

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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LAND OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

COUNTDOWN TO COP 27

Delighted that Sylvia has been invited to join the U3A National 'Countdown to COP 27' group. Look forward to learning about the group at our next meeting on 20th June.

U3A TOOLKITS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

It appears the Climate Change toolkits are becoming a big issue in U3A. In my view, toolkits can be divided into two broad categories – technical change tools and culture change tools. The former helps when applied after commitment to climate change is evident. The latter helps before a passion is evident. What do you think?

TOOLKIT PRIORITIES

Nick Ward, U3A Ruthin, and his UK wide group for creating a toolkit, is concentrating on the technical aspects of climate change. Culture change may come later.

GRANDPARENTS TO GRANDCHILDREN: Part I

<https://grandnature.github.io> is a website on the environment and nature. I have learned of the website through contact with Trevor Ponman, U3A Wyre Forest. The content is excellent, and the website is most attractive. Should be speaking more with Trevor this afternoon. (See adjacent column)

"THIRD AGE MATTERS" – U3A MAGAZINE

UK wide publication due to be out in the **middle of June** to 450,000 members in 1057 branches. See article with pictures, featuring Scouts and Church Stretton School students.

U3A NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK

The U3A Inter-generational Dialogue Group are running a young people event for The Woodcraft Folk <https://woodcraft.org.uk> on the 4th of August. Church Stretton has been consulted and helped with the preparation.

STRETTON FOCUS ARTICLE FEEDBACK

"A thought provoking and bridge building event, superbly reported and further articulated by Christine Williams" – *Focus Chairman, Richard Fillenham*

"I thought your article in Focus sets out very well young people's commitment to the climate change agenda" *Councillor Bob Welch*

GRANDPARENTS TO GRANDCHILDREN: Part II

Telephone conversation with Trevor Ponman that finished a few minutes ago. In congratulating Trevor on the website mentioned earlier, he was pleased but pointed out that it is still in early stages of development. We have much in common with U3A Wyre Forest and agreed to keep in touch.

NEXT CLIMATE CONVERSATION

We meet at the Yew Tree, at 2.15 pm for a 2.45 pm start on Monday, 20th June. So many positive leads are being followed through. So many options are available, it will be both challenging and exciting to discover priorities and also where to start the conversation. Well done to all!! Bring your stories to the Yew Tree and we will move on from there.

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