



## Yealm Environment Group

### Programme 2008-09

#### 2008

**Wednesday October 22nd** - Dartmoor Walk with Alan Dyer, Centre for Sustainable Futures, University of Plymouth. An experiential workshop “The Future of Wilderness”, from blanket bog to bronze age remains. Minibus limited to 15. Meet at the Green, Newton, 10:00 am

**Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup>** - Open Meeting WI Hall Newton 7:30pm. Dr Richard Thompson, Reader in Marine Ecology, University of Plymouth. “Threats to our Marine Environment”, with particular reference to microplastic contamination. Part of the award winning BBC documentary “Message in the Waves” will be shown.

#### 2009

**Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup>** – Open meeting Newton & Noss Village Hall, Noss 7:30pm. Devon Energy Efficiency Advice Centre, “Fuel bill gone up? How to make your money go further on heating and power?”. Julie Goodhew, a research student from Plymouth University, will follow on by discussing her researches into domestic heat losses using an Infrared camera, and we hope she will be able to offer to do a heat loss audit for members of the audience.

**Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>** – Open meeting WI Hall 7:30pm. John Riley, Secretary Plymouth and South West Co-Op, “The Co-Op and local shops – how green? Threat or opportunity?”. The Co-Op prides itself as being the greenest of the food supermarkets and our local store is due for expansion. What is its philosophy for sustaining our local community?

**Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Open Meeting Newton & Noss Village Hall, Noss 7:30pm. Paul Wright, Marine Institute, University of Plymouth and expert on the Napoli incident “Way of Ships – container shipping and its risks to the environmental & yachting.” Our coastline borders the busiest shipping channel in the world. A shipwreck on our doorstep could wipe out the estuary as we know and love it. Sailors crossing to France run the risk of hitting submerged containers – but how big a risk?

**Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>** - Micro Hydro-generation visit. Old Walls Hydro on Dartmoor. Actual example of a viable award winning project. The tour of the scheme and talk will take up to 2 hours. Find out more from their web-site <http://www.waterleat.co.uk/>  
Guided walk and talk £50 + VAT for Group. Car share.

**Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Open meeting WI Hall Newton 7:30 pm. Dr Colin Trier, Senior Lecturer, School of Earth Ocean and Environmental Sciences, University of Plymouth. “Are small rural communities sustainable?” As energy prices inexorably rise it may become less practical and more expensive to live outside urban areas, so will there be a second wave of post industrial urbanisation and will rural communities wither? Can we do anything to prevent this happening?

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