



# Friends of the Earth

## Barry Maunder, died August 2004

Barry could be a prickly character at times, but the number and wide span of his friendships bears witness to his warmth and humanity. These ranged from old school friends, BANES councillors and members of Bath's rugby fraternity through to Sunday recyclers, Samba musicians and connoisseurs of music at the Bell.

Barry hated violence – always seeing the human side of people – even when they were on the opposite side of the argument. Once, when I was in the Bell, I witnessed Barry stepping in to break up a fight. Fine, I thought, until I noticed that one of the protagonists was about 6' 5" and in no mood for a fight. In true Scooby Doo fashion, I retreated into the background, preparing myself to scrape Barry off the floor. Remarkably though, he managed to resolve the argument and we went away to enjoy a pint and some music.

Barry was an extremely dedicated and effective campaigner. He was the driving force behind CYCLEBATH, the Bath Car Free Day, and the CITE initiative that gave us the Bus gates. I once found out that the Chronicles "Barry" section stretched to a full filing cabinet drawer. But Barry did not get a kick out of this – he just wanted to get the message across.

As I wrote this, warm memories of Barry came flooding back to me from before the time that depression diminished him so much. Our thoughts are with his parents at this difficult time – thank you for such a wonderful person and friend.

David Searby.

## Have a go at regional lobbying

It's one more level, it's remote if not virtual, and it's not a game. But we have to play it, because if we don't, it will play back at us. Via email it's quick, via post it is slower, but whichever is your mailing wont, it's worth having a go at some regional lobbying. And if you have the time to go to daytime meetings and make presentations or ask questions in Taunton, Exeter or Bristol, that could make quite a difference. Every little helps (as that dreadful global corp ad keeps reminding us).

Planning law has shifted phase. It might seem like the same double dutch of strategies and plans, but as of 13<sup>th</sup> May there is a difference. Regional Spatial Strategies are taking over from Regional Planning Guidance. They will be law and enforcement will follow. So those strategies had better not contain horrors, such as the A36/A46 link road.

The strategies cover everything from new housing and shopping developments, transport, waste, energy, and economic development, with the environment as a separate issue as if it didn't relate to the rest of life. They provide the framework for local plans. We need to influence both.

When a planning action is getting close to the decision phase, such as the A36/A46 link road, a planning notice is issued near the spot with contact details for the officials at the local and regional levels to whom you can send objections. For the link road, the Government Office of the South West was the regional body, and I received a reply from Nigel Hammond, Senior Technical Advisor Regional Transport. The other contacts were Sir Elgar Jenkins for B&NES Council and our MP Don Foster.



Barry manning our "World Environment Day" stall, alongside Vicky and Dave (hidden), 5<sup>th</sup> June 2004.

### Action now:

1) One action we need to take urgently is to lobby the Environment Agency, Countryside Agency, English Nature and English Heritage to re-elect our three environment members to the South West Regional Assembly. We could take the opportunity to ask them to press the Assembly for more environment members. The election takes place in November. The three members are Cate Brice-Mack, organic farmer (her role at the Assembly is sustainability and she is promoting the resolution for GM Free South West); Howard Thomas, Campaign for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) (environment and transport); and Mark Robbins, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) (biodiversity).

2) You can take part in the South West Regional Assembly's consultation on the Regional Spatial Strategy 2006-2026 until Friday 26 November. Go to the website <http://www.southwest-ra.gov.uk/swra/ourwork/consultationregister/current.shtml> Download the document and response form, and email your comments to [rss@southwest-ra.gov.uk](mailto:rss@southwest-ra.gov.uk) or [keith.woodhead@southwest-ra.gov.uk](mailto:keith.woodhead@southwest-ra.gov.uk) or mail them to the address below.

The main regional planning bodies are the following:

- South West Regional Assembly  
email: [swra@southwest-ra.gov.uk](mailto:swra@southwest-ra.gov.uk)  
Dennett House, 11 Middle Street,  
Taunton TA1 1SH Tel: 01823  
270101

SWRA is the new Regional Planning Body following changes in the planning law in May. It is taking up its new role from July.

