

## GREEN AFTERNOON—Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June

**There was a real buzz at this major Green initiative. Here are some of the highlights—more on pages 34 & 35**

- **Walter Evans School.** Under the supervision of Year 3 teacher Jane Travis, children from the Eco Group enthusiastically explained to members of the public (and Radio Derby) what the school was up to. You can read about their impressive hedgehog collaboration with Derby University on page 34. They also keep staff and children on their toes with a weekly award for the most sustainable classroom!
- **Derby University.** Dr Briony Norton had a stall with three of her students. Briony is an expert on landscape ecology. Their research focuses on the impacts of land-use change on biodiversity and ecosystems, particularly in cities and towns. We hope to have an article from them soon on hedgehogs and wildlife gardens.
- **Radio Derby.** The 'Potty Plotters' (Elaine Crick and Julia Slater) were broadcasting live from the churchyard, interviewing likely candidates, such as churchwarden David Brierley and the Walter Evans School Eco Group.



- **Holistic Restoration.** Miriam McDonald and Rob Owen had a stall and talked about what was happening at their 'Midland Restoration Hub'. They were running a course in July entitled 'Woven Earth', including a birdsong and butterfly walk, with an optional evening at the camp fire. You could also buy a signed copy of Miriam's new book, 'Emergent'. In the afternoon they gave a presentation on their work in the church.
- **Darley and Nutwood Local Nature Reserve.** Peter Hill gave another of the afternoon talks, on 'Wildlife on your doorstep', saying how fortunate we are to have these 25 acres, bounded on two sides by the river. There are 160 species of wildflowers, and grazing on the central grassland. To the west the site includes an area of woodland.

- **Extinction Rebellion.** Mia Bains gave the third presentation of the afternoon, on 'Heading for extinction—what can we do?' She spoke about the two crises we face—climate destruction and ecological destruction. Assuming we are not too far through the sixth mass extinction already (we are probably much further into it than most people admit) then we need to make huge changes very quickly. It is beyond politics, where growth and vested interests are valued above everything, but nevertheless the government must act: tell the truth and act now!



- **Refills on the Road.** Darcie Cousins had a stall for Derbyshire's first mobile zero-waste shop. She brought several samples with her as well as her van. Visit [refillsontheroad.com](http://refillsontheroad.com). She is visiting the church car park on the fourth Saturday of each month (28<sup>th</sup> August) on a trial basis. Please bring your own containers and support her—see page 6.

- **Darley Abbey Community Energy.** At their stall, Jo Watson and Phil Harris were promoting a new group that is looking into the possibility of a local energy club, with hydro-electricity from the weir and solar panels in the village. Email [dacommunityenergy@googlegroups.com](mailto:dacommunityenergy@googlegroups.com) to keep up to date.
- **Repair Café at West End Community Centre.** This was featured in the June magazine. Learn how to repair and maintain household items.
- **Derby City Council.** The council were promoting various recycling initiatives from their gazebo outside the church.
- **Yada Collective.** Yada were selling non-alcoholics drinks, including coffee, in another gazebo, outside the south door. They attend various events and venues.
- **Eco Representatives.** We were pleased to welcome Eco representatives from other Allestree Churches.

