



## Diary Dates

### Tues 1 February 7.30pm

HFoE meeting. Recycling Unlimited Café, 151 Newland Avenue

### Sat 5 February 2pm

Film 'Age of Stupid', Boulevard Village Hall (see p 6)

### Sun 13 February 2pm

Beverley Transition meeting Beverley Friends Meeting House.

### Sat 26 and Sun 27 February 9am

Permaculture workshop (book in advance. See p 7)

### Tuesday 1 March 7.30pm

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Film 'No Impact Man', Boulevard Village Hall (see p 6)

### Sat 5 March 10am-4pm

Energy Security etc conference, York (book in advance see p4)

### Sun 27 March 10am-4.30pm

Networking for Environmental and Social Justice, Cottingham Civic Hall (see p 4)

### Tuesday 5 April 7.30pm

HFoE meeting. Recycling Unlimited Café, 151 Newland Avenue

### Sat 9 April 2pm

Film 'The Vanishing of the Bees', Boulevard Village Hall (see p 6)

### Tuesday 3 May 7.30pm

HFoE meeting. Recycling Unlimited Café, 151 Newland Avenue

### Hull Transition

Meet 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at The Eagle, Coltman Street, 7.30. Contact 07816 141169, email: lausannet@yahoo.co.uk

### Beverley FoE

Meet 3rd Thursday each month at White Horse (Nellies) Beverley, 7.30.

Email: shan@voice-international.net

## Nocton Dairies A step backward

Hot topic of conversation at the Green Fair (admittedly Lee-Ann and Hilary being dressed in Food Campaign cow costumes might have been the prompt!) was the proposal to build a huge intensive dairy unit on 22 acres near the village of Nocton in Lincolnshire.

In February 2010, Nocton Dairies Ltd submitted a plan for an 8,100-cow dairy. Cows would be housed in huge open sided sheds, fed on high protein feed, not let out to eat grass, and milked 3 times a day. After a public outcry and condemnation from many organisations the plans were withdrawn in April 2010. In November, a new application (10/1397/FUL) was submitted for 3,770 cows although Nocton Dairies has gone on record saying it will build the herd up to the original 8,100 as soon as it is practicable.

This is more like American style farming where sheds with this number of animals are common. In July last year 17 representatives from the British dairy industry visited America to study their large scale farms. According to Defra the average number of cows on a British dairy farm is 100 but there is a growth in farms with larger numbers. The largest current holding is 2,000 cows. There is no evidence that there

is any real demand for the huge increase in milk supply which will result from the Nocton farm, and the likely result is that many existing farms will be forced out of business.

## Objections

On 11 January this year, a petition was handed in by the campaign group **38 Degrees** containing 53,223 signatures alongside 14,000 formal complaints. Unfortunately, concerns about animal welfare are not normally considered to be valid reasons for refusal of a planning application; neither is unfair competition with existing farms. Planning issues have focussed largely on methods of disposing of effluent.

One of the most important objections has come from the Environment Agency who stated that the development would

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**Is anyone out there?** We like to think some of you actually read ECO! Send us your news of 'eco' type activities, letters, articles or photos. Deadlines are generally beginning of January, April, July and October.



# 2 ECO CHIT CHAT

## **Happy New Year to all, and isn't it nice to have some good news!**

 **Incinerator plans go up in smoke!** The signs have been evident to campaigners for a while, but it has now been officially confirmed that the city and county councils have scrapped the plans for a waste incinerator at Saltend. It was probably economics which finally led to this decision, but we can't help feeling that the persistent and relentless opposition by Hedon residents, HOTI and Hull FoE has helped to create a climate of opinion in which Councillors would look to cut their losses.

Many people have been involved over the years in opposing planning applications, signing petitions and going on marches, but a special mention has to be made of our own Barry Robinson who has delved deep into reports and accounts and taken every opportunity to point out to the councils the drawbacks of the arrangements with WRG. I won't insult you, Barry, by suggesting you celebrate with a well-earned rest, because I know there are other environmental causes to which you are already turning your sharp mind.

