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*Our Next Meeting*

## **Paul de Zylva**

FoE's Senior Analyst and Chair of the  
National Park City Foundation

Code Red For Humanity - How to make life on  
earth and in every neighbourhood habitable

**The next monthly meeting is on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm. It will be our first blended meeting. You can attend in person (pre-booking essential) or join us via Zoom. See the inside cover for more details. The Zoom link for this meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88391221919?pwd=bE5SSHIRc0JyTWNXNVo2R0tSNEpvQT09>**

Meeting ID: 883 9122 1919 Passcode: 057918 or dial 0208 080 6592

*Our usual meetings are at 7.30pm at The Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley*

Everyone always welcome

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# NEWSLETTER

## May Meeting Participation

This month we are planning what's called a blended meeting. This means that we intend having a speaker at the Friends Meeting House speaking to an audience which is being relayed live on Zoom. FOE stipulate several rules that we have to adhere to though.

*Please note, owing to the limited numbers allowed for in-person FoE meetings, you will need to pre-book a place at the meeting. There are 20 spaces available, so please email us at [bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com) or leave a message on 020 82891503 to reserve your space! First come, first served!*

*If you are hoping to attend in person, please can you do a lateral flow test immediately beforehand, wear a mask if you feel safer doing so, use the hand sanitizers we will provide and bring your own drink.*

*Thank you for your co-operation in helping the group move forward post-Covid.*

## Diary Dates

**5<sup>th</sup> Apr (Tue) Friends of the Earth Bromley Monthly Meeting 7.30pm.** Code Red for Humanity – How to make life on Earth and every neighbourhood habitable. The world's governments agree that we need to act now to restore nature and keep our climate stable. What does that mean in practice? Paul de Zylva, Friends of the Earth's Senior Analyst and Chair of the National Park City Foundation, the charity behind London and Adelaide being the world's first National Park Cities.

**14<sup>th</sup> May BFoE Spring Clean 11am.** Please join us in Norman Park Bromley to do a litter pick. Meet at the bus shelter in the car park off Hayes Lane. This is the end of the park where the athletics track is. Bring gloves and your litter picker if you have one. Bags provided. More detail on page 6.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Jun (Wed) World Refill Day.** Download the 'Refill' app to find your nearest refill shops or look in the newsletter. Support them by getting your containers refilled and reduce plastic use.

**25<sup>th</sup> Jun London Groundswell 2022 - Tickets now live!** Find your nearest event: [https://friendsoftheearth.uk/climate/groundswell-2022-grassroots-campaigning-event?dm\\_i=78W4,45BC,1GQKID,GOVN,1](https://friendsoftheearth.uk/climate/groundswell-2022-grassroots-campaigning-event?dm_i=78W4,45BC,1GQKID,GOVN,1)

**9<sup>th</sup> Jul (Sat) Chelsfield Village Fair**

**20<sup>th</sup> Aug (Sat)** BFoE proposed visit to the Centre for Alternative Technology see page 9.

**29<sup>th</sup> Aug (Mon) Cudham Fete & Show** Cudham Recreation Ground, Cudham Lane South TN14 7QB <https://www.kentband.com/cudhamvillageclub/fete.html>

This is all correct when going to press, but may be updated in the next newsletter. If you need further information on any events, you can email us at [bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com)

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## Next Newsletter Copy

Please send all your news, articles, poems, questions, views, articles for sale to the editor via one of the methods below to arrive not later than **midnight Friday 20th May.**

**Post:** 17 Everard Avenue, Hayes, Kent BR2 7LR

**Email:** robert.clark9@btinternet.com (please write ***'Newsletter'*** in the subject line)

**Note that there are several internet links in this newsletter which may be impractical to type into a browser. If you would like access to any of them, then please let us know and we will send you an electronic copy of the newsletter where you can just click on the links.**

## April Meeting Report

Annette Rose

Sarah Chant Co-ordinator of  
'Environmental Action Coney Hall' (EACH)

Sarah last spoke to our group in February 2020. The aim of her talk this time was to recap what has been achieved in the past, update us with recent events and talk about plans for the future. Sarah said she aims to show how the power of the individual and perseverance can win through. She strongly feels we can each make a difference.

