



## Watlington Climate Action Newsletter April 2021

Welcome to everything you need to know about what's going on this month for WCAG.

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- *What do the different politicians have to say about how to address the Climate and Ecological Emergency?*

- **You Tube**

- *We passed 100 subscribers!*

## WCAG Dates for your Diary

- 12th May 7.45 for 8 pm **Homes & Energy** Talk on the built environment, the inter-relation between housing and climate and how we can future-proof our homes. This is also our launch event for this programme!

Please register on our Events page for events to get the zoom details

[Click here for our Events page](#)

## Homes & Energy

Kate Brown, who lectures in Sustainable Building at Oxford Brookes University, is giving what will be a fascinating talk on the subject, and introducing our Homes & Energy programme of projects.

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# HOMES & ENERGY



IN WATLINGTON, HOMES CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN A THIRD TO ANNUAL CARBON EMISSIONS OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

Kate Brown, local expert in sustainable buildings, talks on the built environment, the interrelation between housing and climate, and what changes we can make to future-proof our homes.

7.45 for 8 pm Wednesday 12th May on Zoom  
For your FREE ticket register at:  
[www.watlingtonclimateaction.org.uk/events](http://www.watlingtonclimateaction.org.uk/events)

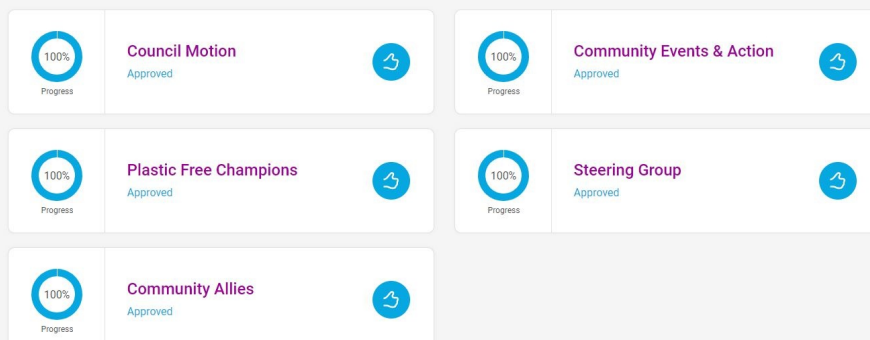


HELPING WATLINGTON TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

Register here

Help spread the word by printing the attached poster and putting in your window!

## Plastic Free Watlington Accreditation!



We are delighted to be awarded Plastic Free Accreditation by Surfers Against

Sewage! Well done to all the businesses and community groups that got involved and the Plastic Free team who made this happen. Thank you in particular to Terry Jackson for leading this project. Thank you also to Watlington Parish Council Chair Matt Reid for making the announcement at the WPC AGM

[Read our full blog!](#)

[See Matt's announcement](#)

## The Ecological Emergency



Over the last two years, we've become increasingly aware that the climate emergency isn't a simple issue of too much CO2 in the atmosphere but it is inextricably linked with the natural world. The dramatic change in the climate and destruction of natural habitats are interrelated in both cause and effect, and in consequence.

To reflect this we have updated our mission adding in "protect and enhance biodiversity" and we have taken the opportunity to review and consolidate some of the wording.

[See our new mission](#)

[Read our blog on the Climate and Ecological Emergency](#)

## Electric Vehicles

Thank you to the speakers Niki Panakis, Dave Parkes, and Anthony Simpson for a very informative evening - clearly a subject with a lot of interest in Watlington! If you missed it you can catch up with the recording on our website, read the blog from Lawrence for a quick synopsis, or read through the Q&As.

Last call also to fill in our questionnaire on the event, whether you came on the night or watched on catch up we are keen to hear from you!

[Read Lawrence's summary](#)

[Q&As and Video](#)

[Fill in the short questionnaire](#)

## Watlington Parish Council AGM

It's been 2 years since Amber Chainey and her friends spoke passionately at the WPC AGM and held a brainstorming session. Our first activity as an emerging group was to assimilate those ideas into a plan of action. Here's WCAG Secretary Jeanette Wooster presenting at the event last week, and a blog which looks back over the last year and everything we've achieved in the last 12 months.

[See Jeanette's presentation](#)

[See highlights of last 12 months](#)



### Thinking of changing your energy supplier?

One of the easiest things you can do to reduce your carbon footprint is changing to a renewable energy tariff. But all tariffs and suppliers are not equal! Keith explains how it all works and how to avoid some pitfalls.

[See Keith's top tips](#)

## No Mow May



Thanks to Iain Naismith for our latest Wildlife Gardening blog. Iain explains about this initiative and how you can get involved with the Every Flower Counts survey.