 **The Community Recycling Centre** at Park Avenue Adult Education Centre is likely to close in April, along with others in the city. Bad news financially for Hull FoE which currently looks after this site and gets an income from it (£200 in 2008/9). However, use of the site has declined greatly since the introduction of the expanded kerbside collection, and community sites generally now contribute less than 2% of the recycling collection. And I won't mind resting the sweeping brush!

 **The selection of Alexandra Dock** in Hull as the site for a major wind turbine manufacturing plant should be another good news story. Let's hope they look to the wider sustainability of the project and source as many of their supplies as possible locally, and employ mainly local workers.

 **Talking of buying locally**, I've been very glad I had a shop just round the corner during the recent period of icy roads and pavements. Of course, we need to support our local shops in good weather too, don't we, so that they will be there for us when we need them.

 **Sales of Fairtrade goods** continue to increase despite the recession. The general ethical market in the UK was worth £43.2bn in 2009 compared with £36.5bn two years earlier—an increase of 18%—according to the Co-operative Bank's annual Ethical Consumerism Report (as reported in The Guardian). Fairtrade food grew by 64% to reach sales of £749m, while sales of the RSPCA-backed Freedom Food products tripled in two years to reach £122m. But sales of organic food fell by 14% to £1.7bn.

 Meanwhile at **Hull's One World Shop** in Waltham Street current Directors Peter, Chris and Mike are stepping down in the summer. They are seeking a proposal from a small group of enthusiastic and energetic people with time to spare to set up a new charitable company to take over

the running of the shop. It has a good core of loyal customers and should benefit further from passing trade when the new NHS centre opens nearby.

 **'Fish Matters—helping you make a better choice'** is the title of a free leaflet from Greenpeace. Avoid tins of Princes tuna; they are the worst brand for killing sharks and turtles, according to Greenpeace. Details on their website.

 **A clean up of the beach at Spurn Point**, organised by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, takes place on Saturday 5 February from 1pm to 3pm. The litter is recorded and data sent to the Marine Conservation Society as part of their national beach litter campaign. Hull FoE members have taken part in past years. Details from [marine@ywt.org.uk](mailto:marine@ywt.org.uk), or just turn up; gloves etc are supplied.

 **Contact your Pension Fund Manager** and tell them to use their power as investors to get the oil companies to move faster towards renewable energy sources. Greenpeace have made this easy for us; details on their website.

 **Transition Hull's Barn Dances** at Boulevard Village Hall are attracting enthusiastic participants. We are getting the hang of it now, but could always use some revision when new members join us. Ring Lausanne on 07816 141169 or contact [zeetoria@msm.com](mailto:zeetoria@msm.com) if you want to keep informed of future events.

 Finally, please tell members of every organisation involved in environmental and social justice activities to be at the **Networking Event on Sunday 27 March at Cottingham Civic Hall from 10am to 4.30pm**. Tell Diana you are coming (see poster on page 4). If you enjoy the Green Fairs but wish there was more time to find out what other groups are doing and talk about your ideas, this is the event for you. Let's ensure that our efforts fit together and we make a real difference locally.

Hilary Byers

## **Gareth Watkins**

Many people will have been sad to learn of the death of Gareth Watkins, aged 60, in November after a short illness. Gaz, as a genealogist, had helped lots of people to trace their family history, but he also had a wide range of other interests and skills from archaeology to playing the drums. He had been a member of Hull Friends of the Earth for many years, and brought his young family to barbeques on the allotment. We send our heartfelt condolences to all his family, and hope they will continue to keep in touch.

# Hull's public transport in jeopardy

In December I had an informative meeting with Peter Shipp, Chairman and CEO of East Yorkshire Motor Services Ltd. In spite of all the proclamations of this and the previous government about the importance of public transport, and all the exhortations about getting out of your car and onto a bus, it looks like that will become increasingly difficult for the people of Hull. Mr. Shipp's company's income will be cut by £2.25 million under the new concessionary fare reimbursement arrangements. This measure, if carried, would put many small bus operators out of business since some of them report concessionary travellers at 80% or even 95%. Obviously, if the government is not going to compensate the bus companies for carrying some passengers free of charge,

the companies will have to find other ways to make a profit, or go under. The fate of bus services in Hull is thus under attack.