The organisation EACH is affiliated with a lot of other groups such as the local church, schools, guides and the Friends of Coney Hall Park. There are around 70 people on their list and there are a regular group of individuals who do

voluntary work with the group. Sarah said when she sends information out sometimes there is little response but people are listening and may respond at a different time. She finds this very encouraging.

## Aims

The aim of EACH is to work towards Coney Hall becoming a 'Pollinator Village'. This is an area that is rich in flower and tree habitats and which supports wildlife populations. EACH is essentially an information campaign which also has a strategy and an Action Plan. They have had bespoke nature boards made and are creating a nature trail. The aim is to link green areas from Hayes Common, to the Recreation Ground, to Sparrows Den to provide corridors for wildlife. Ideally more areas



should be left to long grass but the public do complain about this. EACH aims to educate more of the public on the value of leaving areas of long grass. EACH has had information stalls in the shopping area and has held litter picks.

Sarah showed us maps of the area and pointed out which parts could be improved and made greener and more wildlife friendly. The local roundabout in Coney Hall is particularly bad with loose bricks and is unfinished. Along Kent Gateway, the verges could be left to nature but idiverde unfortunately insists on mowing it. EACH would like them left for wild flowers.

### **Working with others**

Sarah has attempted to work with Bromley Council on various issues but it is not easy. The organisation Plantlife has been very helpful in providing information and support. Working with others has been important to achieve the aims of the group. The RHS have helped with funding of an Orchard project in the park and private donors have helped too. EACH has worked with idiverde to create a bee bank and a meadow. It has been a battle to sort out the mowing regime so that wild flowers have been allowed to flourish. Volunteers have helped rake the meadow. A long term aim is to create a pond as this is important for wildlife. Working with the local church, St. Johns, has been productive. A scheme called 'Gods Own Acre' promotes biodiversity and wildlife in churchyards.

### **Orchard Project**

An orchard has been created in Coney Hall Recreation Ground. The orchard has

grown in size, it was originally 5 trees. Unfortunately, idiverde mowed some trees down shortly after planting but they have pledged to replace them. There are now 16 trees in the orchard. Private donors and the WI have helped financially. Some of the trees are memorial trees.

### **Volunteers**

Young people on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme have volunteered and have been very helpful on some of their eco projects. Recent activities have been planting snowdrops and displaying green hearts.

### **Verges**

Local residents have used the Council's 'Fix My Street site' to request some verges be kept with long grass. The idea is that certain verges should be kept long which link up the green areas to make wildlife corridors. No Mow May is a good opportunity to get the message across about creating habitats for wildlife and they will be encouraging Coney Hall residents to take part. Bromley Council has now said they will have a trial of some verges being left uncut.

### **Nature**

There are some swifts in Coney Hall which come back to nest each year. It would be good to get more swift boxes and bricks installed. Open Garden Competitions encourage residents to create nature areas. It is hoped to have Open Gardens this year for people to visit. Some of these gardens promote resilience and need little watering. EACH has won two awards in London in Bloom

for environmental and community work. Residents are encouraged to take part in bird counts, butterfly counts etc and to look out for toads and hedgehogs. Well Wood has volunteers that help to maintain areas and they requested the public stick to the paths to prevent damage.

EACH took part in the Blue Campaign and made signs to inform the public. Some of their signage is unfortunately taken away but they continue to try.

### **Future Plans**

Wickes DIY store is due to be developed into flats. There is a huge pond hidden behind it that they would like to see protected during the building works. Sarah said they will be using grant money from the RHS and the lottery to make more bespoke signs, develop nature trails and book speakers for future resident meetings. BFoE look forward to hearing about future developments.

Sarah said in the time she has lived in Coney Hall she has seen a great depletion in wildlife such as stag beetles, slow worms etc. so it was important to her to try and improve things. This group shows what can be achieved and we look forward to supporting them in the future.