- South West Regional Development Agency  
[www.southwestrda.org.uk](http://www.southwestrda.org.uk)

Sterling House, Dix's Field, Exeter  
EX1 1QA T: 01392 214747 Fax:  
214848

Responsible for drafting the Regional Economic Development strategy. It also has money, but according to its annual accounts not that much (£104 million in the last accounting year - must be missing a few zeros, but I'm told not by a reasonably reliable source!). It funds industry, land development, skills development, innovation, among other things, with soft loans (on easy terms) and grants.

- Government Office of the South West  
[www.gosw.gov.uk](http://www.gosw.gov.uk)  
2, Rivergate, Temple Quay, Bristol  
BS1 2PB Tel: 0117 900 1993  
Fax: 0117 900 1910

Central government's base in Bristol. This is important to include in any email lobbying. It reflects government policy and it also has money.

- National Trust  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)  
Locally: Eastleigh Court, Bishopstrow,  
Wilts BA12 9HW Tel: 01985 843600  
Fax: 01985 843624

The National Trust is one of the few charities to have the power of legal process. It can declare land "inalienable" in other words, untouchable. Worth lobbying, but they are quite cagey, as I found last year when trying to get them to agree GM crops were not a good idea. They wouldn't back our campaign, but towards the end of last year they declared no GM on all of their land, which is a lot. Maybe my phone call was one view among others to help persuade them.

- Countryside Agency (South West - offices in Bristol and Exeter)  
Bristol Office: 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Redcliff Street, Bristol BS1 6NP  
Tel: 0117 910 2900  
Fax: 0117 910 2901  
[info.southwest@countryside.gov.uk](mailto:info.southwest@countryside.gov.uk)

It elects the three environmental members of the South West Regional Assembly. It is well into environmental stewardship of the countryside, and the implementation of sustainable farming and sustainable rural communities, along with homing in on EU farm subsidies.

- English Nature  
Team Manager: Andy King  
[somerset@english-nature.org.uk](mailto:somerset@english-nature.org.uk)  
(Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset and North Somerset)  
Roughmoor, Bishop's Hull, Taunton  
TA1 5AA Tel: 01823 283211  
Fax: 01823 272978

It elects the three environmental members of the South West Regional Assembly. For biodiversity, it is the organisation to lobby. But the government plans to merge it with English Heritage and the Countryside Agency in a much diminished role.

- English Heritage  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)  
Locally: 29 Queen Square, Bristol  
BS1 4ND Tel: 0117 975 0700

It elects the three environmental members of the SWRA. It deals with the built environment, especially listed buildings. Government plans for the merger as above.

- Environment Agency  
[www.environment-agency.org.uk](http://www.environment-agency.org.uk)

It elects the three environmental members. It deals with toxics, waste, with environmental business.

Susan

## Our Climate - Hurricanes and Speeches

It has been another fascinating few months for the Climate Change debate. While the Hurricane season continued to break records in the Caribbean and Florida, the LibDems, the Tories and Labour all trotted out policy statements, generally welcomed by environmental commentators.

On the 14 September Tony Blair declared his objective of making Climate Change a "top priority" during the UK's G8 presidency next year. He stated: "If what the science tells us about climate change is correct, then unabated it will result in catastrophic consequences for our world.... the science, almost certainly, is correct."

However Norman Baker, the LibDem party's environment spokesman, blasted Labour at their conference: "Climate change is a weapon of mass destruction and far more real than the ones you've been vainly combing Iraq for." He also complained that Blair only mentioned the environment once a year in a 'ritual speech.'

Michael Howard also made strong statements in his speech at an Environment Forum and amazingly (perhaps for the first time at this senior level) made direct political capital out of carbon dioxide! "The instinct of our Prime Minister is to lecture other people. But on his watch CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have actually risen."

Finally, the good news arrived that Russia will indeed sign up to the Kyoto Protocol which will make it legally binding. The Cabinet sent a Bill to parliament at the beginning of October and this is a major political triumph.

All of this is positive progress. It shows how the tireless campaigning of FOE and other environmental groups can start to make a difference at the top.