Also, the cost of fuel is going up and the consumption too, due to increased traffic congestion, EU emissions compliance and the increasing number of traffic signals. So East Yorkshire Motor Services might be forced to raise fares, cut rural routes, cut frequency of buses and make drivers redundant. To avoid all this happening a mass citizens' response is needed so: **grab pen and paper (e-mails are not as useful) and write a letter.** You need to write two and the addresses are below. Without a huge number of complaints at the government's efforts to destroy bus companies, the unthinkable will

happen and it will be our fault for doing nothing. Tell the government we need good public transport and they should be helping the bus companies to deliver an excellent service. As Mr Shipp says, "People rely on buses for education, jobs, shopping and access to health facilities." We don't want to lose all this.

Write to: Rt. Hon Philip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Transport, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR, and to Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DR

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**Haris Livas-Dawes**

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## Nocton Dairies

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pose an unacceptable risk of pollution to groundwater. One of the major factors is that it would be built on a highly fractured and unprotected aquifer, a natural underground layer that contains water which supports the public water supply in the area.

Supporters of the dairy claim that this proposal will not be very different from the model we already have in the UK. However, Friends of the Earth have been campaigning for a change to our intensive agricultural model, as it is environmentally unsound, unethical and unsustainable. Last year the **Fix the Food Chain** and **Join the Movement** campaigns informed the public of the true costs behind our meat and dairy industry. Intensive farming requires intensive water usage, and high protein feed which invariably comes from soy plantations in Brazil and other South American rainforest-cleared land. (Nocton Dairies have stated that they will not be sourcing from rainforest-cleared areas, but it is unclear where the feed is coming from).

This is not the way forward for the UK dairy industry and if it gets the go-ahead it will open the door for other large scale initiatives, for which there appears to be government support. Caroline Spelman,

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, has spoken in support of large dairies—what she calls 'sustainable intensification' In June 2010, Velmur Ltd. applied for planning permission for 2,896 cows in South Witham, Grantham.

## What we can do

We can write to our MPs and state our objections to this form of intensive farming. We got plenty of support from our MPs when we asked them to vote for the Sustainable Livestock Bill last November.

Nocton's local MP, Stephen Phillips QC, has proposed a bill to introduce minimum prices payable to dairy farmers for milk production. One of the major problems for the dairy industry is caused by supermarkets squashing dairy farmers out of the market by trying to keep prices low. A quote in the Farmers Guardian stated that 'milk has become cheaper than water'. The Bill also seeks to establish minimum distances between intensive farming operations and the nearest settlements. The Dairy Farming Bill will have its 2nd reading in the Houses of Parliament on Friday 10 June 2011.

The consultation period for the Nocton planning application has ended,

though many Councils continue to accept objections up to the date of the Committee, which is expected to be 8 March, when the Planning Officer will present his report to the full Planning Committee of North Kesteven District Council. If no decision is made by 11 March the applicant has the right of appeal to the Secretary of State. For more details take a look at the links at the bottom of this article.

The best source for up to date information is the Nocton blog which has been a clear and precise record of all meetings, articles and relevant information.

## **Nocton, we are behind you!**

Nocton.blogspot.org  
 www.n-kesteven.gov.uk  
[http://www.foe.co.uk/what\\_we\\_do/fix\\_food\\_chain\\_20576.html](http://www.foe.co.uk/what_we_do/fix_food_chain_20576.html)  
 Caffo.co.uk  
 NotinmyCuppa.com  
 38degrees.org.uk  
 www.ciwf.org.uk  
 www.noctondairies.co.uk  
 www.farmersguardian.com

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**Lee-Ann and Hilary**

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## Green+local+saving money

### A PERSONAL TESTIMONIAL

SOMETIMES BEING GREEN AND ACTING GREEN AND LOCAL ARE NOT ABOUT SPENDING MONEY, SOMETIMES IT'S ABOUT SAVING MONEY—like using cheaper cuts of meat and seasonal veg in a slowcooker that uses much less energy than conventional cooking. I do personally think that if you can spare the extra cash to buy a fair trade, freedom food, or just generally more ethical food you should try to—often where we spend our money is taken more notice of than anything else we do, including protesting and voting. Big Business has a lot of influence and when it comes to Big Business you vote with your wallet.