You can find their Facebook page at 'Environmental Action Coney Hall'.

### **Second Half**

There will be a Great British Spring Clean in Norman Park on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 am at the Hayes Lane entrance. Bring litter pickers

and gloves.

Nature – Diana had contact with Ranger Kieran Waugh in Spring Park Wood. She and Rob were given permission to plant 3 saplings and the possibility of planting further saplings from the Woodland Trust – a small copse of around 30 trees – is being discussed with him and with Sarah Chant. Judy reported that from our 'wish list', we are exploring planting an Oak tree sapling in Goddington Park in memory of Graham Hemington.

Diana had attended a rally outside the Brazilian Embassy supporting indigenous people protesting about rainforest destruction and delivering a letter.

Future meetings and so-called "blended meetings", combining a face-to-face meeting in the Hall with others participating on Zoom: Rob will be convening a small working group to explore this. The hope is to be back in the Hall for our May meeting.

Ann reported that the Civic Society's AGM will be held on 23rd June.

Tamara urged people to lobby central government re unrealistic targets for housing, putting pressure on both town centres with applications for colossal high-rise developments or spreading outwards into the Green Belt.

The possibility of a group visit to the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales has been explored.

There was discussion about milk

delivered in glass bottles. Milk & More took over the traditional rounds operated by Unigate and then Dairy Crest, but there is another company called The Modern Milkman also doing home deliveries in glass bottles. Both companies only operate via online accounts, which excludes some older, traditional customers.

Greener and Cleaner's Green Hub in the Glades is up and running, as is the Library of Things. Their Facebook page gives details of projects.

### **Swanscombe Marshes Update**

Paul Hetherington

Dear friends,

This week we received the great news that the application to build the London Resort on the Swanscombe Peninsula Site of Special Scientific Interest has been withdrawn at the eleventh hour! The news came the very morning that

the Preliminary Examination to agree a timeline for the six month examination was due to be agreed, following a 13 month protracted Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) application.

However, despite this welcome news, the developers plan to resubmit their troubled application later in 2022, meaning that the fight is not over.

We will continue to work with the local community to stand up for the important wildlife on the Swanscombe Peninsula and to explore avenues to prevent this wildlife haven being lost.

The more people who sign the petition, the more chance we have of winning the changes we all want to see. I'm emailing you to ask if you can go one step further and share the petition with your friends and family:

Posting the campaign on Facebook or Twitter only takes a second, but it will mean that hundreds of people see the petition and can join our movement. If

### **BFoE Spring Clean 2022!**

**When-** 14<sup>th</sup> May 11am

**Where-** Norman Park, Bromley. Meet at the bus shelter in the car park off Hayes Lane.

**Bring-** Gloves, Litter picker.

Help us do a litter pick in Norman Park, Bromley. We will be able to recycle what we can in the recycling bins there and we will have some info to give to the public.

**Please join us!**

**Any queries email Annette on [annette.rose1@ntlworld.com](mailto:annette.rose1@ntlworld.com)**

you can email the link around as well, all the better - that will allow us to spread the word to people who don't use social media too.

Don't be afraid to say why this issue matters to you – people are more likely to offer their support if they understand why you care about it too.

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/no-fun-for-nature-save-swanscombe-marshes>

Thank you for standing with me on this issue.

## Miller's Mutterings

Chris Miller Court Lodge Farm

March was in like a lamb and out like a lion. What do you think? Amazing temperatures and lovely sunny days but the end of the month reminding us that it is still too early to plant out tender plants.

The cowslips on the Chelsfield Green have started to raise their heads and as you can see from the photo, the female larch rose flowers have opened. The blue tits are busy bringing bedding into the new nest boxes and it is lovely to hear the sky larks, chaffinches and chaffinches singing their hearts out amongst the

other birds.

We will have to watch out for the swallows, as they could be arriving shortly. You may have noticed our new "fruit cage" housing the hens as you pass us. Due to the Avian Flu, poultry still has to be kept away from wild birds and our hens in the greenhouse were getting a bit warm but they did seem to enjoy their daily walks around the garden.