[Read the blog](#)

## Film Review - Gamechangers



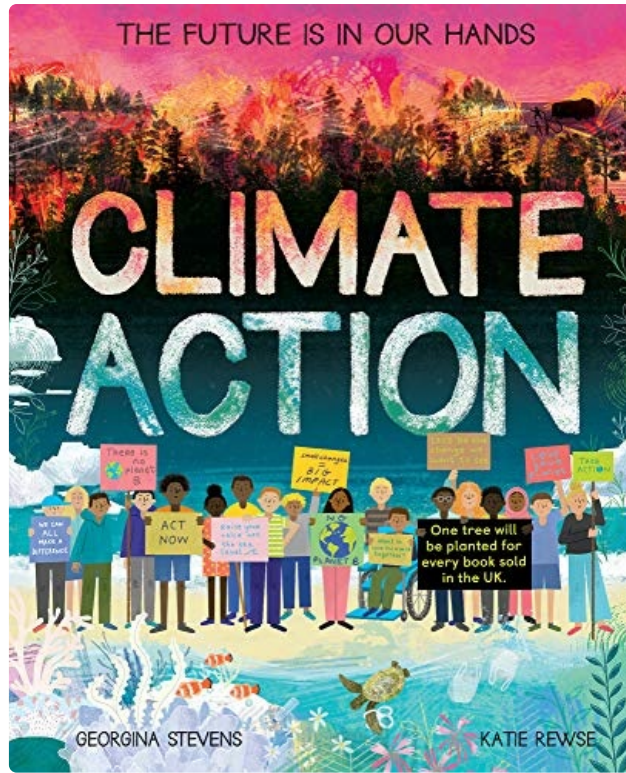
Presented by James Cameron, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jackie Chan, Lewis Hamilton, Novak Djokovic and Chris Paul, Gamechangers calls itself "a revolutionary new film about meat, protein and strength". But what does WCAG movie critic Tom Robinson make of it?

[Read the blog](#)

## Book Review - Climate Action

The third book reviewed by Kim Price in the Good Reads Green Deeds series

focuses on Climate Action - A future in our hands - written for 7 - 12 year olds.



[Read the blog](#)

## Recipe of the Month

Thanks again to Rowan Price for this tasty recipe for May

## Spring Risotto

Serves: 4

Total Time: 40 Minutes

### Ingredients

25g Dried mushrooms (any)	4 tbsp Dairy free "Butter"
250g Frozen peas	1 Onion diced
250g Risotto rice	2 garlic cloves crushed
125ml White wine	15 Asparagus spears finely chopped into discs
1.2l Vegetable stock	Small bunch chives finely chopped
2 tbsp Olive oil	

### Method

1. Place the dried mushrooms in hot stock and let them soak.
2. Heat 2 tbsp of the butter and oil in a wide pan over a medium heat, and fry the onion for 5 to 10 mins until tender and translucent.
3. Add the garlic and fry for a minute.
4. Remove the dried mushrooms from the stock and add to the pan.
5. Fry for 8-10 mins or until tender and golden.
6. Stir in the rice and coat in the oil from the pan.
7. Add the wine and simmer for 2 mins to reduce.
8. Add the stock gradually, stirring regularly until absorbed before adding more.
9. Keep adding and stirring for 20 mins until most of the stock has been absorbed and the rice is tender.
10. Add the peas and asparagus and cook for 5 minutes until slightly tender.
11. Remove from the heat, stir the remaining 2 tbsp vegan butter and the herbs into the risotto, leave to stand for 5 minutes, covered, before serving.

Rowan Price



## Local Elections

With elections coming up, we're taking a keen interest in what politicians are saying they will do about the climate and ecological emergency!

The political discourse in 2021 should be not be about whether there is a climate emergency that requires action but how to best address it.

Take a look at what the different parties are saying, ask the candidates questions, and make sure that they know that this issue is important to you!

## YouTube

Thanks to everyone who has subscribed to our YouTube Channel so far! As a result we have our own bespoke URL Check out our videos here - and don't forget to hit "subscribe"!

[Watlington Climate Action YouTube Channel](#)

## Chilterns Walking Festival

As part of the Chilterns Walking Festival three events are happening in Watlington



1. Xmas Common Cheese & Pub walk - Wed 26th May
2. Watlington Nature Walk Thur 3rd June
3. Bush craft in the chalk pits Sun 23rd May

You can book your place and see all the events that are part of the festival on the link below

[See the Walking Festival here](#)

**Thanks for reading!**

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