

WFGA dates and events for April

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Scroll down for details of all these events.

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25th March - 2nd April Severn Spring Clean

Join Severn Rivers Trust for a week of litter picking activities to help clean up the Severn and its tributaries. We are calling on individuals, community groups and businesses to help us #SpruceUpTheSevern. Help complete plastics surveys to identify and raise awareness of the main types of litter found in our waterways

Want to get involved, or organise your own clean?

Contact: volunteering@severnriverstrust.com

Wednesday 29th March 7.0 pm Transition Bewdley AGM

Find out what we have been up to over the past years. Help us to decide what our priorities should be over the next year to help make Bewdley more resilient and sustainable. *Venue: Wyre Room Saint Georges Hall*

Saturday 1st April. Kidderminster Repair Café. 10am – 1.0 pm.

This popular free local service is here again ready to carry out all manner of repairs, sewing and tool sharpening.

Enjoy a free coffee and cake while you wait (any donations welcome)

At Youth House, Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster. DY10 1PF.

Monday April 3rd 8.0 pm Green Drinks at The Great Western.

Join us for stimulating conversation over a pint or two or a hot drink in convivial surroundings. The theme to kick us off is “Is protest necessary if we are to achieve a more sustainable and just society”

Saturday 15th April. Bewdley Repair Café 10.0 – 2.0. Last check-in 1.0 pm

We will as usual be in the Main Hall at Ste Georges with our wonderful team of volunteers waiting to sharpen or mend all sorts of things. If you can break it, we can try to mend it! From chairs to Teddy bears, From Table lamps to bicycles.

We have a special message from our amazing clock repairers.

"We are frequently presented with quartz clocks to repair, a common problem being that the battery has been left inside and has caused corrosion to enter the mechanism and, in many cases, destroy it. Our clock repairers can test batteries, clean electrical contacts and apply corrosion inhibitors to ensure that your quartz clock has a long life. No need to book in advance, other than bikes. Contact john.rhymer50@gmail.com or 01299 403424

Friday 21st – 24th April "Unite to Survive. Mass demonstration in London

Can you help send a strong message to the Government that they are not doing enough to protect our natural world?

Final touches are being made to make a success of "the Big One" demonstration organised by Extinction Rebellion in partnership with other organisations. Our government is taking us backwards in the quest to save nature and slow rising global temperatures.

This will be a family friendly, peaceful, lawful demonstration operated in full consultation and agreement with the Metropolitan Police.

We are organising a coach from Wyre Forest on Friday 21st April, with pick-up points in Stourport, Bewdley and Kidderminster, returning the same day. Cost £25 return.

Contact wyreforest.xr@gmail.com for more information

Reasons to attend

- **Dirty Water:** The CEO of Severn Trent Water has just received a 20% increase in bonus while figures show that the river Severn is "top of the poops" for raw sewage discharges
- **Pesticides:** The Government continues to permit the use of pesticides which are killing pollinators
- **Plastic pollution** in the air we breathe and the food we eat
- **Attacking legal protections:** 570 environmental laws are at risk of being lost on December 31st as a result of a "sunset clause"
- **Economic security;** Following a year in which climate related disasters cost them \$120 billion, the head of Lloyds of London says they can only insure against losses of \$200 billion and says he hopes there are no climate change deniers in the insurance industry
- **Energy security:** The Government is failing to invest in renewable energy and continues to support a system which was created to support the fossil fuel industry and which puts money in the pockets of the most autocratic regimes in the world eg Russia and the Middle East
- **Food security:** The NFU is losing patience with the Government's failure to support them as climate change contributes to crop failures in the UK and Africa. **"Let them eat turnips" is not an adequate response to a shortage of vegetables.**

Tuesday 25th April.– 19.30 for 20.00 Flexible Rotary Quiz Night.

Flexible Rotary is a satellite group of Bewdley Rotary and is designed to appeal to a Younger Demographic 25-55 utilising Zoom, Pubs and casual occasions. Find out more at their "modern Quiz Night in the Mug House in Bewdley. An up-to-date quiz using Mobiles! Contact sean@bewdleyrotary.uk or ring 07581 021477

Saturday 29th April – Sunday 14th May. SustFest Wyre Forest 2023

Following the success of SustFest 2022 with over 50 events, Transition Bewdley has been fortunate to receive grants to support and promote an even bigger and better series of events this year. The Festival will start with a launch event on Saturday 29th April in The Riverside Park and The Civic in Stourport. Details are still pouring in for events of all sorts, from talks to walks, litter-picks to open gardens across the whole District. For the latest news search for the SustFest Facebook page. Programmes will be available from late April in libraries and local shops

Here is an example of just one of the events to give you inspiration.



The Oil Machine

Sat 6th May 2023
7pm coffee for 7:30pm film
Followed by discussion at 9pm
Quaker Meeting House DY12 2DP

**This invisible machine at the core
of the economy is under attack
but is it too big to topple?**

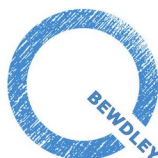
Everyone Welcome !



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In support of SustFest2023
Numbers limited - booking essential
Please register free at EventBrite using
QR code on left or via our website
www.bewdleyquakers.org.uk

Please note that parking is very limited
Gardners Meadow car park is very close



Other news.

From Wyre Forest Friends of the Earth

Millions of people are struggling with their energy bills and other big rises in the cost of living. Many people in Wyre Forest are faced with the choice of heating their homes or putting food on the table.

Ask Mark Garnier to support an emergency programme of home insulation and using cheap green renewable energy to power our homes. Please sign our petition. Click on the link to sign.

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/ask-mark-garnier-mp-to-take-action-for-warm-homes/>

Big Seed Sow from the RHS:

this may be of interest to local community groups/ schools/ individuals,
[Get involved with the RHS / RHS Gardening](#)

Farm on top of Car Park in Birmingham?

Slow [Food](#) Birmingham, a grassroots organisation that promotes hyperlocal food production, has sent proposals to the council to build a farm, glasshouses, community space and garden, as well as an education hub and cafe on the site. [Link](#).

May Elections 2023

There are elections for District, Town and Parish councils this coming May 4th 2023.

- Consider giving your support to the party or candidate who you feel will do the best for the community and the environment.
- Get a postal vote application form off a local councillor or www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-voting/voting/voting-by-post-at-elections. Apply by Tuesday, 18th April.
- If voting in person at a polling station, you now need **photo ID**. See what documents are acceptable forms of ID or get a free Voter Authority Certificate by (25th April) from here: www.electoralcommission.org.uk

Can seaweed save the world? Well it can certainly help in many ways!

The UN Treaty on Oceans is an important step in protecting the future of our planet? This article about the importance of seaweed is fascinating and informative. [Link to article](#)