

Torbay Christian EcoAction

August 2024 newsletter

This is our August newsletter. First and immediately, apologies there was no newsletter in July. It was a combination of events which meant it just wasn't possible and apologies

As previously, this newsletter is coming in PDF form but also with a link at <https://davidhodson.com/torbay-christian-ecoaction-august-2024-newsletter/> if that is easier for you to distribute. If you want a word version, let me know. If you want to unsubscribe, email me. If you know of anyone whom you think would like to receive, again let me know. As previously, it is a mixture of events, resources and news. If anyone has anything they would like appropriately publicised, please let me know.

General election

Well it happened on 4th July of course. Within a matter of days we had various fairly dramatic announcements about energy and ecological issues. The Minister concerned, Ed Miliband, went off at great speed after which, in my perception, very little has been heard. Certainly it has been the summer. Certainly there have been other events occurring within the country. But there doesn't seem to have been much more. Is there any retrenching, revaluing, looking again at the cost and benefits. It's not clear and hopefully we will know better perhaps in September and certainly in October. We hope so

Tear fund quiz

This has been successfully run over the past couple of years. It is scheduled for 16th November. Claire and I may be in difficulties and we are therefore looking to bring it forward to perhaps 26 October. Could I hear from anyone for whom that new possible date might be inconvenient so that we can gauge which date is preferable. Thank you

How green is your garden

You will remember that this was going to be held in the spring but we needed more time to put it together. We are provisionally looking at 18 January 2025. Please put in your diary and more to follow when in September

The sea grass beds in our bay

You will know that this is a phenomenal ecological resource for us locally but also for our planet. We heard about this at the EcoAction event last December. There is a very interesting and informative article in Devon Life about it:

https://www.greatbritishlife.co.uk/magazines/devon/24405167.restoring-devons-rare-underwater-seagrass-meadows/?ref=rss&utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter&s=09

However it relies on being protected which it is or should be because it is a marine conservation zone and more. I was therefore very saddened to see the following Facebook entry about the destruction. We have made progress in abandoning the form of fishing which effectively scrapes up everything on the seabed. But even so, this is bad news. I pass on for information and any opportunity anyone has to bring to wider attention. And yes, I do follow the seahorse trust!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/yymEDdZSYXHRk4YP/>

Torbay Climate Action CIC

It was with much sadness that we received the message that Torbay Climate Action is closing its doors. It was unable to sustain its work through very busy professional and personal lives with which I suspect all of us are sympathetic. Rae and her colleagues have done magnificent work over a number of years in the Torbay area on raising awareness of ecological issues. I attended their carbon literacy course a year ago and learnt a huge amount. I hope it will only be temporary and we will remain in touch with them. But it emphasises again the real challenges we all have. There is such urgency in what has to be done and yet limited resources. Thank you TCA for all you have achieved

The Wembury Rainbow Sea Slug

Rainbows come in all shapes and sizes, and also creatures. I was interested in this podcast from the BBC on the above:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0jj5mz0?at_format=image&at_link_id=2BC0ADEA-5986-11EF-81B8-E5D78DE57802&at_link_origin=BBCDevon&at_medium=social&at_link_type=web_link&at_ptr_name=twitter&at_campaign_type=owned&at_campaign=Social Flow&at_bbc_team=editorial&s=09

Exeter Diocese creation care newsletter

I mentioned previously that the Exeter diocese has revamped its creation care work and has launched a regular newsletter known as "Seasons". Not just for Anglicans. If anyone would like to subscribe, let me know.

One Torbay: Torbay Council weekly newsletter

Our local council produces a weekly newsletter of developments. I include some in these newsletters although I'm conscious to avoid any suggestion of political elements. But there is a strong environmental theme to the newsletter. May I recommend strongly subscribing. It really is most informative. More details here

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKTORBAYCOUNCIL/subscriber/new?preferences=true>

Similar work from our friends in Plymouth and Exeter

The August newsletter of the Plymouth churches green action can be found here:

<https://mailchi.mp/fe7983933178/plymouth-churches-green-action-eneews-august-2024?e=9dd45dc4a5>

The Exeter newsletter will be sent on separately. Both contain valuable information about other events in Devon.

Thank you for getting this far.

Please let me have any items you want me to distribute including from your organisation or church or news items for information. Hopefully more content in September as we get going again for the autumn

Best wishes

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