Steve came up with the idea of the fruit cage and we think it is perfect. Still have an electric fence around the outside of course due to the foxes but we think this is much better for the "girls" and they can stay there all year round.

The grass for hay is coming along ok but could do with some fertiliser very soon; hopefully when it warms up again we can apply it.

Peter has been busy with more electrical and building work plus painting the big old barn! I'm glad I







Blossoms - Kari Silvester

didn't see him do that, it is so high up.

I think we may have to put some signs up at the start of the footpath from Warren Road to the church. So many people are now just wandering all over the field and we even had a couple having a picnic. I couldn't go and speak to them as Steve and I both had covid. I understand that you needed to deviate a little when it was very muddy but I think picnicking is going a bit far.

You may have heard about farms being planted with trees for carbon sequestration. I don't want to get into the politics of the future of farming but we continue to look at what we can do sustainably. The direct drilling is definitely beneficial and as I said before, we hope to plant clover into the grass in autumn as this is a legume which extracts nitrogen

from the air and also works as a fertiliser.

We are too small a farm to apply many new initiatives but will continue as best as we can.

I know I have quoted this weather saying before but I think it is great.

The early appearance of frogspawn indicates a mild spring and early summer – suitable weather for tadpoles.

The position of frogspawn on a pond is also significant.

If the spawn is in a sheltered spot near the edge, a wet and windy spring is expected.

If it is out in the middle, it indicates a dry spring and early summer. It appears



that frogs choose deep water for safety when they sense impending drought.

Not sure how the saying can be applied when I found frogspawn in my watering can!

## **Proposed Visit to Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT)**

Sue & John Bocock & Diana Hurd

Why? - To celebrate 50 years of Bromley FOE

Where? - Machynlleth in NW Wales

When ? - August 2022

Journey time 4-5 hours

Route: Bromley South, Euston, Crewe, Shrewsbury, Machynlleth.

Accommodation in the Wise Building at CAT at Machynlleth - B&B £80 per night (doubles) B&B £60 per night (singles)  
Lunch and dinner are also available in the restaurant on site.

Length of stay - Saturday (travel day) - Tuesday (travel day)

Things to do /see: The visitor centre - where the overnight accommodation is too.

Walks in the beautiful surrounding countryside.

The Corris Craft Centre.

### **Dates**

From Saturday 20 August 2022

Dep. Euston at 12.43

Arr. Machynlleth at 16.45

To Tuesday 23 August

Dep. Machynlleth at 12.05

Arr. Euston at 16.16

TICKET PRICE not available yet but should be approximately £85 return from Euston.

### **Entry Tickets (free to CAT members)**

£ 3.50 - £ 8.50

Open 10am – 5pm with last entry between 3.30 and 4.00pm.

**Adult:** £8.50

**Concession:** £7.50\*

**Child:** £3.50\*\*

\*Concession: Students, people over 60 years and unemployed people.

\*\*Child: 4-16 years. Under 4s free.

Note: All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Optional Gardening for Nature Experience Day**

Date: 21 August

Times: 9.00 – 16.30

Includes a tour of CAT's organic vegetable and display gardens and looks at CAT's composting systems with a talk on healthy soil ecosystems. There is also a practical, hands-on session and a talk about attracting insects/companion planting etc. Lunch and mid-morning coffee and cake included.

At CAT you can Discover all about renewable technologies through some hands-on displays, See buildings built with cutting-edge green techniques and learn more about their construction, and wander through gorgeous, sustainable and productive organic gardens.

If you are interested in possibly joining us for this trip then please contact Sue or Diana by emailing [bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com) or calling and leaving a message on 020 8289 1503.

## Shop WithOut Packaging

Robert Clark

I visited the SWOP shop in Lee Green recently and was impressed by their stock.

It's a refill shop and they have all the usual grains and pasta available and a wide variety of cleaning products as well. Always remember to take your own containers though.