Sometimes though, lack of money leads to being green, and you can still make choices about how you spend the money you do have. Two years ago at the height of the crash in 2008 my husband found himself out of work and we found ourselves with a mortgage and entirely reliant on benefits. We had £30 a fortnight to feed ourselves. It was not easy—but we managed and we were relatively green in doing so.

We would walk to the local market and buy veg that was in season. If we were lucky there was fruit slightly past its best going cheap and we'd have fruit then, but not all the time. Often, though not local, the food had been grown in this country and not required extra energy to produce, as it was in season and so the 'carbon footprint' was lower.

We also bought the food that would otherwise have been on its way to landfill (past its sell-by date, but still edible) and scoured the reduced fridges in supermarkets for meat and cheese to supplement our lentils and beans from a weigh store—meaning much less packaging. We would buy flour, rice and porridge oats from the weigh store too, reducing the amount of packaging even further.

Most of the things we did, we did through lack of money, and I am glad that we do not still live like this now, but it is a lesson living in that way, and we managed for a little over a year. I'm much more aware of how I spend money now, and what I'm spending it on. If anything I pay a little more for some food than I did before; but if I can't afford the extra on fairtrade coffee, I do not buy it until I can. If I cannot afford the free range chicken I wait and save a little.

It took a crisis for me to see things in this way and it's not something I would expect everyone to rush out and do—but it is another piece of the puzzle and something someone else is doing. Everyone can play their part in small ways, it's how it starts; even if you are starting by separating the paper from the plastic you are a part of the change we need to be creating.

TJ

## Energy Security, Conflict and Climate Change Europe leads the way

### A conference

to be held at Friends' Meeting House,  
Friargate, **YORK**, YO1 9RL

**Saturday 5 March 2011**

10-4

### ALL WELCOME

Speakers and contributors include:

**Linda McAvan MEP**

**Representative from QCEA Brussels**

The relationship between climate change, unequal distribution of energy and wealth around the world and conflict is recognised. We need to work together in Europe if anything is to be achieved.

Some of the questions which arise are:

- Is there a solution?
- What can the European institutions do?
- What can we do to help QCEA?

**To register** please send name and full contact details (including email address) with conference fee of £10, payable to QCEA British Committee to:

**QCEA Conference, c/o Vivien Flynn, 45 Lucombe Way, New Earswick, York YO32 4DS**

### Further information from:

conference@qceabc.org.uk or vivacevivaldi@hotmail.com

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## NETWORKING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

**WHAT:** A DAY OF NETWORKING AND DISCUSSION

**WHERE:** COTTINGHAM CIVIC HALL

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, 27 MARCH 2011, FROM 10-4.30

**WHO:** If you would like time to find out what other environmental groups are doing, and talk about your ideas, this is the event for you

**WHY:** To look at where we fit together into a bigger picture, and how we can work together to achieve more

### PROGRAMME

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

INTER-GROUP EXCHANGE

LUNCH (BRING FOOD TO SHARE)

FEEDBACK

ACTION PLANS

The charge for the day is £5. If you're interested in coming to this event, please book by **contacting Diana Sandy now**, by email at [diana@sandy246.karoo.co.uk](mailto:diana@sandy246.karoo.co.uk) or telephone (01482) 844102





## One Hull of a Rainforest

is a project started by a group of primary school teachers, with the vision of inspiring the children of Hull through a sustainable curriculum and direct action.

The Maquipucuna Reserve is a privately owned area of rainforest covering over 6,000 hectares in North Eastern Ecuador, which is ranked as one of the world's top five "biodiversity hotspots". The reserve harbours an astonishing array of life—over 2000 species of plants have been identified, alongside more than 350 species of birds, 45 species of mammals and countless invertebrates. The area is

also rich in history, with archaeological evidence of pre-Incan peoples.

Maquipucuna is pioneering projects to restore deforested areas around the reserve through sustainable forestry and land management. Native cocoa and shade grown coffee are planted between areas of land which has been isolated though illegal logging, allowing animals to move in safety to find food and mates, while providing the local inhabitants with a sustainable income.

