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Clean Sweep at Peace Festival for Action 21

The 30th Leamington Peace Festival was a huge success with large numbers attending and a varied and entertaining mix of performances and stalls. Action 21 undertook the provision of litter-picking and recycling services for the popular two day event.

The success of this was obvious to everyone as the festival site remained almost completely litter free the whole time.

In addition to providing this essential service we had our own stall and a very successful demonstration of solar water heating by Paul Gerrard who used the display to also ensure that people could wash their hands in hot water, a real luxury that was appreciated by everyone.

INFOPOINT: the solar hot water group plans to investigate the cost of a group of people installing hot water heating systems. The aim is to get together a group of 30-40 people committed to installing them in their homes. Email g_davies@talk21.com to express an interest.



Just a few of the staff and volunteers who worked hard to keep the Peace Festival green and clean.

Warwick Cycle Races confirmed for September

Warwick Cycle Races has been confirmed for September following last year's record-breaking success.

This will once again see some of the world's best, riding the circuit of historic landmarks in Warwick. The event, which promises to be bigger and better than last year's will take place in the centre of Warwick on Sunday, September 14.

Planning is underway on the multitude of activities to join the top elite cycling action from international names. As well as racing, last year's event saw plenty of sideshow

entertainment as the centre of Warwick was transformed into one of the biggest closed road cycling events in the country.

The event is being organised by Warwickshire County Council in partnership with British Cycling, Warwick District Council and TravelWise.

And this year Warwick Cycle Races is also being supported by Warwickshire not-for-profit organisation Action 21. Richard Hicks, General Manager of

Action 21, said: "Our involvement in the cycle races gives us a great opportunity to do much more to promote cycling, including cycle commuting and everyday cycling, not just cycle sport. We are sure that the races will help to demonstrate just how much fun cycling can be."

As part of their support for the cycle races Action 21 will be providing a free 'Dr Bike' service for members Of the public during the race afternoon.

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cyclerraces>

Diary

Action 21 AGM. Wed 24th Sept. Venue and time to be decided.



Energy Group.

The Energy Group promotes renewable energy and energy efficiency projects throughout the district.

July. Monday 14th, 7.30pm
September. Monday 1st 7.30pm
November. Monday 10th 7.30pm

Venue: Chandos Room, Baptist Church, Chandos Street, Leamington Spa

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Transport Group.

The Transport Group promotes sustainable transport projects throughout the district.

July. Thursday 24th 7.30pm
September. Thursday 25th 7.30pm (provisional)
November. Thursday 27th 7.30pm (provisional)

Venue: Chandos Room, Baptist Church, Chandos Street, Leamington Spa

Contact the Transport Group Coordinator

Email: transport@action21.co.uk Tel. 01926 456076



Green Champions Meet Up.

Meeting for Green Champions.

September. Thursday 4th 8pm,
Email: michelle@action21.co.uk Tel 01926 456076



Walking the Way to Health

Volunteer Walk Leader Training 3rd July

All day training course for people interested in leading health walks. Please contact Michelle:

Email: michelle@action21.co.uk Tel : 01926 456076



Renewable Energy Club

Taking practical steps to help people install renewable energy systems. Sub-groups for, wood as a fuel, photovoltaics, insulation and solar water heating all meet separately.

Visit www.action21.co.uk/renewableenergyclub.html

July. Saturday 5th 10.am

At Warwick Quaker Centre, 39 High St. CV34 4AX

August. Saturday 2nd 10 am

Baptist Church, Chandos Street, Leamington Spa

Contact: Bernard Perkins

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or Michelle Clarke. Please advise in advance if attending meeting.

Action 21 is part of SPAN

The Sustainable Action Partnership Network. SPAN is a group of six local community organisations. The others are Bath Place Community Venture, Brunswick Healthy Living Centre, The Gap, Mid-warwickshire Mind and the Sydni Centre. The aim is to promote partnership working between the members of the network and to find the funds to support the work.



SPAN has in fact obtained its first grant from an outside body, the Lloyds TSB Foundation. This has funded the appointment of the SPAN co-ordinator, Karen Higgins, who will be working to identify the scope and need for joint projects, and to put together applications for funding. We look forward to working with her.

Sowing Seeds at Coombe Country Park

We took part in the "Education for Sustainability" annual event at Coombe Country park on 4th to the 6th June this year.

The three day event saw some 1500 children from Coventry and Warwickshire participate in a range of activities designed to raise awareness of the environment and promote personal awareness.

This year there were interactive experiences aimed at educating children about waste and recycling, energy and climate change, water resources, wildlife and habitats, pollution and sustainable travel, food production and Fairtrade.



We were sorry to say goodbye to Richard Fisk who has left us to pursue academic studies.

Richard has been an Assistant Manager at the Recycle Warehouse for two years and has made a significant contribution to the success of Action 21. His friends and colleagues wish him every success.

Auction 21

Many generous people donate a huge variety of goods to the recycle warehouse knowing that they will be sold and the proceeds will be used to fund other projects in Warwickshire. Our Ebay presence is maintained by one very hard working volunteer, Michelle Paget.

Sometimes these items can be collectables or something where we feel that we'll get substantially more by offering them to a larger audience.

So we've begun listing certain things on Ebay and so far we've had a reasonable amount of success in raising even more money for our projects. If you want to check out our auctions you can view them online at <http://stores.ebay.co.uk/recycle-warehouse> 

Sheriff encourages Volunteer Posse

A picnic to celebrate volunteering locally as part of National Volunteers Week was held at Pump Room Gardens in Leamington Spa on June 7th.

Volunteers from a variety of organisations from across South Warwickshire attended and enjoyed a picnic and also took part in some fun games and activities.

They were joined by Mrs A M Trye, High Sheriff of Warwickshire.



The event was attended by about 50 volunteers.

Visit our Website

Where you will find current information about events, news and all of the projects supported by Action 21, We have links to many other internet sites that are involved in recycling, food, renewable energy and sustainable transport. If you know of any other sites you think we should link to then let us know.

<http://www.action21.co.uk>

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