However, there is a very long way to go and the battle lines are being drawn yet again between the US and Europe. For instance, US officials, under pressure from US airlines, will table a resolution on Friday in Montreal, opposing European plans to tackle carbon dioxide emissions from the rapidly expanding aviation industry. This is an industry that Tony Blair singled out in his statement, since unlike other industries it is exempt from fuel tax and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions restrictions.

### Action

Kyoto and government squabbles are one thing, but what really counts is action right now. This is where we can all make an immediate difference. Here's a quick list of things to do at home. Why not commit to doing one of these this month? As winter sets in you stand to save even more money!

### Heating

- Time your heating to go off 30 minutes before you leave the house and come on again 30 minutes before you are due back.
- Turning your central heating thermostat down by one degree can save up to £30 a year.
- If your boiler is more than 15 years old, replacing it with a modern boiler could cut costs by a fifth.

### Insulation

- Around one third of heat is lost from an un-insulated home. Installing wall insulation is simple and cost-effective, on average £300, with savings of up to £100 a year.
- Fitting loft insulation into a 3 bedroom semi saves between £80-£100 each year with an initial outlay of around £220.
- Draught proofing windows and doors.
- Double glazing saves around £40 a year. A cheaper option is secondary glazing, installed when the weather is cold.

## Water

- Lag the hot water tank with a British Standard (BS) jacket. Lag the pipe leading from the boiler to the hot water tank too.
- Turn your thermostat down to 60 degrees centigrade when you wash-up.
- Shower not bath. A shower uses around two-fifths of the water needed to run a bath.
- Don't overfill the kettle. Don't heat more water than you need.

## Appliances

- Search out energy-efficient models. Look for the EST's Energy Efficiency Recommended logo, or the EU energy label. More efficient models are often no more expensive.
- Switch appliances off when not in use. TVs, videos, stereos and computers left on standby can use up to 70 percent of the energy they use when switched on.
- Unplug equipment such as laptops and mobile phones once they are fully charged, otherwise they continue to use electricity.

## Electricity and Lighting

- Buy green electricity from one of the FOE recommended green tariffs (these are: Eco Energy, Ecotricity Old Energy Tariff, Good Energy, Green energy 100, RSPB Energy)
- Energy efficient light bulbs cost more, but last far longer and save money

Visit [www.foe.co.uk](http://www.foe.co.uk) for more information.

Jeremy.

## ACORRN

A new regional community recycling network has been formed for recycling, composting and furniture re-use groups in the old Avon area. The **Avon Community Recycling and Re-use Network (ACORRN)** was formally launched on October 1<sup>st</sup> at Avon Wildlife Trust, Willsbridge Mill, near Keynsham.

The formation of the group was supported by Bristol-based The Recycling Consortium (TRC) and Bath Friends of the Earth attended the early meetings.

ACORRN brings together more than 30 groups from the old Avon area, sharing resources and skills – all with common aims and committed to a better, less wasteful future.

Members are diverse – from small village-based composters to larger social enterprises like Sofa Project and Children's Scrapstore – but now they're showing a united front.

The new network hopes to boost morale, create mutual support and improved communication. It will also give a stronger voice to community groups in dealing with local authorities, waste management companies and local enterprise.

Dr Caroline Jackson, MEP for the South West, was guest speaker at the launch and said: "I congratulate the organisers of this project. It is exactly what we need if Britain is to reach the recycling rates of our European neighbours, and I am delighted to give the Avon network my support.

"You are spearheading a campaign to make more people conscious that we have been the ultimate European throwaway society, and this must stop. Otherwise we are going to have to pay for it – nationally and locally."

Interested groups who would like to discover the benefits of joining forces can find out more by emailing: [katieb@recyclingconsortium.org.uk](mailto:katieb@recyclingconsortium.org.uk)

or writing to:

The Recycling Consortium, CREATE Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol, BS1 6XN. Tel: (0117) 930 4355. Fax: (0117) 929 7283.

Andy.

## BUSH pruned!

Take a bow all those of you who signed the Bite Back petition to stop George W Bush forcing GM food on the European Union via the World Trade Organisation! We have a measure of success. The WTO has agreed to a debate over the scientific safety of GMs, and the last scientific debate over the use of beef hormones lasted 600 days!