Chatting to the shop assistant, I gathered that business was not busy and we agreed that the present economic climate, not to mention the pandemic, was causing people to rethink how best to save pennies.

If we can support these types of shops then we must, otherwise they will

disappear just like the one in Hayes has.

If you are wondering where the SWOP shop is, then it is right opposite Sainsbury's in Lee Green.

<https://www.swop.market/>

## Green Development Event

The Challenge of Green Development  
Organised by JustShare, Tuesday 31 May 2022, 6.30pm - Online, Zoom.

There is a recurring theme of overpromising and under delivering on climate change. For decades, leaders have stated their commitment to do what is necessary to stop climate change by investing in technologies and cutting emissions, and to provide the support that low-income countries

need both to decarbonise and to adapt to the impacts of climate change. But those promises have not been matched by any action.

The developed world has paid little attention to the complexity of a just transition for low and middle income countries (LMICs) to date, seemingly working on the basis that with the support of climate finance from their high-income counterparts, these countries can simply leapfrog the



fossil-fuel era and enjoy carbon-neutral prosperity. What does an inclusive transition require and look like and how should developed nations recognise the complexity of this challenge and provide meaningful support to LMICs?

Join us on a discussion on this and more. Speakers tbc shortly.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-challenge-of-green-development-tickets-295206268897>

## **Adfree Cities**

Adfree Cities is a network of groups across the UK who are concerned about the impacts of corporate advertising on our health, wellbeing, environment, climate, communities and the local economy. To find out more see <https://adfreecities.org.uk/>

We have been working on how advertising is damaging the environment by fuelling the climate crisis through greenwashing and by promoting and normalising environmentally damaging products. Initially, we have some events coming up, one of which is:

### **Beyond Consumerism conference - London May 14th 2022**

This conference is aimed at anyone who wants to create healthy, sustainable cities with thriving public spaces and will bring together residents, health campaigners, artists, climate activists, ad industry workers, academics and planners who are resisting corporate advertising and finding solutions to its dominance over our minds and our culture.

More information to register for a FREE place is <https://adfreecities.org.uk/conference-2022/>

## **Campaigns**

FoE campaigns list as of 26.1.22. There is potential for these to change over the coming months.

### **Climate**

Divestment  
Airport expansion  
Green jobs

### **Nature**

Save our bees  
Double tree cover  
Mass extinction

### **System Change**

Trade  
Planning & environmental law  
Anti racism

### **Consumption**

Plastics  
Fishing & the environment  
Food & the environment

## **Climate**

Immediate action is needed to limit global warming to 1.5°C by the end of the century, a UN report has warned.

Substantial reductions in the use of fossil fuels are still needed to tackle the climate crisis, scientists say.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has emphasised the seriousness of the situation if we want to limit global warming and meet targets. It says we are at 'code red' stage to save the Earth and has advised we should eat more plant-based foods, walk, cycle or

drive electric cars and generally make cities greener.

The report finds, based on policies implemented up to the end of 2020, the world faces temperature rises of 3.2C by 2100 and warming of 2.8C even if all the climate action pledges for the next decade are delivered.

To meet the 1.5C target , 43% cuts in greenhouse gases on 2019 levels are needed by the decade's end.

On the plus side, the IPCC states that the cost of batteries for electric vehicles has fallen 89% in ten years, while the cost for wind power has halved.

Ann Garrett

### **Energy**

Since the Ukraine crisis, Government cabinet ministers are divided over plans to increase the number of onshore wind farms with some members declaring they are an 'eye sore'.

The Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, said he did not favour a vast increase in wind turbines, as the government prepared to unveil its energy strategy at the beginning of April. His comments contradicted those of Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng who said he wanted to double onshore wind power by 2030, and treble it by 2035.

Downing Street said that any decisions on onshore wind would always be subject to consent from local authorities.

Meanwhile the International Trade Secretary, Anne-Marie Trevelyan has said that Britain must build its 'green economy' to eliminate Russian fuel from

the energy mix, once and for all.

