Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon

SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND DRINK GROUP (SFADG)

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   Extreme weather events, geo-political instability and the increasing likelihood of cyber-attacks are putting food production and supply chains at risk. We are being advised by government to stock up on reserve supplies of food and water in case of short or longer-term disruption.
   How can we as individuals, families and communities become more resilient in emergencies? The suggestion is not to panic buy, but to buy some extra at each shop. What should we buy? Can we keep a focus, when stocking up, on food which is local and sustainably produced (thereby helping to mitigate climate change)? What about storage, means to cook, sharing, ensuring the vulnerable are provided for, etc? How can we, our farmers and producers, food and drink businesses, councils and government prepare for such challenges?
   Come and join the discussion and share your ideas.

   See:
   The future of food security
   https://nationalpreparednesscommission.uk/news/the-future-of-food-security/
   Stock up on food to prepare for extreme weather, Minister says (4th Sept 2026)
   https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp931m8n3p5o
   Germany Bolsters Strategic Food Reserves for Emergency Preparedness (May 2026)
   https://united24media.com/world/germany-bolsters-strategic-food-reserves-for-emergency-preparedness-18411
   (Sent in by Kate Nottage): "In Wales they are apparently actually working on a sustainable food strategy… including appointing a 'Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability'. This letter gives some calls to action. Our Food Trust is a Welsh organisation, I'm not sure how they are funded."
   https://ourfoodtrust.org/news/welsh-food-for-welsh-people-letter-to-the-new-minister-for-rural-resilience-and-sustainability
   A new report from the Food Foundation Farming For 5-A-Day: how resilient is the UK's supply of fruit, veg and beans in a changing climate? (15 August 2026) says 'Keeping it local – seasonal, local fruit and veg is the way forward'.

https://foodfoundation.org.uk/publication/farming-5-day-how-resilient-uks-supply-fruit-veg-and-beans-changing-climate
(Thanks to Izzy Edwards, Kate Nottage and Shirley McCarhy for sending in links}

2. **Trowbridge Apple Festival Saturday 10th October 11am-3pm in Trowbridge Park**
https://www.facebook.com/TrowAppleFest/
A fun event for all ages which showcases local produce, traditional crafts and methods and environmentally friendly practices. Our event is free to those attending and we get a great turnout each year from our community.

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Speaker: Martin Nye We're delighted that Martin has agreed to talk about his year as High Sheriff of Wiltshire with a focus on food. He will also share his insights into sustainable food issues from his 8 Years as Chair of the Soil Association and particularly his interest in the Soil Exchange, Innovative Farmers and Food for Life framework for schools

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