The first citizens' action at the WTO has made its mark. The initial 100,000 signatures from 554 organisations, representing 48 million people in 90 countries around the world, were presented to the WTO in Geneva by Alexandra Wandel of Friends of the Earth International at the end of May. Activists declared the WTO building and grounds a biohazard.

As the hearing rumbles on, the petition has gathered over 19,000 more signatures, the number of organisations has risen to 680, and the people they represent to 50 million.

And anyone who doesn't believe in grass roots action, or that people who don't scheme in the corridors of power can't bite back and make their mark – think again! We CAN and DO make a difference.

## Action

Anyone who hasn't signed, please go to [www.bite-back.org](http://www.bite-back.org) and keep the pressure on those fat cats.

Susan



## Wheelie good start for BCC group

On the evening of 20<sup>th</sup> September, outside the Church Rooms on Grove Street, the metal railings were overrun by a parade of parked bicycles. This was the indication that the launch meeting for the "Bath Cycling Campaign" group had been successful in attracting a large number of local cyclists, over forty in all.

A slideshow was presented, providing a highly informative and entertaining illustration of what's good for cyclists in Bath, and of course what's not so good. We then split into smaller groups to discuss and collect ideas and suggestions about how the group could develop and take positive action to promote and improve the lot for cyclists and, by association, the pedestrians and public transport users of Bath.

The whole group then collated and generally discussed all these views, with the meeting coming to a conclusion by agreeing to hold two simultaneous meetings on 4<sup>th</sup> October to discuss a) Cycling provision in the Local Transport Plan; and b) Cycling promotion and publicity. Below is a summary of the latter meeting provided by David Orrell:

"We mainly talked about what events we should plan, when they should be, who would be involved, and what their focus should be. The conclusion we came to was that we should immediately plan towards two events:

1. An event to highlight to councillors the problems (and benefits) of cycling in Bath. A number of councillors will be invited to the event, as well as a representatives of key employers in Bath. For instance, teachers, doctors, council workers etc. This event will seek media coverage; The Chronicle, as well as local TV, Venue and others will be invited. A date is yet to be finalised, while we check the availability of councillors, but we are aiming towards early November.

The ride will last around an hour and a half, and will certainly pass through the city centre, and aim to finish at Envolve. The exact route, and start point is still to be planned. We want to move this on quickly, so we are holding a quick survey of members of this group, and a route-planning ride has been organised on Monday 11 October - see below.

### Action

2. The second planned event will take place in the run-up to Christmas (early December?). This will be a fun event with a Christmas theme (Santa + elves!),

promoting cycling as a viable, healthy and enjoyable activity. It will be widely publicised and aim to encourage occasional cyclists, families, or people who would like to start cycling to take part.

We will discuss this in more detail at the general meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October [to be held upstairs at the Rummer, Grand Parade, 7.30pm]."

The Local Transport Plan (LTP) group discussed means of methods of contributing to various local policy bodies and liaising with key personnel in B&NES Council and consultation groups. Since then, an invitation has been arranged for a BCC representative to attend the next LTP meeting, while contacts with others are being made.

Read also the article (right) for my feedback from the first LTP meeting. If you wish to be kept informed of BCC developments, you can subscribe to the group email list. For details, just ask me.

Chris.

## Glorious towpath walk

Our towpath walk took place as planned on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, with glorious blue skies and sunshine to keep us all happy! Better still, we had a fantastic turnout with 70 people coming along to find out where the proposed link road would likely run and how it would devastate the beauty and relative tranquillity of this gateway into Bath.

With Prabir Nandi of BRAVE2 leading the way with a commentary informed by his campaign experience from the late '80s and 1990 public enquiry when the first attempt to build a similar link road was emphatically quashed, we made our way past the Bathampton Primary School before joining the towpath which is in constant use by walkers, joggers, boaters,

fisherfolk, cyclists and tourists.