There is now a push to increase nuclear power, controversially considered to be green energy.

Ann Garrett

### **Transport**

Volvo has committed itself to making no more petrol or diesel cars after 2030.

That will be the fastest phase-out of any traditional car manufacturer of equivalent size, and Volvo has put sustainability at the heart of its branding.

Tesla founder Elon Musk has been a big influence on the Volvo decision, confirming that electric cars, as well as being silent, can have excellent acceleration.

Volvo's electric cars will be cheaper to make than petrol cars by 2025, and there will be little reason for companies to make internal combustion engines after that.

Volvo aims to be profitable in order to have money for investments, which is realistic, but at the same time supports their 'green' intentions and sense of responsibility.

In 2019, the International Energy Agency found that SUVs [Sports Utility Vehicles] that hog space in cities and use a lot of fuel, were the second-biggest cause of rising global carbon emissions between 2010 and 2018.

Ann Garrett



Wickham. We had two aims: one was to plant a few smallish native saplings that we happened to have in pots. (We get quite a few self-seeded saplings in our garden and on our allotment, and instead of composting them we look to give them a better home). We also wanted to see if Spring Park might prove a suitable site for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary mini copse of about 30 trees. The ranger said he would have to check with the London City Corporation and would get back to me. Sarah Chant, our speaker last month, also

## **Nature**

### **Protest Outside the Brazilian Embassy**

On 4<sup>th</sup> April, I went up to London to attend an 'emergency protest' outside the Brazilian Embassy. The Brazilian government is trying to pass new laws to make it easier to clear the way for mining in the Amazon, despite the fact that deforestation is already at an all-time high there.

Greenpeace were joined by other organisations including CAFOD, Survival, and Brazil Matters. There are about one million indigenous people in Brazil, and they are the best at protecting the Rainforest as they live and work in tandem with the forest.

Diana Hurd

### **Tree Planting in Spring Park Woods**

A few weeks ago, Rob and I met with the ranger for Spring Park, West

promised to ask some landowners in Coney Hall. If you know of anywhere that might be a suitable site for a mini







lovely to see another example of this traditional and wildlife-friendly practice in the borough.

Diana Hurd

### **Citizen Science Projects**

It is that time of year when we ask you to keep your eyes open for toads and hedgehogs! We are fully supporting the team in the Bromley Biodiversity Partnership again this year so please read the posters below and pass on any relevant information you may have to the email address provided.

copse near you, then please let me or the editor know as, to date, we are still without a site.

After the planting, we walked down to the meadow at the bottom of the hill and saw a section of newly-laid hedge which will extend across the width of the meadow eventually. It was





Blossoms - Kari Silvester

[https://www.bromleyfriendsforum.org/uploads/1/0/7/2/10726735/toad\\_poster\\_2018c.pdf](https://www.bromleyfriendsforum.org/uploads/1/0/7/2/10726735/toad_poster_2018c.pdf)

<https://www.bromleyfriendsforum.org/uploads/1/0/7/2/10726735/hedgehog-poster.pdf>

There is also a poster with information on help for grasslands which are also under threat and many other links. <https://www.bromleyfriendsforum.org/biodiversity.html>

Thank you for your help!

Judy Palmer.

## Supplies That Don't Cost the Earth

*This is a regular reference point for useful and practical resources, helping us to sustain the greenest lifestyles we can. These are not recommendations from Bromley or National*

*FoE, but are just suggested by BFoE members. Any suggestions or reviews gratefully received. [bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com)*

### No/Low Waste or Refill Shops

*The Green Room, Station Approach, Hayes. **Shop is now closed.** However, the online shop is delivering household product bottle refills. <https://www.javaandchai.com>*

*SWOP Shop WithOut Packaging A wide range of the usual refills in Lee Green opposite Sainsbury's. <https://www.swop.market/>*

*Alexander Stores 61 Beckenham Rd, Beckenham BR3 4PR  
<https://www.alexanderstores.com>*

