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Literature Festival Success

Pouring rain and clay-oven pizza were the order of the day on Sunday at Lower Shaw Farm where a roomful of Swindonians listened to talks from writers and campaigners Mark Lynas, Kate Evans and Tony Juniper. In the barn the Ridgeway Green Team presented their Carbon Footprint Workshop, played The Rubbish Game and painted poetry on placards.

The Green Team were fabulous and put the adults to shame as they calculated our carbon footprints - two planets worth for even the most hardened greenies, three or four for the rest of us.

Westmill Wind Farm to Go Ahead

After having to raise over £1m in a single month Westmill Wind Farm in Watchfield, Oxon is to finally go ahead. At least five turbines, standing at 81 metres tall, will be put up at the Watchfield site

Upon completion, the £6m wind farm will have the capacity to supply energy to some 3,700 homes. The project was given the go-ahead two years ago after farmers in the area decided to help in the fight against global warming.

Car firm Honda has also joined the push for renewable energy and a number of schools in Swindon are also seeking to switch to the use of wind turbines.

In the evening 80 or more people filled The Arts Centre to watch 'An Inconvenient Truth' and everyone sat and watched the full credits before joining discussions with local activists. The message was stark and urgent but also one of hope that we can turn this planet away from the course of disaster. We have the power!

SCAN Transport Campaign

SCAN is working on a new campaign around transport in Swindon, starting with workplace commuter journeys. If you are interested in the campaign please get in touch on info@swindonclimate.org.uk.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Saturday 19th May at 10.30am** Active Swindon Social Bike Ride. Meet at the Coate Water café. For further information contact Gladys Barr on 01793 346299 or email [glad.barr \[at\] ntlworld.com](mailto:glad.barr@ntlworld.com).
- ◆ **Sunday 20th May at 12.00-4.30pm** Purton Climate Friendly Community are holding a compost and recycling demonstration at the allotments behind Church Path, in Purton. Information and demonstrations plus local food information. [Poster](#)
- ◆ **Friday June 1st Tour 12.30-1.30 pm** tour of National Trust building 'Heelis'. Book on info@swindonclimate.org.uk
- ◆ **Sunday 3rd June at 10.30am** The 11th Castles Bike Ride. This is a leisurely family cycle-ride which starts at Croft Sports Centre and takes in some of England's oldest roads. The route includes The Ridgeway and Barbury Castle with some breathtaking views. Further information is available from Jill Greenaway on 01793 521630 or from www.castlesbikeride.co.uk.
- ◆ **Wednesday 6th June at 6pm** Active Swindon Social Bike Ride -. Meet at the Coate Water café. For further information contact Gladys Barr on 01793 346299 or email glad.barr@ntlworld.com.



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