

**The Brew (August 2021) - Get ready for Great Big Week- help Eynsham shout about climate and nature!**

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## **GreenTEA News**

**Get ready for Great Big Green Week Saturday 18th to Sunday 25th September**

**Get the dates in your diary and let us know how you can help now!**

We are making a huge effort to make sure Eynsham plays an exciting part in this massive nationwide initiative in the lead up to the international conference COP 26 to be held in Glasgow in November.

How can you help? To make this a success we need your help with specific tasks:

### **Things to do now:**

It's not too late to participate yourself, your family or friends ...

Take some simple action for the sake of the planet, then tell us about it and celebrate or show it in the GBGW exhibition.

Remind your families to [enter the Great Big Day Out competition](#) - closing date September 9th and great science based prizes from [Curiosity Box](#).

Help decorate the village by making upcycled bunting or donating fabric now (with help and kits supplied- we know bunting will not save the planet but it will draw attention to things on the trail and to special events).

### **Help during the week:**

Contribute grilled veg for Saturday 18th

Help with a visit to 12 acre solar farm on the morning of Sunday 19th

Help with children's science based activity trail afternoon of Saturday 25th

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Lend a gazebo or outdoor table

Help with Formula E mini races afternoon of Sunday 26th.

[More information on website soon.](#)

**Let us know how you can help via our [GBGW website](#) or at [biggreenweekeynsham@gmail.com](mailto:biggreenweekeynsham@gmail.com)**

We have a packed programme of activities for the week, with stalls, music, theatre, repair café, food, art etc taking place in the village through that week, beginning with music in the square on Saturday 18th in the morning.

The programme will be advertised within the next couple of weeks, but it's not too late to participate yourself, your family or friends ... take some simple action for the sake of the planet, then tell us about it and celebrate or show it in the exhibition.

We will have lots of children's activities thanks to Curiosity Box, including making and racing a mini Formula E kit racing cars, also woodworking and willow working at the Peace Oak, electric vehicles to test drive, plant based food, a visit to the Solar Farm, a talk tent where you can book a slot to present your own ideas... and more.

There will be a self guided trail round the village to about 30 sites which show how people in Eynsham have taken action on climate change and biodiversity.

Look out for the posters soon and here's the link <https://eynsham-pc.gov.uk/org.aspx?n=The-Great-Big-Green-Week>

**The Discussion Group** – very much enjoyed Kate Raworth's 'Doughnut Economics'. Kate is an economist based in Oxford whose model of Doughnut Economics has now been adopted by Amsterdam city. She argues that the goal of economics and indeed politics should not be growth as indicated by GDP, but rather one that is both regenerative and equitable. She pleads that economists be 'gardeners' rather than 'engineers' with an approach which looks at systems rather than 'supply and demand'. Using the doughnut as a model she identifies what happens when communities are fixated on profits without considering the limits of natural resources and the well being and health of all its citizens. 'Doughnut Economics' has now become, quite rightly, a best seller. And a textbook for the economists of the future...

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## Local News

'20's plenty' – There are moves afoot from the Parish Council, aided by GreenTEA to establish a 20mph speed limit throughout the village. [Eynsham Online has an excellent article.](#)

## National News

**Climate Goals** – "The UK [won't meet its ambitious climate goals](#) by making **spending cuts**" *SHAME ON US!*

**UK watchdog criticises lack of central co-ordination on climate** – [National Audit Office report](#) finds serious weaknesses in Whitehall's approach to working with local authorities.

**Protesters urge Boris Johnson to take Cop26 talks seriously** – With 100 days to go to crucial UN crisis summit in Glasgow, [PM is accused of lack of leadership.](#)

**COP26 climate summit president says progress made, but not enough** – The first in-person meeting of climate ministers in 18 months has seen [some tentative progress.](#)

**World's most powerful tidal turbine makes waves on the grid** – A 74m-long floating tidal turbine, stationed near Orkney, has the [capacity to produce two megawatts of electricity.](#)

**North Sea oil company chief claims climate crisis is 'fake'** – "Chief executive of Orcadian Energy said the [climate emergency is "fake" in now deleted tweets.](#)" *PATHETIC! .... Another money-addict!*

**State of the Climate new report** – describes how the UK is already undergoing [disruptive impacts from climate change.](#)

**UK's net zero goal 'too far away': No 10 spokesperson** – Allegra Stratton says [carbon emissions must change 'right now'](#), as UK moves towards 2050 goal.

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**Scientists spot warning signs of Gulf Stream collapse** – A shutdown would have [devastating global impacts](#) and must not be allowed to happen, researchers say.

**Make coal history says PM after climate warning** – [Coal needs to be consigned to history to limit warming](#), says Boris Johnson, describing UN climate report as "sobering" *AT LAST!*

**Regenerative farming shift could reduce UK climate emissions** – Organic farming methods, which use [fewer pesticides and store more carbon in soil](#), are becoming more popular.

**Nicola Sturgeon's full letter to Boris Johnson on oil plan** – [Nicola Sturgeon has written to Boris Johnson](#) about plans for the Cambo oil field to be opened up for drilling. *NB Boris!*

## International News

**Developing Nations Demand Climate Funding Before COP26** – Climate-vulnerable countries:- ["rich countries must live up to promise to finance the fight against climate change"](#).

**Sustainable investment more than a third of global assets** – Sustainable investments total \$35.3 trillion, a [report from the Global Sustainable Investment Alliance shows](#). *That's the right direction!*

**Greenhouse gas emissions headed for new record in 2023** – Paltry pandemic recovery spending on clean-energy measures leaves [net zero goals way out of reach](#), agency warns.

**World's largest asset manager steps up game against climate** – BlackRock voted against 255 board directors in the year to June 30 because they [failed to act on climate issues](#). *Congratulations Black Rock!*

**US and Italy aim to increase climate finance contributions** – Rome and Washington seek to [bridge gap between rich and poor](#) at G20 environment meeting.

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**The Glasgow Climate Summit & Finance - What is climate finance?** – and why is it so important for this year's climate summit, COP26? [Read our briefing here](#) . (Energy&Climate Intelligence Unit- ECIU)

**Madagascar famine first ever with sole cause climate crisis** – [More than 1.14 million people food-insecure](#) as severe droughts push communities to the brink of starvation.

**Plans of four G20 states are threat to global climate pledge** – [‘Disastrous’ energy policies of China, Russia, Brazil and Australia](#) could stoke 5C rise in temperatures warn scientists.

**Electricity from renewables 50% cheaper than fossil fuels** – [‘New analysis shows](#) cost of generating power from fossil fuels in major EU economies is double that from renewables.’ *WHOOPEE!*

**Finance firms plan to close coal plants in Asia** – Some of the world's biggest financial institutions are working to [speed the closure of coal-fired power plants](#) in Asia.

**Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** – The 'Sixth Assessment Report' (6AR), published on 10th August, is "sobering" indeed! But are Boris and other leaders going to take ADEQUATE ACTION ?? Here are two interesting reviews – [from Hillbreak](#) and [the Guardian](#).

**Curbing methane emissions will 'buy us time'** – An aggressive [campaign to cut methane emissions](#) can buy the world extra time to tackle climate change, experts say.

## GreenTEA Events

18th - 26th September – National 'Great Big Green Week' : see first item above.

## Other Events

August 21st – [Electric Vehicle \(EV\) roadshow](#) at The Woolgate Shopping Centre, Witney 10am-4pm.

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September 11th – [Woodland Words](#), a free drop-in creative writing workshop run by writer Alice Little. Suitable for adults and children. 2.30-4.30pm

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