WaterCAN talks are launched!

WaterCAN opened its programme of climate related information sessions with a talk and workshop led by Mike Bundock on his do-it-yourself energy saving measures (Monday 11th September), covering insulation, ventilation, solar panels, rainwater collection, grey water recycling and heat pumps. Perhaps the eye-catching piece of information was Mike's energy bill, which comes in at two to three hundred pounds a year, mainly on standing charges!  An all-round win!

Mike is happy to share his experiences and expertise with anyone who might be considering energy saving measures in their own home.

The next information session and discussion is led by well-known local horticultural expert, author and TV personality John Trim on "A Year in the Vegetable Garden", looking at the benefits of gardening for physical and mental well being, as well as reducing food miles. Thursday 12th October 7.00pm Hythe Community Centre. All welcome.

On Monday 13th November, environmental scientist Shaun Russell will be talking about "Observing Climate Change: The Earlier Arrival of Spring", looking at how climate change is affecting all our lives, drawing on a unique 75-year record written by a relative of Charles Darwin. 7.00pm Hythe Community Centre. All welcome.

WaterCAN is also exploring the potential for community energy schemes in the Waterside area, and would welcome any suggestions and ideas which members of the community might have. Further information regarding the New Forest Community Energy Programme, including a powerpoint co-authored by Laura Wilson (Community Energy South), Roxie King (New Forest District Council) and Cathy Cook (West Solent Solar Coop), is available via ‘Our Files’ on the WaterCan website.

For anyone thinking about investing in solar panels and batteries, Solar Together are currently working with Hampshire and New Forest Councils to provide panel and battery installations.

Further information is available on our website at e-voice.org.uk/watercan, or join in the debate and add your ideas to our Facebook page. Why not join us? New members are always welcome and you will be able to join in with the lively and informative discussions on our Whatsapp site.

Finally, following the recent disclosure of sewage dumping in the Bealieu river, did you know that you can track your own personal sewage on the "Where's my Poo" website? Worth a look.

Stop Press News (at the time of writing): Thousands of demonstrators are blocking The Netherlands main motorway. Police unions have written to the Government suggesting that politicians should come and talk to the citizens blocking the road.  This reflects a comment from a British police chief that "We're not going to arrest our way out of environmental protest".  It adds an interesting slant to the debate around effective protest action."

If you are interested in getting involved with our group, contact us at Watercan2024@gmail.com