

HEREFORDSHIRE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

January 2010

Dear FOE Supporters,

Happy New Year! Well, what can we truthfully say happened at Copenhagen? Not much... but it did however engender a lot of publicity and discussions, and being the eternal optimistic, I, personally, feel very positive that the right steps have been taken and that a lot will happen as a result of that. I hope we did as much as we could to raise awareness in our county with the Climate Action Carnivals every month from May to November and the Climate Action Parlour in the Butter Market throughout the month of November.

And... as a result of that some of the key movers of the Climate Action Carnival have been recently contracted by the Council to give advice and assistance to the environmental programmes in the County. Another direct result of the Carnivals is a new alliance of environmental groups under the banner of Herefordshire in Transition, working together towards a more sustainable Herefordshire.

In the meantime, at our usual venue of Canal Road Day Centre, Hereford, Herefordshire FOE will be holding the following talks and meetings :

- **Wednesday, 3rd February - "Waste Talk" - Kenton Vigus, a Waste Disposal Officer for Herefordshire Council** will explain our new mixed recycling system. Please bring along any queries you have about the recycling dilemmas we face. It should be a feisty meeting, as of course the whole question of the proposed "Energy from Waste" facility planned for Hartlebury will be widely discussed.
- **Wednesday, 3rd March - Discussion on the "Place Shaping Paper Consultation" which is running from 18th January until 12th March.** You can get a copy of the "Place Shaping paper" by ringing 01432 260386 or at the Info. Centres & Libraries. You can also find out when the February "roadshow" and public exhibition will be on in your area.
- **Wednesday, 7th April - Two short films: "Pig Business" and "Soya Production"** followed by a discussion on farming methods today.
- **Wednesday, 5th May - AGM** followed by a discussion on past and present campaigns and the course of action for the following year.

Meetings held at Canal Road are under the auspices of *Exchange for Change*, and offer an opportunity for socialising, exchanging ideas and enjoying the home-made food which is available quite cheaply between 6.30 and 7.30pm.

Best wishes,

Melodie

I have been specially asked to remind you all that: Internationally-recognised pianist **MARTINO TIRIMO** is performing all Chopin's solo piano works in a series of concerts being given at Holy Trinity Church Hereford. The fifth of the eight concerts will be this Saturday 30th January at 4:00 p.m. with proceeds from this concert being donated to the Wye Valley Society and the **last concert of this series is on 15th May with the proceeds going to Protect the Polish Countryside.**