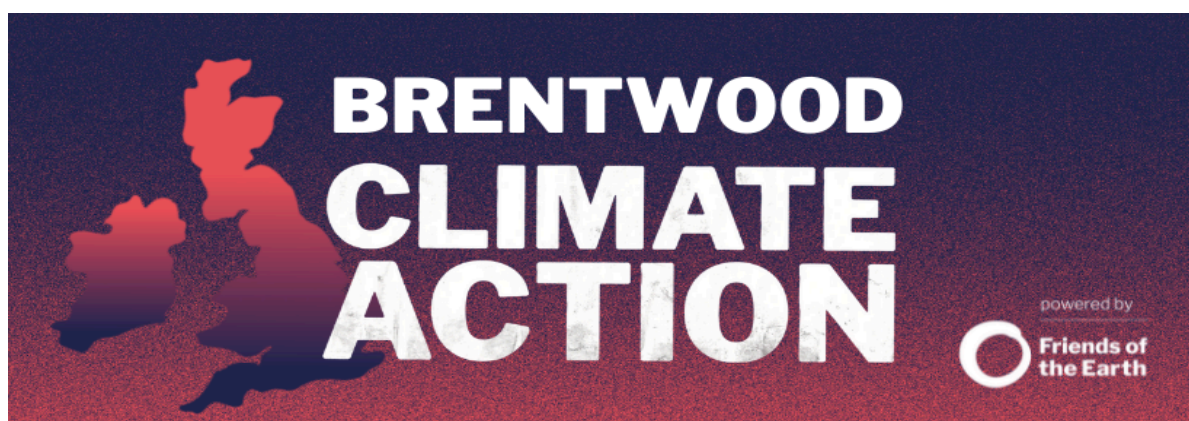




July 2026

The Newsletter of Brentwood Climate Action

Welcome to the July issue of the BCA Newsletter...as The Odyssey hits the silver screen this month, I can just see Homer's little face peeping over the top of a fluffy cloud. What is he looking at? Well, he's looking at the BCA! This past month we have had side-splitting comedy, earnest discussions, tragedy too, and all finished off with a local folk music duo and poetry, both beautiful and parodic. So who needs Homer when we have our very own Odysseus - The good ol' BCA!

News:

On the 30th May, the Climate Cafe opened its doors once again. Our speaker today was **Dr Richard Millwood** and his presentation: 'Choosing Green Energy - What have I done?' certainly caused a stir and a giggle amongst the audience! To read the whole account just go to our website - beware all those who are slightly sensitive - his presentation featured a banana and did not end well!

In June the BCA along with many other organisations, crafters and performers of all ages took part in Brentwood's annual Strawberry Fair. Our stall attracted a sizable amount of interest, and our activities included a Climate and Nature Meter, a Tree of Pledges, a Puppet Show, a performance of poetry in the Big Top Arena and an all natural recipe for toilet cleaner!

In the evening of Friday 19th June, we opened the doors of our Crown Street premises for the screening of the much anticipated 'People's Emergency Briefing': a hard-hitting film about the reality of our planet's climate crises with the evidence and proof from leading scientists from a variety of disciplines. After the 40 minute film had finished, we were asked to discuss how we felt, our own experiences, and what, from the film we already knew and more importantly, what we hadn't known before watching it.

Our month-long list of activities finished with the Progress Sessions the following evening at '**Hey Joe Music & Coffee**'. The evening started with a little music, then some poetry recitals, a couple of which Meryl had written especially for the event, featuring a very clever parody of The Trump, complete with american accent. For the second half we were treated with a performance of original, Essex folk inspired music from the duo; Armoured Man.

For more in-depth reviews and information on upcoming events, please follow the link to our Website: brentwoodclimateaction.org.uk

For forthcoming screenings of the 'People's Emergency Briefing' please follow the link to the National Emergency Briefing homepage: nebriefing.org . All tickets are free and people can attend more than one screening, especially as there is a lot to take in.

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 11th July: **'Wild West' Street Party!** Look out for the posters.... If any member can spare a little time to volunteer on the day, they would be most appreciated. Venue: Crown Street, Brentwood. Time: 12.00pm to 3.00pm

Saturday 25th July: **BCA Climate Cafe. Philip Holland** is presenting a talk:

'Is humanity drinking in the 'Last Chance Lagoon?'

Philip, who is one of our BCA members, is co-hosting this event alongside his colleague, **Cliff Roney**.

Philip writes: Water is the foundation of all life on Earth, making up 50% to 80% of most living organisms. However, water availability is finite with less than 1% of fresh water easily accessible in lakes, rivers and shallow aquifers. Despite its intrinsic value, we have proved to be inefficient water users. In January 2026 the United Nations published a landmark report on global water bankruptcy with some shocking statistics and in Essex, on average, we consume more water per person than most of England.

The Environment Agency has stated that securing water resources in England is a significant challenge, alongside an ageing and inadequate infrastructure.

The causes of the water crisis will be examined, then go on to look at the changes we can make at home to reduce our water usage and so contribute to increasing biodiversity and climate resilience. Also the infrastructure issues within the water industry itself will be discussed and in particular, to look at ways to end the pollution of our precious water resources.