*Laura's Larder, Fairway, Petts Wood  
Herbivore, Southborough Lane, Bromley*

**IT & Phone Repair** Orpington IT Centre, 92 High St, Orpington BR6 0JY (Opposite Aynscombe Angle)  
[www.orpingtonitcentre.co.uk](http://www.orpingtonitcentre.co.uk)



### **Donate Your Tech**

Clearcommunityweb

<https://clearcommunityweb.co.uk/donate-your-tech/>

### **Internet**

*Greener & Cleaner Bromley (& Beyond)*

Consumer action! <https://www.greenerandcleaner.co.uk>

*Peep Eyewear* revitalise vintage frames or recycle those that can't be reused. <https://www.peepeyewear.co.uk/peep-donation-address>

*If You Care* products including recycled tin foil and sandwich bags: <https://buyifyoucare.com>

*Peace With the Wild* - Household products: <https://www.peacewiththewild.co.uk>

*My Green Pod* - Wide range of biodegradable and natural products: <https://www.mygreenpod.com>

*Ethical Superstore* - 'Ethical' products news and advice: <https://www.ethicalsuperstore.com>

*Green Finder* - a useful directory of environmental companies for all kinds of things <http://www.greenfinder.co.uk>

*Naturallythinking*, Unit 2 Mill Lane Trading Estate, Mill Lane, Croydon, CR0 4AA, 020 3856 3588: <https://naturallythinking.com>

*Crowdfarming*, wide selection of directly supplied products from farmers around the world, many organic: <https://www.crowdfarming.com/en>

*Zero Waste Path*. Soaps and other toiletries made in Scotland. Handmade, vegan, palm oil free, natural, plastic free, circular, cruelty free and renewable energy. <https://www.zerowastepath.co.uk>

*Just Think Eco*. All sorts of eco household products. <https://www.justthinkeco.com>

### **Bike recycling**

Refurbished bikes sent to Africa

<https://www.re-cycle.org>

### **Wood**

South London Wood Recycling Project.

Wood saved from the tip at low cost. <https://solowoodrecycling.co.uk/>

## *Postcards from the past*

Springtime and a May bank holiday! And for six years, from 2014-19 we would have been busy planning the annual Garden Day which Bill Priestly kindly used to host for us. The events were a huge success. Here we are in 2015 in 'normal' weather for the start of May – not too cold and not too hot, and not wet!

Another activity which we found popular for May, has been a bluebell walk. This one was from 2013 when John & Sue Bocock led us for miles to explore a bluebell wood. Did we stop for a cup of tea that year?! Answers on a postcard please.....



You may remember this?



*2427  $\frac{3}{10}$*   
kilometres at start. **DORKING**  
**SUNDAY 31ST MAY 1992**

**GOOD MORNING** – have a nice day and enjoy the ride. Please ride carefully and obey the instructions of the marshalls. If you need help, you can flag down a motorcycle marshal by giving a thumbs down and they can contact Ride Control. Make sure your brakes are working. There are mechanics and first aid points along the route if you need them. (Emergency phone no. 0850 314661).

#### Section 1 – Both routes

Leave Polesden Lacey by the track and go straight on into the lane.

Follow this road for 1½ miles, then use the subway to cross the A24, turning right on to the cycle path towards Dorking. After half a mile turn left at the roundabout into Pixham Lane.

Go under the railway bridge then turn right at the main road – take care, then immediately left into Punchbowl Lane. Go up the hill and after ¼ mile turn left into Tilehurst Lane.

Take care on this single track road – after a mile bear left at the next fork, then left again by the farm. After a mile, you will come to Brockham. Turn right by the village green, by the Royal Oak, then left just past Christ Church, into Wheelers Lane.

Follow this road for ¼ mile then turn left at the T junction – after another mile turn right at the next T junction towards Leigh. After 1¼ miles turn left by the Seven Stars pub towards Leigh and Charlwood.

After ½ mile, you will come to Leigh, with the Plough PH on the left.

Keep on this road for another 2½ miles then turn right at the crossroads by the Fox Revived PH – take care.

