



2G3S Newsletter Extra June 2021

Upcoming 2G3S events

Saturday 26 June 2 – 3 pm: Nature Walk

Our first 2021 local nature walk will be around **Dernford Reservoir** on Saturday 26th June between 2-3 pm. Meet at the car park next to the reservoir off Cambridge Road just south of the village (Map reference TL471511). As you come out of Stapleford on the Cambridge Road you will see the Rose pub restaurant on the left. Continue over the road bridge and take the first right up the former quarry service road. Continue for 250m and the small car park is on the right.

The reservoir area was opened for public access following amelioration of the former gravel quarry. There is a meadow flora around the reservoir and some interesting bird life including Goosander, Great-crested Grebe, Tufted Duck and Common Terns on the small island.

Sturdy footwear is advised and sun protection/water as appropriate. Note these walks are intended to raise awareness of our local wildlife sites and open to all ages, though you attend at your own risk. *John O'Boyle*

Monday 28 June 10 am – 12 pm: Social Cycle Ride

Meet outside Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion, Gog Magog Way Stapleford, CB22 5DQ.
Limited places - contact Yasmin to book: greener@sawston.org

Join us for a 20 mile social cycle ride along quiet roads and interesting byways. Café stop included. We will travel at the pace of the slowest rider. Back at Stapleford Pavilion around 12 noon. *Yasmin Emerson*

Thurs 8 July: 8 – 9.30 pm: Why all is not well with the River Cam

Talk by **Stephen Tomkins** of [Cam Valley Forum](http://CamValleyForum.org); Zoom meeting (free)
Please email greengroupssss@google.com for a link to attend.

Cambridgeshire has nationally important chalk streams. The chalk aquifer that feeds them also supplies 97% of our public water supplies and is under unsustainable pressure. Stephen will explain this ground water crisis and suggest that our own action and behaviour towards our water resources is the key issue.

Stephen Tomkins read Natural Sciences at Cambridge and taught Biology in schools in Uganda and Cambridgeshire before moving into teacher training. With a long-standing interest in environmental education, he developed the first International GCSE in sustainable development. He now chairs the Cam Valley Forum, working for optimal benefit for us, as users, and for the river's own long term wellbeing.

For further related information see a report from the recent Earth Optimism talk about Precious Water [here](#).

Monday 12 July 10 am – 12 pm: Social Cycle Ride 2

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Thursday 12 August 8 pm: Planning Meeting

Either by Zoom or in person; keep a note of the date and email greengroupssss@google.com for further updates and a link to attend.

Other events

THIS THURSDAY! 17 June 4 pm: Online Environment Forum with Anthony Browne MP

Register by emailing anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk with Environment Forum in the subject line. Make sure you include your full name and address so that he knows you are a constituent (only constituents are invited). You can submit questions in advance if you wish, use the 'Chat' facility to submit them at the time, or just listen.

Plastic-Free July

A reminder that 2G3S is participating in this. See our [Spring newsletter](#) for details and start getting creative! Take lots of photos of your labels and put them on social media if you use it, and/or send them to greengroupssss@google.com. Please don't allow your labels to cause litter, and take them down at the end of July. Sawston PC have asked that people don't post labels on street furniture such as lampposts, benches etc.

Fri 16 July – Sun 15 August: Reducing Meat and Dairy Challenge

A Food for Our Future campaign (run by [Cambridge Sustainable Food](#))

See what difference a climate diet can make to you and your planet! Sign up to take part on the Cambridge Sustainable Food [website](#) from 1 July. CSF will update their website throughout July and August with news of the campaign. 2G3S may host an event.

For more information please contact: bea@cambridgesustainablefood.org

The [Climate Coalition](#) 'Great Big Green Week' 18-26 September

Note the dates for now; more information in the next newsletter.

Our next regular newsletter will be out in August. Meanwhile, don't forget to support the UK Youth Climate Coalition by signing their open letter to Anthony Browne about the [Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill](#) – see details on our website [here](#).

