



## WFGA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021

Welcome to our newsletter, for all members of our member organisations – now up to 32 and growing!

If your organisation has an open event coming up or offers a 'green service' you can get free publicity in a future edition, reaching a large receptive audience (ie. your fellow WFGA members!) simply by emailing us the details at [wfgall@protonmail.com](mailto:wfgall@protonmail.com). Last date for the November newsletter is **22nd October**. Please put 'Newsletter' in the email subject line.

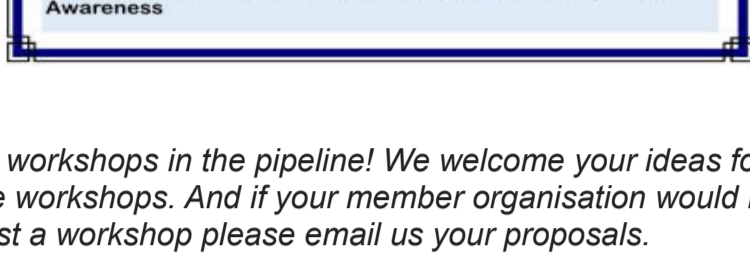
### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### WFGA October Workshop - "Echoes of the Future"

7:30pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Fasten your seat belts for a trip forward in time to a University Symposium taking place in the year 2071, and looking back at the effects of climate change on the UK over the previous 50 years.

Presented by the U3A Environmental Group. To register and obtain a link for this online event please email [Barry Walmsley](mailto:Barry.Walmsley@wyreforesteg.btinternet.com) at [wyreforesteg@btinternet.com](mailto:wyreforesteg@btinternet.com)



More workshops in the pipeline! We welcome your ideas for future workshops. And if your member organisation would like to host a workshop please email us your proposals.

#### Bewdley Rotary Club - Plastic Free Fun Day

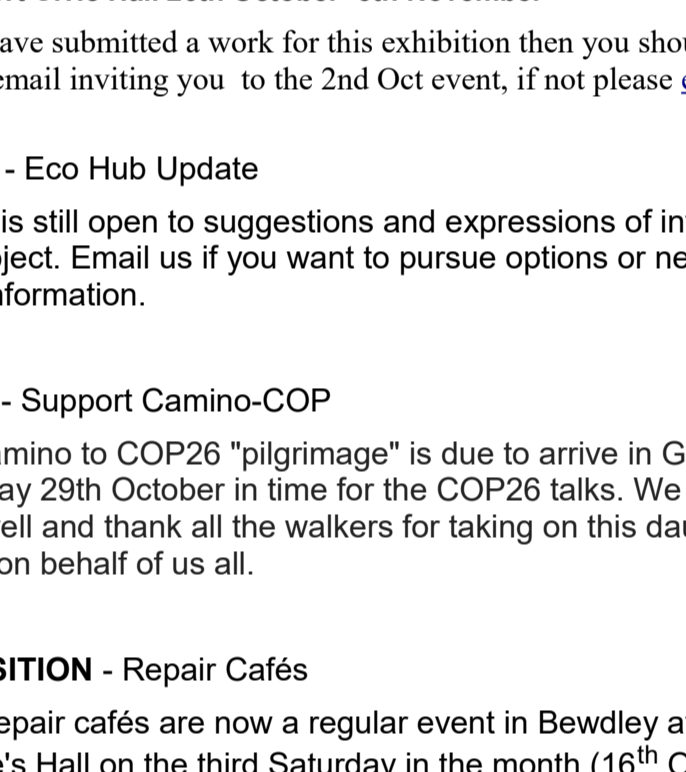
Stalls invited from organisations and businesses in the WFGA. They should help promote reduction of plastics and packaging or other aspects of caring for the environment and ideally incorporate some fun activities. For more details and to book a space please contact Sean at [sean@rotahub.net](mailto:sean@rotahub.net)



#### Duck House Competition

At least three of the WFGA member organisations are decorating duck houses for the [Bewdley Festival](#) annual Duck House competition.

Transition Bewdley Repair Cafe, Bewdley Anti-Racist Group and Wyre Forest XR volunteers have been working hard to customise their duck houses ready for them to be displayed in Jubilee Gardens in Bewdley throughout October. Do pop along to admire the wonderful array of entries



#### Kidderminster Country Market – 10:30am 2nd October

Local producers of food, plants, art and crafts will have plenty on offer at their regular Youth House venue in Bromsgrove Street, DY10 1PF.

