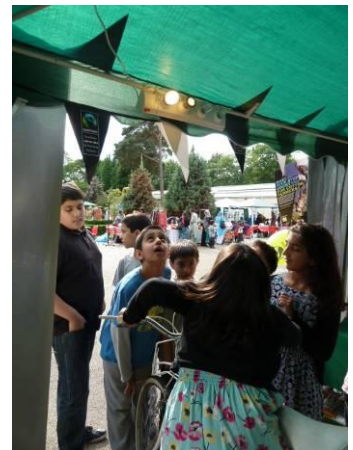
along stretches of the river at Guildford and Woking over the 2 days July 31st and Aug 1st. As the photos show it was hard work, but immensely satisfying to clear huge areas of Himalayan Balsam and allow the crowded out native species like the lovely purple loosestrife and meadowsweet a chance to re-establish. Our networking with other NGOs and councils helps initiatives like this get off the ground!

Various members, wearing different hats, in this case Woking LA21, have helped at stalls over the summer. This

one was at Woking meal, educating children about energy efficiency light bulbs, by seeing how hard it was to power up the old ones on a specially adapted bike! Our Woking MP, Jonathan Lord had a ride on it too to join in the fun. Thank you Jonathan!

Bee Cause

As Saturday, 8th September is Heritage Open Day, Elmbridge FOE are having a stall at the Cobham Heritage Open Day from 11am to 4pm where they hope to be selling Bee Cup cakes, having a competition with wild flower seeds as prizes and collecting lots of signed cards. http://www.foe.co.uk/bee_cause. Due to commitments they will be short of members so any volunteers from our group would be most welcome. Please contact David at davport@dpmail.co.uk if you can help?



Social networking Those of you wonderful young people that do these things, please can you follow us on <https://twitter.com/gwfoe>. Guildford/Waverley FoE at: @GWFoE. Tweet to see how many press releases we have now! (User name Wey Valley)

We now have 17 friends on our Guildford and Waverley Friends of the Earth group (not the old FOE GW one). If you use facebook, please click "like" on to it so we can use it more effectively. Thanks!

Future Events

The Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT) annual Conference is on 31st August to 2nd September. Lots of skill-sharing, talks etc. so to book a place, visit http://cat.org.uk/conference_booking

More importantly visit

http://www.foe.co.uk/events/conference_7967.html?ic_number=934583&m_sourcecode=CB0803AL&product=REGACT&utm_source=lyris&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=email&hq_em=localgroups%40foe.co.uk&MID=1732158&hq_e=el&hq_m=1732158&hq_l=4&hq_v=9d2298d503

to book for our **Friends of the Earth Conference, 14-16th September** at Imperial College. **Invite everyone you know** if you just want to attend Saturday 15th- it's open to all for just £10, with very good speakers! £30 for the whole weekend for local groups as usual.

Lichen Discovery Day, £10, SWT,
MONDAY 3rd SEPT 10.30 AM - 4PM Join Environmental Group Support Officer Frances Halstead & Ishpi Blatchley at Pucks Oak Barn in Compton.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL, please call Frances Halstead on 01483 795478 or email frances.halstead@surreywt.org.uk

Lots as usual on the marinet website eg

What will happen in the Arctic ocean when all the ice has melted?

<http://www.marinet.org.uk/latestnews.html#wwhi>

'Entrainment' — the destruction of undersized fish by aggregate dredging

<http://www.marinet.org.uk/latestnews.html#etdo>

Our next meeting will be on Monday 24th September so I hope to see you, on the top floor of Guildford Institute at 7.15.

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