Venue: Climate Cafe, 7 Crown street, Brentwood, CM14 4BA. Time: Doors open: 10.30am.

Talk: 11.00am to 12.15pm. Cafe closes: 1.30pm.

Advance Notice:

Saturday 15th August Our **BCA's Five Year Anniversary** - Watch this space!

Saturday 22nd August **Evening Nature Walk**

Saturday 29th August **Youth Climate Cafe**. A special event for young people.

Who's Who in the BCA:

Steering Group Committee

Chair:	Meryl
Secretary:	Jacqueline
Treasurer:	Kat
Publicity:	Jonathan
Members Secretary:	Bridget
General Members:	Richard, Philip, Susan & Frances

Vacant Roles:

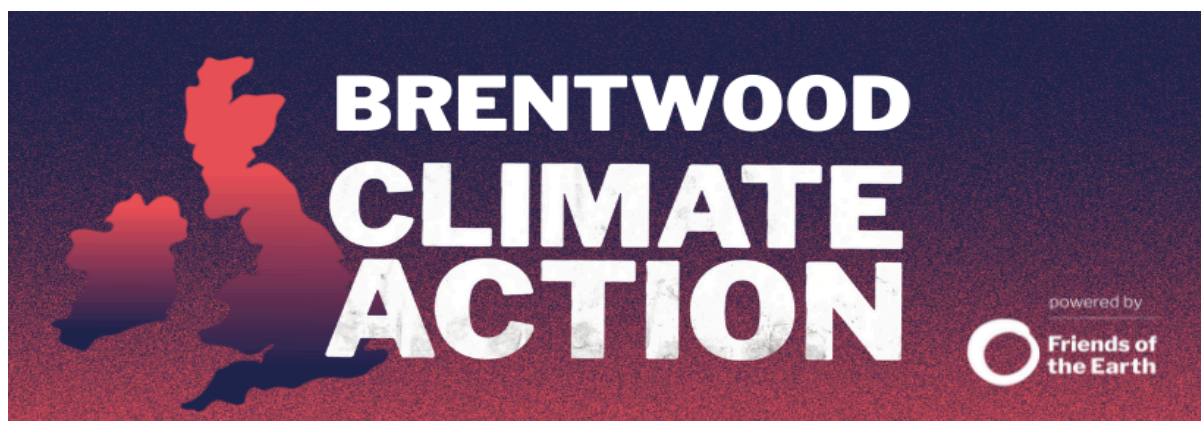
The post of Assistant Treasurer is still vacant. We are, however, looking for an experienced candidate as at present we are unable to provide training. We will also require up to date references and a CV outlining experience within this field.

And finally...our July Climate Cafe is BCA's first anniversary of being held at 7 Crown Street and it is with much gratitude and appreciation to Eddie Kwok, who welcomed, supported and opened up his venue for us, that we shall all raise a glass and say a BIG....

THANK YOU EDDIE!

For more information, please visit the BCA website: <https://brentwoodclimateaction.org.uk/>

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This Month's Recommendations and Petitions

Recommendations

Podcasts

Louder than Words by Jules Pretty

From What If to What Next by Rob Hopkins

Videos

Norfolk Council Chambers

<https://fb.watch/Ht9LCcaHp1/>

Watch Norfolk's recently appointed Reform councillors in action. It will break your heart.

On-Line

Good News Network

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/>

A website of good and positive news stories, relevant to what is happening in the world. A great way to lighten your day.

YouTube Webinars

Mirza Briel, University of Reading 'Catalysing a Culture Shift using Nature-Centric Governance: Rights of Nature, Nature-based Decision making and Nature as a stakeholder'.

Pete Sudbury, former councilor for the Green Party 'Climate Change Acceleration: Do we need an emergency brake?'.

Sally Moore, Deputy Chief Officer, Joint Civil Aid Corps. 'Civil Defence is Common Sense'.

LT GEN Richard Nugee 'Climate Change is now a core national security threat'.

Prof. Hayley Fowler, Professor of Climate Impacts at Newcastle University 'Weather Extremes'.

Petitions

NEB film screening

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/767687>

Official UK parliamentary petition for UK wide public briefing from independent experts on the risks posed by climate change and nature loss; and all the opportunities if we respond at scale with urgency.

"Free-range" labels changed how we buy eggs. Now we need the same honesty for dairy. Don't let US-style mega-dairies hide on our supermarket shelves. Sign the petition to demand mandatory dairy welfare labels from the Environment Secretary 📌

https://act.38degrees.org.uk/act/battery-dairy?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=blast149179&submit=true&has_regular_donation=false

The Trump family wants to turn this pristine island into a luxury resort but Albanians are standing up to defend it.

A global petition has been set up to protect the island. To sign please visit:

https://secure.avaaz.org/campaigns/protect_sazan_island_from_trump_family_al_loc/?whatsapp

The BCA is affiliated with Friends of the Earth. For the latest news and petitions please visit:

[The latest from | Friends of the Earth](#)

See the BCA Website for more recommendations and petitions. You'll find us at:

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