The study and comparison of our local area to Maquipucuna will provide opportunities for Hull schools in subjects including literacy, science, history, geography, citizenship, RE, and PSHCE. Each school will receive a resource pack to help deliver the curriculum. This will act as a catalyst to drive change in our schools, encouraging them to be more sustainable by minimising waste and using ethical sourcing of food, equipment and furniture.

Running alongside this, the project aims to raise enough money to purchase and protect 100 hectares of land which lies within the Maquipucuna reserve. This would be owned by **One Hull of a Rainforest** but managed and protected by the foundation. The land will also support the local people by providing sustainable micro-enterprises.

## Who is already involved in the project?

There are already 35 primary schools from Hull signed up to take part in the project. Each school has committed to fundraising during the academic year 2010/2011. **We are also planning to take 12 pupils to Ecuador next spring** to see the land we are buying, meet the local people, and lay a plaque with all our partner organisations' logos on it.

## How can you get involved?

- Individuals with specific skills can be linked directly to schools.
- Companies may wish to donate money directly to the project, or to donate items or 'experiences' as auction items.
- However, a commitment as small as saying you support our aims, and letting us use your logos to show city-wide support would be an enormous help.

Victoria Tuthill  
Bricknell Primary School  
Tel: 01482 493208  
vtuthill@bricknell.hull.sch.uk

## Green Fair success secret revealed—you love our cakes!



Debra of EDUCATION OTHERWISE leads craft activities using recycled materials

The Green Fair was another success, with more stalls than ever, more people through the door and an increase in profits (net profit of approx £400).

According to the random survey we conducted, the thing you like best about the Green Fair is its friendly, welcoming atmosphere, closely followed by the food! Improvements you wanted were more variety of stalls, more space between the stalls especially for wheelchairs, and more cakes!



Jessica tempts us with her ETHICAL CAKES

Unfortunately it is difficult to provide more space in this venue without putting stalls outside (brrrr). And we'd be reluctant to move to a different venue because the people who run the Spring Bank Community Centre are so helpful. But we'll listen to suggestions.

Of course, it's you who help make the friendly atmosphere. And many thanks to Diana and the terrific kitchen team for the food. As for more cakes, well—it's up to you to bring them!

# Transition Hull update

- Transition Hull's recent showing of the film **Food Inc** brought home to us the extent to which food has become industrialised. It explored practice in the US, where factory farming methods have become the norm and are supported by powerful lobbies. Issues of food quality, effect on the environment, animal welfare, human health and the power of the supermarkets were explored in the film, which was well-structured, supported by evidence and clear to follow.
- **Food Inc** triggered a discussion about how much of the film was relevant to the UK setting. The recent planning application for a US-style cow factory farm in Lincolnshire is a case in point (details on p1). We also explored how each of us tries in small ways to avoid reliance on supermarkets. The alternatives are being collated on a page of our website (see below), and more suggestions can be incorporated.
- Meanwhile the closure of Constable Street School has created the opportunity for us to cultivate a small section of field in the Boulevard area, in conjunction with the Playscape scheme. We will be growing crops and some flowers and will welcome volunteers in the Spring.
- For our Christmas party, members brought a selection of home-made and locally sourced food for the buffet and recycled gifts for the raffle. It was good to see a mixture of old and new members in a social setting.
- An 'Introduction to Permaculture' course is scheduled for Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th February at Boulevard Village Hall. The course will be delivered by Suzi High from Leeds Permaculture Association. The emphasis on planning and design, on recycling resources and on care for the environment is very much in tune with transition ideas. Booking details on our website.

The Transition movement is a community-based response to climate change and peak oil. Regular meetings are held on the 2nd Monday and 4th Monday of the month, 7.30 at The Eagle on Anlaby Road. Ring Lausanne on 07816 141169 for more information; and see our website for more news of events: <http://www.transitionhull.co.uk/>

We have an email circulation list where announcements of forthcoming events are posted. Please contact Vicky on [zeetoria@msn.com](mailto:zeetoria@msn.com) to join the list.

Development of Transition Groups in Cottingham and in Beverley is on the cards for 2011, so if you know anyone in these areas likely to be interested please put them in touch.