#### ++ Latest News ++

From October until Christmas the market area will incorporate a Transition Kidderminster mini Greener Living Fair with a range of extra stalls. If you'd like a stall please email [katespohrer@hotmail.com](mailto:katespohrer@hotmail.com)

#### WFGA - Art 4 Planet Earth Update

Submissions to the Virtual Exhibition have now ended. A link for the Virtual Exhibition will be sent out to everyone in mid October and will appear on the [ap4e.uk](http://ap4e.uk) website.

#### Live Exhibition dates and venues:

St George's Hall, Bewdley 2nd October - a private pre-release event for contributors and other invited guests.

St George's Hall, Bewdley 4th -15th October

Kidderminster College 18th - 22nd October

Stourport Civic Hall 26th October- 5th November

If you have submitted a work for this exhibition then you should have had an email inviting you to the 2nd Oct event, if not please [email us](mailto:mailto:us).

#### WFGA - Eco Hub Update

WFGA is still open to suggestions and expressions of interest in this project. Email us if you want to pursue options or need more information.

#### WFXR - Support Camino-COP

The Camino to COP26 "pilgrimage" is due to arrive in Glasgow on Friday 29th October in time for the COP26 talks. We wish them well and thank all the walkers for taking on this daunting march on behalf of us all.

#### TRANSITION - Repair Cafés

Local repair cafés are now a regular event in Bewdley at St George's Hall on the third Saturday in the month (16<sup>th</sup> Oct), and in Kidderminster on the first Saturday in the month (2<sup>nd</sup> Oct) at Youth House in Bromsgrove Street, DY10 1PF. These are very sociable events open to all, and free. Don't throw away broken items – let the repair café volunteer teams fix them!

#### WFGA- Sustainability Festival

Plan now for 30th April to 15th May, 2022 !

The idea behind this is for local organisations (WFGA members and others) to offer up an event within the festival window. Publicity material will link all events and provide wide exposure for each one. So this will be not so much a WFGA event but rather a collection of member events. We ask all member organisations to think now about what they can contribute. Email your ideas to us – please put 'Sustainability Festival' in the subject line.

### ECO CONSUMER

This is a new section and all WFGA members are invited to email us their ideas on local outlets for green products or services.

#### THE GREEN COBBLER – Green Refills

Eco friendly products from this Bewdley retailer. Will refill your bottles, or provide bottles of everything you need. From washing up liquid, to cleaning sprays, shampoos to hand wash. Simply [click here](#) to place your order!

#### HOW GREEN IS YOUR GARDEN?

The Wyre Forest u3a Environmental Concern Group has been looking into the problem of the plastic waste which arises from gardening. In particular they have carried out a survey of local plant nurseries and their findings are detailed in their in depth study document which includes a list of local nurseries with good environmental policies and tells you where you can take your unwanted plastic pots for reuse or recycling. [Click here](#) to read.

### GOOD READ OF THE MONTH

#### The Garden Jungle: or Gardening to Save the Planet



By **Dave Goulson**, Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Sussex.

This is not like other books on wildlife gardening. There are no glossy photographs but it is a riveting read with the author's personality and sense of humour clearly coming across. Expect to be shocked at times with its facts on such things as the spraying of apple orchards and the pesticides found in wine and supposedly bee friendly plants bought from garden centres.

(Submit your own 'Good Read' for next month)

### GOOD NEWS OF THE MONTH

#### THE MILLIONAIRE WHO FUNDS REWILDING

Here's one millionaire who is prepared to put their money to good use, helping to kick-start rewilding projects. In a world driven by greed this is a particularly warming story. Read the full article [here](#).



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#### A reminder that we have two WFGA publicity flags.

If your organisation has an event coming up, you would be most welcome to borrow them.



Here they are, together with WFDC Green Party councillor Vicky Caulfield, outside Kidderminster Town Hall for the Greener Living Event that took place on 27<sup>th</sup> August.

If you didn't receive a copy of the September WFGA Newsletter, our first, you will be pleased to learn that we are archiving all issues on a new 'Resources' page on [our website](#) where you will be able to download a PDF version of any missed issue.

Why not add our logo to your Facebook/website/etc. You can download it, also from the website Resources page.

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