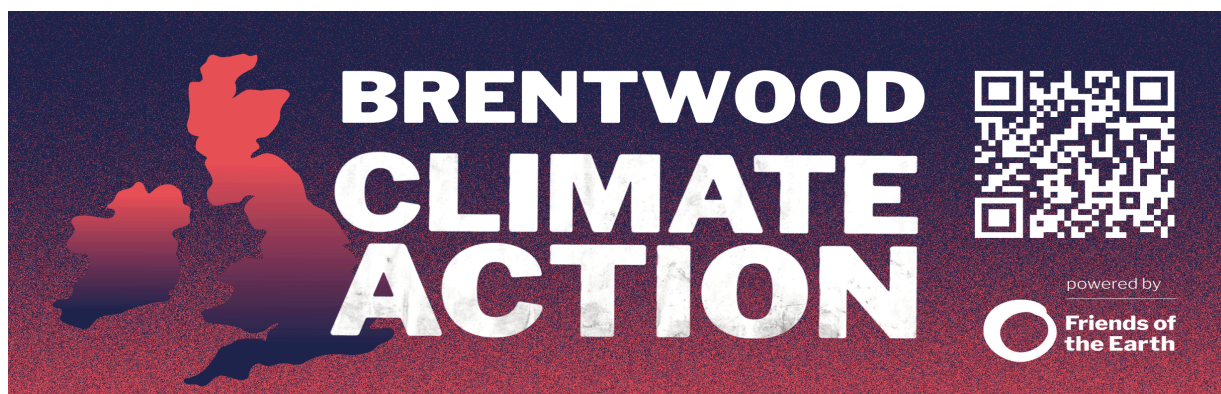




March 2026

The newsletter of Brentwood Climate Action

Welcome to the March issue of the BCA Newsletter. As we look forward to the Spring equinox, we welcome the longer days and increasing daylight hours. We have weathered the dark, barren coldness of the winter and we can rejoice once more that we have survived the gloom and have made it through the harshest time of the year. We, us humans, are strongest when we come and act together as one. We need each other for strength, courage and focus and so does our planet, she needs our human unity, to speak up for her in her hour of need. This hour is upon us now and she is crying out... so come on, let us be her voice.

News

The end of January saw, firstly the litter pick led by Kat and was attended by four members (what!...only FOUR!...I'm sure we could do better than that!...). Believe me, it's not that daunting a task and it's much more about PR, explaining who we are, and why we feel it's important to pick up litter. You even get to wear one of the most sought after Hi-Vis-Vests adorned with the BCA Logo on the back - the height of fashion is the word on the street!

The last Saturday of January saw the return of the Climate Cafe. It was a double speaker event, and it was lovely to see a whole host of our members there. The first talk was presented by Cllr David Worsfold from Brentwood Borough Council and his role overseeing local recycling. He is passionate about recycling and climate issues, was very informative and engaged with all our questions and queries. Thirty people were in attendance.

The second talk was presented by Greenpeace, the subject being 'The Big Gas Rip Off'. It was very full and informative on a problem that was very dynamic and complicated. The speaker did her best to explain all the complexities and we all came away knowing a little more about the situation.

On to February. On Friday the 13th, in the evening saw the much anticipated FRESK workshop, presented by Jonathan Gold with fellow facilitator Kara. We witnessed and learned Climate education first hand. All who were there took home a new nugget of information that had not even occurred to them. Members who could not unfortunately be there have sadly missed out on what is by far the simplest but highly effective system of seeing our world, our crisis and where humanity fits in with this highly complex puzzle.

Saturday, 21st, saw BCA's collaboration with Hey Joe 'The Progress Sessions' - an evening of music, poetry and comment (plus tea, coffee, booze and CAKE! Oh yes!). A couple of the poems featured and spoken were by none other than Meryl Spinks, BCA chair, herself! They say the pen is mightier than the sword, well, Meryl's powerful poetry proved that. To hear more amazing poetry join us for the Earth Day Gala Evening. It's going to be a compelling and entertaining night. See below for details.

Dates for your Diary for March:

Tbc: Film Screening: 'Power Station'. Venue tbc. Time tbc

Friday 20th: BCA 'Earth Day' Gala rehearsal. 7, Crown Street. 7.30pm

Saturday 28th: BCA Climate Cafe. Talk presented by Jo Flannagan on the topic of the unseen chemicals present within our everyday cleaners and toiletries. PLUS the results from the Big Plastic Count. 7, Crown Street. 11.00am

Saturday 28th: We are building a BCA team to support the M25MOTO campaign's Quiz Night. All who are interested please contact us and your details will be forwarded to the BCA Steering Committee.

Sunday 29th: BCA Litter Picking with Bridget. Meet at the Memorial at the corner of Ingrave Road and Shenfield Road. 1.00pm

Advance Notice:

April: Wednesday 22nd: BCA Earth Day Gala at Brentwood Theatre. For exclusive early bird tickets, please visit <https://brentwood-theatre.co.uk/event/earth-day-gala-evening/>

April, Saturday 25th: BCA Climate Cafe. We are very honoured to have Professor Jules Pretty OBE present his talk "How Story Creates Agency for Nature and Climate Crises". Please follow link:

▶ [How Story Creates Agency for the Nature and Climate Crises - Jules Pretty](#) which will be followed by a half hour session of questions and answers. PLEASE NOTE that we are truly privileged to have such a distinguished guest, so please make sure to note this special day in your diary.

Awareness Days in March (non BCA)

Tuesday 3rd: World Wildlife Day

Wednesday 18th: Global Recycling Day

Saturday 21st till 6th April: Keep Britain Tidy Campaign

Saturday 28th: Earth Hour. 8.30pm. An hour of reflection by switching off electrics, lights, etc. For more info please visit: www.earthhour.org

Monday 30th: International Day of Zero Waste

Who's Who in the BCA**Steering Group Committee:**

Chair:	Meryl
Secretary:	Jacqueline
Treasurer:	Kat
Members Secretary:	Bridget
General Members:	Richard
	Philip
	Susan
	Frances

Vacant Roles:

The Post of **Public Relations** is currently vacant and we also need an **Assistant Treasurer**. Any one who may have experience or, indeed, would like to broaden their skills would be warmly welcomed. Here at BCA we understand that time and commitment can be greatly restricted by all our busy lives, so would welcome anyone who may like to perform part of the role and maybe share other aspects with others, making the one role a team effort.

New: Over to You:

BCA has noticed what a creative bunch all our members are, so with this in mind, we thought it would be a lovely idea to feature all your wonderful talents. We would love to feature your poetry, anecdotes, photos, artwork, garden/community projects, makes and bakes, etc., in fact anything you would like to share with all the other members of our wonderful BCA.

And Finally...

It was with much sadness the BCA said a final farewell to one of its central members, Julian, who passed away recently. He was much loved and respected by those who knew, or worked side by side with him, and his commitment and work in the digitalising, promoting and public relations of the BCA were unparalleled.

BCA would like to offer his wife and family our deepest condolences for their loss of such a remarkable man.

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