

Guildford and Waverley Newsletter : July 2012



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Our last meeting was a rearranged one on July 5th where we planned our participation for the Hampton Court Flower Show Bee cause stall, which was exceptionally productive - (details and photos below). There's more on that to follow....

Local News

Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT), with other NGOs, is planning a week of "**Alien Hunting**" - 3 events on 31 Jul & 1/2 August centred around a practical invasive species management task and walkovers of stretches of the river at Guildford, Farnham and Woking to conduct Invasive Species surveys. I'll send out details and I do hope you will be able to join us, as there has already been a lot of interest. Frances of SWT is on leave this week so details will be mailed out asap. Let me know if you're available or contact frances.halstead@surreywt.org.uk directly

The Bee Cause http://www.foe.co.uk/bee_cause.

Friends of the Earth had some great opportunities to **promote the bee campaign at Hampton Court Flower Show. This was a great opportunity to dress up in the big bee outfits and have a fun time!** Kathy made a lovely queen bee but I only made worker status! Thanks to Angi Long and David Porter too- we played a large share in getting **several hundred cards** signed in a very supportive environment, handing out advice and posters on helping bees at the same time. *Photo:-Me and Glen Colegate, FoE's creative director in bee mode.*



Volunteers please- stalls about bees are such a positive way of communicating with the public- no arguments- everyone likes bees! We're hoping to have a Bee Campaign stall at a local garden centre over the summer, so don't buzz off for the summer.....

All the education resources for schools and youth clubs for the Bee Cause campaign are still available on line too :- <http://www.foeyouthand>

[education.co.uk/bee-resources/](http://www.foeyouthandeducation.co.uk/bee-resources/)
One of our charming visitors to the stall.

Web Actions

This week thousands of Friends of the Earth supporters around the world took action calling for the release of 20 year old Miguel Correa, who has been working with Friends of the Earth Paraguay. **Today we celebrate his freedom.** His release is fantastic news, a huge relief for his family and friends, and **testament to what can be achieved when FoEI work together. Well done to all!**

Would you like to win **a year's free electricity** from Ecotricity or Good Energy? Grab your camera or phone and enter our **Clean British Energy photo competition.** Details at http://www.foe.co.uk/living/competitions/cbe_photo_competition.

Hate wasting money and stamps on sending cards? FOE's ecards are really useful and environmentally friendly! Go to <http://www.foe.co.uk/living/cards.html> -great idea- lovely cards and all donations thoroughly appreciated.

Social networking Do follow our wood fuel project on <https://twitter.com/gwfoe>. Guildford/Waverley FoE at:

@GWFoE. Tweet our many press releases- we had two in the Guardian 16/7/12. (User name Wey Valley):-

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/social-enterprise-partner-zone-the-co-operative/seven-community-groups-to-spark-surge-in-renewable-energy>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/social-enterprise-partner-zone-the-co-operative/south-east-wey-valley-wood-fuel>

24 new items on the Marinet latest news website eg.

<http://www.marinet.org.uk/latestnews.html#cttp>. There are also details about the Parliamentary Select Committee which is currently open to receiving written evidence about the way that HM Government is responding to marine management and marine science.

The CAT annual Conference is on 31st August to 2nd September, so to book a place, visit <http://support.cat.org.uk/cat-annual-conference>

Future Events

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.

<https://www.foe.co.uk/big-green-bike-ride/new-page-36392.html> **The Big Green Bike Ride** report is now on the FOE website. As a result of your generous donations to me, our group has earned £63.45 to add to our funds. The whole event broke even, which was very good for a first time with high start up costs, and will be repeated next year. So start practising – it's your turn to take part next time!!

Our next meeting will be on 23rd July so I hope to see you at some of them, on the top floor of Guildford Institute at 7.15. We need to talk about our choices for the 3D debate at Conference before adjourning for a celebratory drink. So if you've read through them on http://www.foe.co.uk/resource/event-background-documents/3dmotions_paper_2012.pdf then we can shorten the serious part of the meeting!

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