

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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HISTORIC ACCESSION

LATE QUEEN ELIZABETH II FUNERAL

The next Climate Conversation, planned for Monday, 19th September has been cancelled because of national arrangements for the funeral, national mourning, and the day being designated as a Bank Holiday in the UK.

POSTPONED CONVERSATION

A focus for our attention next Monday, (now postponed) was to have been learning from the City of York with Dr David Gibbon. As you may remember, David used to live in Church Stretton. His career and voluntary work has centred on the environment. New date will be considered after further chat to David.

KING CHARLES III AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Prince Charles had been a national Champion for environment and climate change for many years. The King himself has said, just a few days ago that he was regarded as 'slightly dotty' in this respect. I wonder who will now take over his role in the future? Climate Conversations may well have an opinion?

CLIMATE CARE STICKERS IN SHOPS

David Matthews from Stretton Climate Care has met with Michael Fryer and discussed what has been discovered during Michael's conversations with shopkeepers. The conversation took place in Church Walk. Michael thought it was enjoyable and useful.

PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANY APPROACH

John Annetts has had an "excellent and very positive response" from Spirax Sarco Engineering plc., Cheltenham to his enquiry about their plans to achieve Net Zero. SS Eng, I believe, are the largest UK's owned engineering company with subsidiary companies in 30 countries.

John discovered Spirax Sarco are not only making serious progress to meet their own responsibilities and, even more importantly, researching, developing, and producing new products that enable their customers to do so. Further information to be shared soon.

HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR RESPONSE

Following issue, No. 17 piece on nuclear energy, it has been widely reported that nuclear power stations are in talks with government to cap prices. £18bn could be saved in new contracts with generators.

U3A NATIONAL CLIMATE SURGERY

The latest surgery in which I participated took place two days ago. The main feature, both striking and pleasing at the same time, was the number of groups that mentioned a U3A future with inter-generational learning on climate change. The School and the Scouts will be pleased! A new toolkit is being developed by Nick Ward and his team – watch this space!

STRETTON CLIMATE CARE

An email was received on 23rd August from a SCC main committee member, suggesting a meeting to discuss how we may collaborate. Three other SCC committee members were copied and three reasons why a discussion would be useful were listed. My immediate reply was I wholeheartedly agreed with Stretton Climate Care's request and on behalf of U3A Climate Conversations.

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