SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND DRINK GROUP (SFADG) update – April 2024

GREEN MAN FESTIVAL, BoA May 11th

Lots going on at this popular event. Come and have a chat with us on the **Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon (CFB) stand**. Our display will be in Holy Trinity churchyard and will include a **SFADG/ Biodiversity and Swift Group presence and Jonathan Francis,** from Avonleigh Orchards, with a display on his farm and market garden.

A message from Avonleigh Orchards, 20 years into our journey, we are in the bizarre yet upsetting situation that Wiltshire Planning has approved the siting of an industrial development next to us without letting us know. Please look at the link for the full story. With figures such as only approximately 50% of our vegetables and 16% of our fruit being grown in the UK, it feels crazy we are not protecting what we do have. I will be at the CFB stall in Holy Trinity Churchyard this Saturday so please come and find us.



But please add to the campaign to get our concerns heard by contacting the town council, Wiltshire Council and the planning department. Keep in contact - there is a petition on the way.

This is a big struggle for us, and worryingly with an unknown impact on our future.

Integrity of Avonleigh Orchards at risk: see more details here.

CFBoA guest speaker event

RECORDING OF 'FAIRNESS FOR FOOD (FARMING, NATURE, CLIMATE AND HEALTH)'

Our webinar was well attended on 24th April.
It was enlightening to hear some candid thoughts from our speakers on the challenges that exist in developing a truly sustainable food system.
The event is now available to watch on YouTube (includes details of event and speaker profiles) – see here.
Or, you can watch on Zoom (includes chatbox), here:
Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon - Fairness for Food (Farming, Nature, Climate and Health) - Zoom Passcode: GZ0j5Y.$
We hope you find it interesting.
Feedback is welcome - email climatechampions@gmail.com.

FARM AND NATURE WALKS AND TALKS

Quoins Organic Vineyard have kindly invited the Sustainable and Drink Group (SFADG) for a tour of the vineyard on 8th July. They also have a delightful wildflower meadow and Liz Stephens, Chair of CFB Biodiversity Group) will help with native plant identification. To be on the SFADG circulation list to receive more details of this and other activities and information sharing, please email climatechampions@gmail.com .

LIKE TO TRY A SLOW COOKER, PRESSURE COOKER OR AIR FRYER? See here for details of the short-term loan scheme, set up by the TC and CFB. Then click link if you would like to add your name to the list. “I'm delighted that the loan scheme is so popular and I'm happy to wait my turn. Buying a new item when I have a very small kitchen usually means something has to go before something else comes in! So the loan scheme is ideal for me to find out if an air fryer is going to be a boon or not” (Eunice).

Ros Edwards