The 'short walk' came to an end at the point where the road will likely cross over the canal (see photo below). A fair few intrepid walkers continued on to the canal swing bridge and up the old tram-track, skirting round the former quarry before emerging upon Bathampton Down with a view of the entire scene which will be blighted should the link road be built.

At the end of the day, we left with a better understanding of the importance of campaigning against the threat that the link road presents.

Chris.

## Local Transport Plan – meeting No.1

B&NES Council have organised four key meetings for local organisations to attend and contribute with regard to the development of the Local Transport Plan.

I myself went along to the first meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> representing BathFoE. Although only 30 out of 36 invitees turned up, everyone was given fair and ample opportunity to express their aspirations for, and concerns about, transport in B&NES and the sub-region over the next 5-10 year years.

The overall atmosphere of responses was positive, with better public transport high on the agenda, alongside calls for improved air quality and more focus on walking amenity rather than car driving.

The link road was mentioned several times, but emphasis was made that it will not be built/ready for nigh on 10 years, but the ground will be prepared for it if the outcome of the current transport study favours it and if it's approved by Council early next year. Be alert to participate in the public consultation coming up. Chris.



## PRIZE FOR THE TOP SCARECROW!

Build a scarecrow for FoE's No to GM Contamination Scarecrow campaign and win a prize! Bath FoE is joining Somer Valley FoE's Can Your Scarecrow Scare Away the Competition competition. The scariest, or maybe the coolest, nonchalantly cheery, yet scary Scarecrow could win you a basket full of organic goodies on Saturday 30 October.

Norton-Radstock is joining with Bath, Wells and Farrington to populate the countryside and significant city sites with No to GM Contamination Scarecrows. So we need lots of them. They will all be winners for us when they get the message across.

The national FoE action day is on Saturday 30 October. Local author Janet Tanner has agreed to judge our Scarecrows and present the basket of organic goodies. To enter and to encourage people to take part by distributing fliers, see Deborah Porter's contact details at the end of this article.



This event will be followed by "Spot the Scarecrow" action over the next few months, as No to GM Scarecrows move around the countryside to frighten off Syngenta, Monsanto, Bayer and any other nasties who want to wreck our natural ecosystems with their unnatural, patented plants.

### Government wants GM contamination

Scary Scarecrows went to Westminster in August as the government cherry-picked stakeholders to consult on different aspects of "co-existence" between GM

and non-GM crops. National FoE is allowed to comment on GM Free Zones and Environmental and Consumer Interests, but not on agronomic measures or the regulatory burden on farmers. You can sign up at [www.GmfreeScarecrows.org](http://www.GmfreeScarecrows.org) to receive the consultation paper that should emerge from these discussions. Deliver a resounding "No" to coexistence because it cannot take place without contamination. Ask bees and birds not to fly!

The government apparently wants contamination of 0.9%, the threshold set by the EU before GM has to be labelled. The supermarkets have been using 0.1%, the lowest detectable level, as their benchmark for non-acceptance of GM products. Organic produce must be totally GM-free under present laws. But Defra wants to abolish this, and instate tolerance of 0.9% for GM contamination.

In the USA the allowable threshold for GM contamination in "GM-free" food has risen, with the GM companies pressing for ever higher levels because the lower levels could not be met. GM-free must mean GM-free.

Remember there is still no producer liability in the law for any harm done. The government squeezed out the GMOs Bill on producer liability twice earlier this year. It is back on parliament's agenda this autumn, but may meet the same fate.

The government intends to conclude the consultation on coexistence by next February. Our scarecrows will mass outside Parliament on 23 February 2005 to make sure MPs get the message that the British public does not want GM.

### Poll shows rise in public concern

The Consumer Association's 2004 opinion poll shows that 61% of the public are now concerned about the use of GM in food production, up from 56% in 2002. Now 58% try to avoid GM foods and ingredients (45% in 2002). Only 26% are in favour of GM crops being grown in the UK (32% in 2002), and only 33% are satisfied that manufacturers have removed GM from their foods (28% in 2002).

Of particular concerns, 73% feel that not enough is known about the long term health consequences of GM, while 64% consider that not enough is known about the impact of GM on food safety and on the environment. The poll showed that 61% are concerned that they could be eating GM without knowing it, and 68% thought that retailers and manufacturers should use non-GM animal feed.