## Jenny Parsons

[Jenny@transitionhull.co.uk](mailto:Jenny@transitionhull.co.uk)

## FILM SHOWS

Transition Hull is showing the following films. All are at Boulevard Village Hall, near the fountain on Boulevard, Hull, and the event starts at 2pm. All welcome (children to be accompanied by adults please); small donations asked for. There will be a short discussion over tea and cake afterwards.

### **Saturday 5 February**

**'Age of Stupid'** stars Pete Postlethwaite as a man living in the devastated future world of 2055, looking at old footage and asking: why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance?

### **Saturday 5 March**

**'No Impact Man'** Follow the Manhattan-based Beavan family as they abandon their high consumption 5th Avenue lifestyle and try to live a year while making no net environmental impact.

### **Saturday 9 April**

**'The Vanishing of the Bees'** Honeybees have been mysteriously disappearing across the planet.

# SAVE England's forests

THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO GET AUTHORITY TO SELL ALL PUBLICLY OWNED FORESTS THROUGH CLAUSES INSERTED IN THE PUBLIC BODIES BILL, WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING DEBATED IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Our public forests are currently managed to balance economic, social and environmental objectives and to provide timber, recreation, access and conservation for the benefit of all and in perpetuity. Although some protections will be maintained through legislation like the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (CROW), there will be no guarantee of continued provision for horse-riders, cyclists or dog-walkers, and **the high standard of access and accessibility currently maintained will not be required.**

The former Chair of the Forestry Commission has outlined some of the risks involved in a widespread sale, while articles in the Sunday Times and Sunday Telegraph have described the chilling effects of previous forest sales on public access and enjoyment.

At the time of writing, over 158,000 people have signed the online petition opposing the current proposals. Serious concerns have also been registered by many leading figures and organizations including the Woodland Trust, the Confederation of Forest Industries, the RSPB, the Wildlife Trusts, the British Horse Society, the Ramblers and the Kennel Club.

Local opposition groups are forming rapidly. **Anyone know which are the publicly owned forests and woodlands in our area?**

[www.saveenglandsforests.org](http://www.saveenglandsforests.org)

[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk)

## Beverley Transition Group

There was a good level of interest at the first meeting of the new Transition group in Beverley.

The next meeting will be on Sunday 13 February at 2 pm at the Beverley Friends Meeting House.

Further details from

[Shan@voice-international.net](mailto:Shan@voice-international.net)

or 01482 862085.

# Book review

## Spix's Macaw

by Tony Juniper

At September conference, among a whole room of stalls was the Book Stall with all the books available to FoE members. I love books and, although I always have a several foot high stack of books beside my bed waiting to be read, I can't resist even more. So I purchased seven books and had the opportunity in hospital over the New Year to read **Spix's Macaw**, wherein Tony Juniper tells of the race to save the world's rarest bird.

Only one was left in the wild, the others largely trapped by hunters involved in the illegal trading of wild birds. When that bird died, the only hope of saving the Spix's macaw from extinction died too—unless illegal birds purchased by wealthy collectors could be sexed, brought together to breed more and then released in the wild.

As the book covers this subject it reads like a good detective story or an excellent piece of investigative reporting. But it also stands on its own as the plot, characters and theme are believable and well-described. The writing is clear and the whole story fascinating. But also sad—one more example of how the human race has impoverished (and is impoverishing)—the world.

Juniper hopes that the race to save the Spix's Macaw from extinction could become "a new image for a new age, a time when people's unthinking exploitation of nature was replaced by careful husbandry and thoughtful coexistence—an era when the value of life's diversity was not measured only by money but seen as worth keeping for its own sake." He allows us to look at our own part in the huge task he describes: "Returning Spix's Macaws to the world will depend on the wild still being there. It is now quite clear that if there is to be a long-term resolution between the needs of endangered species and the world's fast-growing human population, then the rest of us must appreciate our own contribution to the final ravaging of this planet's natural riches that is now taking place. Cheap petrol, meat, metals, paper, wood, sugar, coffee and the rest of the seemingly endless flow of commodities that those of us lucky enough to live in developed countries use and waste with

such abandon come at an ecological cost rarely reflected in the prices we pay. Footing the bill for our growing demands are the earth's last remote ecosystems and most beautiful species. There can be a different way, but we are very far from embarking on it."

