

HEREFORDSHIRE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

20th October 2005

Dear FOE members,

A brief note to remind and encourage you to come to the next two monthly meetings to be held at Canal Road Day Centre:

Wednesday, 2nd November - Andrew Richards, Senior Food & Farming Adviser for the National Farmers Union (West Midlands) will be talking to us on "Small Farms and Sustainability"

And

Wednesday, 7th December - Becky Roseff will be talking about the "Carrying Capacity of Herefordshire". Becky has calculated that the size of Herefordshire's population in the Middle Ages was about the same as today. Does this mean that Herefordshire could become self-sufficient?

Both talks should raise a number of interesting issues and open the way to a good discussion. These events are open to all, so if you know of anyone who would be interested in coming, please do bring them along.

Our monthly meetings at Canal Day Centre are preceded by about an hour of socialising with the option of a bowl of delicious soup and bread supplied by Frank Hemming, on behalf of Andy's Café, Hereford, from 6.30pm, with the main talk starting around 7.30pm.

Please note that there will be **NO MEETING IN JANUARY** contrary to what was stated in the September Newsletter. Instead on **1st February**, we will start the year with discussing "Is our lifestyle contributing to Climate Change?". We all know the answer to that, but need to find ways of helping each other. Brian Lunt will be on hand to talk to us and help us analyse our personal CO2 impact. For this to be effective, we all need to bring a precise record of our heating, lighting and transport costs as per the sample calculator in the last newsletter.

We have recently made a catalogued inventory of the group's stored documents, files and information, and more importantly what books and leaflets we have which are available for members to borrow. Please contact Ruth Stanier (01432 353837) where the books are actually stored or myself (01432 850647) to arrange collection or delivery. Note the last titles on the list are fairly recent acquisitions and deal with aspects of particular current concern - Climate Change.

- The Politics of the Real World
- Radiation & Cancer in Wales - The Biological Consequences of Low Level Radiation by Chris Busby
- Energy - The Changing Climate (Summary of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution's Report (1997ish))

- Good Wood Guide (1996)
- A Better Place to Live by Chris Church
- Buyer Beware (1993)
- Causing a Stink - Eco Warrior's Handbook (1996)
- Green Gauge - Indicators for the UK Government (1996)
- Signals of change - World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- High Tide by Mark Lynas (2004)
- The Party's Over (Oil, War & the fate of Industrial Societies) by Richard Heinberg (2003)
- Energy Beyond Oil by Paul Mobbs (2005)*
- Twilight in the Desert - The Coming Saudi Oil Shock & the World Economy by Matthew R Simmons (2005)

* In September, Paul Mobbs came to talk to the Group - check out his website: www.fraw.org.uk/ebo/ for information about *Energy Beyond Oil*

For those of you who have been unable to come to meetings or participate in person with group activities, we thought you'd be interested to know what has been covered during the last year, so I am enclosing a copy of Janet's report to our recent AGM.

Next newsletter is due at the end of January. If you have an article to be included, please contact me.

Best wishes,

Melodie Winch