



Email Update – 1 January 2014

Happy New Year one and all!

Hope you had an excellent Xmas break and are beginning to get your head around 2014, despite this dreary weather. How can we make it a greener 2014? Here's a few ideas to get you started:

Post Xmas Stuff Shuffle this Sunday

Have you got a little stack of presents that didn't quite hit the spot? Or some toys, clothes or other items that have been relegated to the "what shall we do with this" pile now you've been given a shiny new replacement? Why not find new home for them rather than letting them clog up your house, or worse still, end up in landfill?

The first **Give Your Stuff Away Day** is this Sunday (5th Jan) - the format is the [same as usual](#). It runs from 1.00-5.00pm with Steyning Catholic Church the central collection point. Given the weather forecast, it looks like we'll be in the Church Hall rather than out on the grass this time - so come and find us.

Remember, please don't come along before the 1.00pm kick off time, as there will be Church activities still going on.

There will be tea and homemade cakes as usual, and bins for collecting those hard-to-recycle items: batteries, Brita water filters, ink jet cartridges, compact fluorescent bulbs, and plastic bottle tops.

Shall we set up a Community Orchard in Steyning?

This is an idea that's been bubbling up for more than a year. Come along to **Green Drinks on Weds 29 Jan** to discuss how we might make it a reality. Simon Zec, will be sharing idea and getting your thoughts on how this might work.

We'll also be running through other ideas for what to focus on with the Greening Campaign in 2014. There's some exciting options on the drawing board – plus news of some plans for some **big solar farms** near Steyning. Come along and share your thinking.

It's at Steyning Cricket Club, starting at 7.30 for 8.00pm. There will be a voluntary collection on the door to cover costs, and the bar will be open!

LED lighting - if it's happening at the Norfolk Arms, it can happen in your kitchen

Did you see the front page article in the Herald just before Xmas? We were talking about the many benefits of LED lighting at our Green Drinks meeting in November.

Looking up we spotted a whole set of old-fashioned energy guzzling spotlights, with some equally inefficient halogen bulbs in the adjoining bar. We decided to have whip round there and then to buy Pam some modern LED lights and help the Norfolk Arms go green.

Have you looked around your house recently to check that you're not wasting money in the same way? If you've got loads of halogen spotlights in your kitchen or living room the answer is yes. Check out our [LED fact sheet](#) to find out how you can make a smart green investment and cut a surprising amount from your electricity bill and CO2 emissions.

And don't forget about the **Steyping Power Rangers** - who will be jumping into action in the New Year to help you analyse your electricity consumption and save more money on your bills. [Click here for details](#). Maybe you're already on top of your electricity use. But what about your friends and neighbours? If they could use some help, do get in touch.

That's enough bright ideas for now!

Best wishes for a great 2014

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