

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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FIRST CONVERSATION

We felt our way with the first conversation on the 24 January in the Yew Tree, 'Farming in the Community'. A selection of key points that emerged:

- An important read, James Rebanks new book – 'English Pastoral'
- The government is forever changing the rules of farming. Makes life difficult.
- Less and less incentives are available for UK farmers to produce our own food.
- We should pay people to better look after the soil.
- Advantages to UK farmers if people planned to 'eat seasonally'.
- The profession with the highest suicide rate is farmers.

HYDES FAMILY FARM

Following the above conversation, Brenda Hyde was contacted and informed the notes made at Sid and her U3A presentation in 2011 were used at the start of our chat. Brenda was delighted to know that. She looks forward to a climate conversation later in the year.

WELCOME TO DAVID HOWARD

It was a pleasure to welcome the Chair of Stretton Climate Care to the first meeting. David has mentioned he will be unable to attend all meetings but has offered to lead the conversation at a future meeting. Thank you David.

SCOUTS CONVERSATION IN FEBRUARY

The February conversation will take place in The Scout Hut, in Church Walk at 2.45 pm on Monday, 21st February. The timing coincides with half-term week for the schools.

Terry Davies, Group Scout Leader, is inviting the two local scouts to lead the conversation who have just been selected to attend the 2022 World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and as part of the UK contingent.

Terry will also attend. He has told me that his job will be to serve the tea or coffee!

STREET CONVERSATIONS

Every opportunity to stop friends on street pavements and seek their personal view on what and how to address climate care has reached saturation point – if I wish to retain friendships!! One 'off the cuff' remark is all that is asked for. After over 20 separate chats, two common themes have emerged:

One is that young people have the best ideas, and they will be most affected by the climate.

Two is a miscellany of different and singular ideas reflecting personal choice.

U3A NATIONAL ADVISER, CLIMATE CHANGE

The 90 U3A groups focussing on climate change have been invited to a zoom meeting by National Adviser. Frances Halliday. The date is 16th February at 10 am. Anyone wishing to register is welcome. Details on U3A website or from me. I've registered to attend.

"TWELVE DAYS OF CLIMATE CHANGE"

A variation on the 'Twelve Days of Christmas'

Early thoughts on the March meeting centre upon words and music of the well-known carol. Hope it is a conversation starter and not a conversation stopper!!! High risk stuff!

We will be back at The Yew Tree for this one!

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