

Hi

Just a reminder that:

-Bedminster Energy Group will be screening **Racing Extinction** this Tuesday at the Snug, next to the Tobacco Factory, at 7.30pm.

-The following Tuesday, **21st March**, I will be giving the 7th talk in the series, **The Way Forward**, looking at how we are set to combat climate change in the coming years.

-On **Tuesday 28th March** Bedminster Energy Group will be screening **Merchants of Doubt**, a really important film for understanding how climate scepticism has been financed and how sowing seeds of doubt has proved such an effective strategy in the US.

A few other things. For anyone interested in the UK land use issue, how livestock contribute to our greenhouse gases *and air pollution*, please listen to this morning's **Farming Today on the Radio 4 website**. It's a packed half hour giving a very balanced and comprehensive overview - and more reasons to cut your meat consumption!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08gwg38>



[Farming and Pollution,](#)
[Farming Today - BBC Radio 4](#)

www.bbc.co.uk

What are the links between farming and pollution? Charlotte Smith investigates.

I would also highly recommend several of the recent Radio 4 'Costing the Earth' programmes. In particular, the programme on the 28th February looked at soil as a carbon sink, and on the 14th March looks at the implications of oil exploration in the Yasuni National Park, a really sensitive area of land that Ecuador offered for sale to save it from oil production - but the world did not buy.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08g5531>



[BBC Radio 4 - Costing the Earth, Soil Saviours](#)

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Can soil play a role in the fight against climate change? Our soils are the biggest store of terrestrial carbon on the planet. This crucial non-renewable natural ...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08ffv88>



[BBC Radio 4 - Costing the Earth, Black Gold in Paradise](#)

www.bbc.co.uk

Yasuni National Park in Ecuador is widely recognised as the most biodiverse place on earth. Around 10% of all known life forms can be found within a few ...

UK's 2016 Energy figures

Some good-ish news.... **Carbon Brief** has done an early analysis of the UK's 2016 energy figures (due out officially at end of month). They show a **6% drop in emissions overall caused mainly by our cuts in coal consumption. But within those figures, emissions from gas have gone up 12%** (and I assume most of the associated emissions will not appear on our carbon bill as Liquefied Natural Gas is sourced from Qatar and the US, and most of our North Sea gas is from the Norwegian section of the continental shelf). **Emissions from oil use are also up** as road-users respond to low petrol prices and the government's cut of Vehicle Excise Duty on high consumption cars. But overall, the UK's emissions, as measured within this country, are substantially down....

<https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-uk-cuts-carbon-record-coal-drop>

For some truly surreal listening, Radio 4 put out a programme on the 2nd March looking at how the nuclear industry is asking artists to find a way of signalling to future generations, 100,000 years into the future, that areas of land / repositories contain dangerous material and should not be touched... Bizarre.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08g7tv3>



[BBC Radio 4 - Radioactive Art](#)

www.bbc.co.uk

Radioactive waste can remain dangerous to humans for 100,000 years. Nations with nuclear power are building underground storage facilities to permanently house it ...

Electric bikes and ethical coffee

Atmosphere Electric Bikes and the Salt Cafe are continuing their joint offer into the warmer weather - **a free coffee for a try-out of an electric bike**. Many people don't understand how these bikes work and what a pleasure they are to ride! Please do go along and have some fun.

What the oil companies knew...

Please see the briefing below from 'Keep it in the Ground' revealing **what Shell knew about climate change and their contribution to it almost 30 years ago**.

Bookings

I look forward to seeing you at events over the coming weeks. Please do book through Eventbrite and if you are unable to attend, please do cancel on the website so that others can attend. Many thanks and all good wishes.

If you would prefer not to be included in these mailings, please do drop me a line.

Nikki

For information on forthcoming talks on energy and climate change, please go to Eventbrite Bristol - <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/united-kingdom--bristol>

For latest articles, please see www.exploringoilandgas.co.uk.

Subject: Keep it in the ground: Shell's 1991 film warning of climate change danger uncovered

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Public information film unseen for years shows Shell had clear grasp of global warming 26 years ago but has not acted accordingly since, say critics



Photograph: Bloomberg/Bloomberg via Getty Images

More than a quarter of a century ago, oil giant Shell [made an extraordinary public film about the dangers of global warming](#), called *Climate of Concern*, which has just been rediscovered. The film, says one leading climate scientist, is one of the best he has ever seen: [the science is sharp, the predictions uncannily accurate and the suggested solutions smart](#). The film even had an urgent message: “Action now is seen as the only safe insurance.”

Yet Shell has spent the 26 years since investing many billions in highly polluting tar sands and helping to lobby against climate action. As Bill McKibben told me: “Imagine if Shell had taken their own advice and we’d spent the last quarter century in all-out pursuit of renewables, energy efficiency, and conservation. We wouldn’t have solved the problem of global warming, but we’d be well on the way. Shell made a big difference in the world – a difference for the worse.”

Damian Carrington, head of environment

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