Turn right at the next T junction, by Lodge Stables Coach House.

#### Section 2 (for long route see section 3)

After a mile and a half, turn right into Partridge Lane, signposted Newdigate, then another mile and a half further on turn right again towards Holmwood, Dorking. (Now go to section 4).

#### Section 3 – Long route only

After 1½ miles, turn left into Partridge Lane, signposted Rusper. Take care along this winding road for 3½ miles, then turn left by the post box, signposted Faygate 3. Take care – narrow lane – then after ½ mile turn left at

the T junction, signposted The Mount, Charlwood.

After ¼ mile, turn right at the T junction towards Ifield, then right again at the next junction, towards Ifield and Rusper (by the Blacksmith shop, Hammer Farm).

½ mile further on, turn right at the T junction towards Rusper – take care here – and pass The Gate PH after ¼ mile. Turn left at the next junction signposted Lambs Green, and you will pass The Lamb PH on the left.

Turn left at the next T junction by Rusper Court Manor, signposted Faygate, Horsham, Crawley.

Pass Amberley Manor on the right, then take the next right by the post box. After ¼ mile turn right at the T junction towards Rusper. After 1¼ miles turn sharp left (take care) towards Horsham.

½ mile along, take the next right towards Langhurst (single track road). Bear right at the next fork towards Capel then right at the T junction towards the Royal Oak.

½ mile past the Royal Oak, turn right at the next T junction pass Cowick Farm on the left, then turn left at the next T junction opposite Ghyll Manor, towards Newdigate.

After 3 miles, pass the Six Bells PH at Newdigate, then take second left, signposted Holmwood and Dorking (short route rejoins).

#### Section 4 – Both routes

2 miles along, pass Holmwood Common (National Trust) on the left, and another mile, the Plough PH on the right. Take the next left turn, towards Holmwood, then after a mile turn right at Holmwood into Spook Hill, towards Dorking and Reigate.

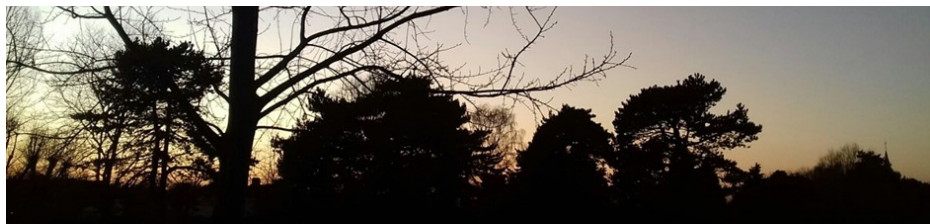
After 200 yards at the big roundabout dismount and use the subway. Go straight on towards Dorking – Flint Hill A2003.

Take care on descent into Dorking – after a mile turn left into the one way system by the Queens Head then bear right into Vincent Lane.

Turn right at the roundabout into West Street towards the town centre, then left into Station Road by the Star PH. After ½ mile turn right at the roundabout into Ashcombe Road, then ½ mile further turn left at the traffic lights onto the A24 – take extreme care.

After 300 yards at the roundabout, bear left onto the cycle path for ½ mile then turn left into Westhumble Street. Pass the Stepping Stones pub on the left, then Chapel Farm Animal Trail on the right, then bear left off the road back onto the track into Polesden Lacey.

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If you would like to know more about who we are and what we do, please contact either of our acting co-ordinators Sheila Brown or Ann Garrett (their details are inside the back page of this newsletter). Alternatively you can come along to one of our monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley - that's towards the bottom of the High Street, on the right going down. If you would like to join us then please fill in and send us the form below.

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## Membership Application/Renewal\* Form (\*delete as appropriate)

I would like to support Bromley Friends of the Earth and enclose my annual subscription (£8 single/£15 couple/family.) I also enclose a donation (optional) of £..... to help towards the work of our local group.

Name: .....

Address: .....

Post Code: ..... Phone No: .....

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Do you have any hobbies or interests that may be of use to the group?

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