The saving of this macaw is as yet unsure. It would need, as Juniper believes, a collaboration of scientists, parrot breeders, money, courage and "someone to lead the effort who can inspire trust from the many interests involved and who is able to chart a course through the politics and bureaucracy that go with most conservation projects. Such people do exist and would be willing to go to the Cattinga to help save this most charismatic of endangered species." When I read this I immediately thought of Juniper himself. What better person to lead that effort.

I hope we can learn the outcome of the challenge Juniper describes. We all liked and respected him through his years as Director of FoE and, I'm sure would like to know the future direction of his life. But, whereas the future may be uncertain, my recommendation is not. I would encourage everyone to buy and read this book and can guarantee you will be inspired.

Haris Livas-Dawes

## Permaculture Workshop

### 2 Day Course

by Suzi of the Permaculture Association

Saturday and Sunday 26 and 27 February  
9am-4.30pm

at Boulevard Village Hall, Boulevard, Hull

Permaculture is  
about growing  
and designing  
with nature



Cost on a sliding scale from £30 to £120  
(depending on numbers and your resources)

**Contact Lausanne as soon  
as possible for details:**

07816 141169

or lausannet@yahoo.co.uk

## News from MARINET

### UK needs your support: please lobby your MEP

MARINET is launching a campaign for a fundamental reform of the EU Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). This campaign will bring our fish stocks back into a sound condition, and halt the madness that governs the CFP at the moment. For decades, fishing quotas have been set too high, and species like cod are now on the verge of commercial extinction.

The CFP Reform campaign calls on local groups and members of the public to contact MEPs, MPs and devolved Assembly Members. MARINET will provide all the campaign material you need. Hull FoE will be joining in this important work.

To help in this vital campaign contact Stephen Eades (MARINET Co-ordinator) on [stephen.marinet@btinternet.com](mailto:stephen.marinet@btinternet.com), tel 01249 653972 and he'll send you further details. Local contact is Bill Rigby on [Bill@voice-international.net](mailto:Bill@voice-international.net), tel 01482 862085.

Meanwhile our other campaign is the implementation of the UK Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. Central to both of these campaigns is our work on marine reserves, the ecosystem-based approach to marine management, and action centred on the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive and OSPAR (the Oslo-Paris Convention for the Protection of the North East Atlantic).

Bill Rigby



# Hull Friends of the Earth

## M E M B E R S H I P

I wish to become a member of Hull FoE <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to renew my Hull FoE membership <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to subscribe to the <b>newsletter only</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Payment</b>	
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<b>Postcode</b>		<b>Total</b>	£
<b>Telephone</b>		Please make cheques payable to Hull Friends of the Earth	
<b>Email</b>			
<b>Standing Order Mandate</b>		<b>Happy to help?</b>	
<b>Hull Friends of the Earth</b> Standing Order Mandate <b>OR</b> (delete one or the other as appropriate) Amendment cancelling any previous instructions to pay money to Hull Friends of the Earth. (Please fill in the details of your own account and the bank where it is held.)		Volunteers are always needed. If you might be able to help, please underline what you would be able to help with: ► <b>Stalls</b> ► <b>Letter writing</b> ► <b>Delivering newsletters</b> ► <b>Other ways</b> (please specify)	
Your account name		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Newsletter by email</b></p> <p>If you would like to receive the newsletter as a full colour <b>pdf</b> attachment, please send your email address to <b>sue@jolliffe.karoo.co.uk</b> stating whether you would like to receive it instead of or as well as a paper copy</p> <p>We will use the contact details you have provided to keep you up to date on our campaigns and how you can help us. If you'd rather NOT receive this information from us, please tick here <input type="checkbox"/></p> </div>	
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Upon receipt of this order and then every year following on or about the _____ day of _____ (month) until otherwise instructed, please pay to Hull Friends of the Earth, Yorkshire Bank plc, 38 Prince's Avenue, Hull HU5 3QQ Account number: 27534801 Branch sort code: 05 05 25 the sum of TWO POUNDS (unwaged) or FIVE POUNDS (waged) or _____ (delete and/or fill in as required - donations over the minimum amount are welcome) mentioning the reference _____ (your own name or something short we can identify you by on the bank statements!) Signed _____ Date _____			
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