### GM-free Britain and GM-free business

There are now around 60 local authorities which oppose the growing of GM crops. FoE's campaign has won over areas with a population of 14 million.

The GM-free Business Campaign was launched in September. Here in Bath and North-East Somerset our GM-free B&NES campaign was successful partly because it included restaurants, food retailers, and B&Bs. But we now need more businesses to sign our pledge against GM foods and the growing of GM crops.

### Action

Ask the company where you work to sign up, especially if they have food vending machines or a canteen. If not, ask them to support us as a matter of principle. Ask your local food retailers to sign. Ask the restaurants you dine at to sign.

For details of the Scary Scarecrow Competition and to distribute fliers, phone Deborah Porter on 01761 435563.

To deliver your message that GMs cannot coexist with non-GM crops without contaminating them, and we don't want GM, sign up to receive the government consultation document at [www.GmfreeScarecrows.org](http://www.GmfreeScarecrows.org).

Susan

### All readers:

Starting with this edition, BathFoE newsletters are now available in electronic pdf format. So if you'd prefer to receive your newsletter by email instead of paper mail, let me know by email!

Chris.

# DIARY 2004/05

## October

- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – **Exhibition: "Degrees of Capture"**  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Nov ICIA Art Space 1, Uni. of Bath, Claverton Down  
10am-5pm weekdays  
"What business would you take money from?"  
and environmental ethics
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> **Recycle Your Sundays Bath Abbey 10.30am**  
Chris' Birthday Ride!  
Where? – That's the surprise! Pub lunch.  
Chris 01225 835633
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Green Light lectures at BRLSI, 7.30pm start  
Topic: Trade Justice & Environment £2.50 entry
- Tue 26<sup>th</sup> **Bath FoE monthly meeting 7.45pm**  
**Involve, Green Park Station**
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup> **CHILDRENS' COMPETITION / ACTION:**  
**Scarecrows stand up for GM-free fields.**  
See page 5 of this newsletter!  
Venue and time TBC.  
Contact Deborah Porter 01761 435563

## November

- T.B.C. **ACTION: Cycle ride with Councillors**  
Organised by Bath Cycling Campaign group.  
Details tbc. Contact Chris 01225 835633.
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> **Recycle Your Sundays Bath Abbey 10.30am**  
St.Catherine's Valley / Ford, 25 miles.  
Pub lunch. Hazel 01225 469199
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Bath Greenpeace monthly meeting  
7.30pm Involve, Green Park Station
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Green Drinks, upstairs at The Rummer 8.30pm
- mid-Nov **ACTION: Get your response in to the SWRA**  
**consultation** – see page 1 of this newsletter
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> **Recycle Your Sundays Bath Abbey 10.30am**  
Tucker Grove, 20 miles.  
Pub lunch. David 01225 425200
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Green Light lectures at BRLSI, 7.30pm start  
Topic: Sustainable Fishing £2.50 entry
- Tue 30<sup>th</sup> **Bath FoE monthly meeting 7.45pm**  
**Involve, Green Park Station**

## December

- T.B.C. **Promotional Action: Santa & Elves bicycle**  
**ride.**  
Organised by Bath Cycling Campaign group.  
Details tbc. Contact Chris 01225 835633.
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> **Recycle Your Sundays**  
TBC. Start on Bristol/Bath Cycle path 10.30am  
Bring sarnies. Verona 01225 840072
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Green Drinks, upstairs at The Rummer 8.30pm
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> **Recycle Your Sundays Bath Abbey 10.30am**  
TBC. Pub lunch, but bring sandwiches.  
Paul 01373 466185

No December BathFoE meeting (as traditional)

## January

- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Green Drinks, upstairs at The Rummer 8.30pm
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> **Bath FoE – AGM and monthly meeting**  
**7.45pm Involve, Green Park Station**

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Bath FoE meets on the last Tuesday of each month at Involve, Bath Environment Centre, Green Park Station.  
Meetings start at 7.45pm. **All are welcome.**

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