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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Almost 40% of world's glaciers already doomed due to climate crisis. Glacier loss has profound effects worldwide and will hit 75% on Earth's current heating trajectory, say scientists. [Read more ...](#)

Tech giants see emissions surge 150 percent in 3 years amid AI boom: UN. Artificial intelligence, cloud computing and data centres led to a spike in electricity demand between 2020 and 2023. [Read more ...](#)

How the seas could hold the key to climate change. Devon and Cornwall are at the global heart of finding sea-based solutions to climate change thanks to hundreds of scientists in the region, its universities have said. [Read more ...](#)

Tide is turning in Europe and beyond in favour of nuclear power. Spain's recent blackout and AI datacentres' energy needs are leading politicians to reach for the restart button. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Why are humanitarian crises in African countries so ignored? The latest Most Neglected Crises report on world's most invisible humanitarian emergencies lists African nations first. [Read more ...](#)

Who is Lee Jae-myung, South Korea's new president? Lee, the standard bearer for the left-leaning Democratic Party, is known for his populist style and humble beginnings. [Read more ...](#)

World won't forget Tiananmen Square, US and Taiwan say on 36th anniversary of massacre. Date of 4 June remains one of China's strictest taboos, with government using increasingly sophisticated tools to censor its discussion. [Read more ...](#)

Women working for UN in Kabul face stalking and death threats: 'Don't turn up tomorrow or you will be killed'. Taliban has denied involvement in what UN sources describe as a campaign of 'coordinated harassment'. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Top scientists call for permanent ban on high seas exploitation. Extractive activity in international waters – including fishing, seabed mining, and oil and gas exploitation – should be banned forever. [Read more ...](#)

Nine contemporary art exhibitions will open to the public in Exeter this month as part of an annual celebration of postgraduate student curatorial expertise. [Read more ...](#)

Elsewhere(s) will bring photography, video, sculpture, textiles ... [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

California hummingbird beaks transformed by feeders: 'more tapered and longer'. Study details evolutionary change of Anna's hummingbirds and finds ranges have expanded to follow such devices.

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Trump's Afrikaners are South African opportunists, not refugees: what's behind the US move.

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Scientists Say They've Uncovered a Natural 'Antidote' to Spicy Food. Scientists have identified a trio of compounds that soften spice without muting flavor. [Read more ...](#)

The U.S.-Canada Border Runs Through This Library. That's Now a Problem. A wealthy widow built a library and opera house on the border between Quebec and Vermont, a symbol of binational friendship. Now U.S. officials are restricting access to Canadians. [Read more ...](#)

The US has vetoed the UN Security Council's draft resolution calling for an "unconditional and permanent" ceasefire in Gaza. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Monday 9th to Saturday 14th June *Reclaim Festival* – a week-long celebration of women in the arts at the Barnfield Theatre. [Details ...](#)

Monday 9th to Sunday 16th June *Exeter Art Week* – inspiring a culturally curious Exeter that values art and art making as an essential part of our lives. [Details ...](#)

Saturday 14th June 10:30am to 12:30pm *Great Big Green Week* Brillsville Market, The Kings Pub, 173 Cowick Street, St Thomas. [Details ...](#)

Websites...

Exeter Culture: *June Boom* ... celebrating arts, culture and creativity in the city.

<https://exeterculture.com/june-boom-2025>

Campaigns:

Avaaz: Rights for whales ... support the groundbreaking effort to recognise whales as legal persons – sentient beings with the right to life, culture, and protection from harm. [Petition ...](#)

Rainforest Rescue: Pass a law to protect great apes ... The Spanish government has pledged to pass a law to protect bonobos, orangutans, chimpanzees and gorillas as part of its Animal Welfare Act. It has not yet done so ... [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Practical Action: 12 easy ways to prevent plastic pollution. [Read more ...](#)

Practical Action: Cleaner rivers, empowered communities: how Kisumu is turning waste into wealth.

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