



DDE Newsletter No. 280

Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Dismissed as a joke, UK's first rice crop ripe for picking after hot summer. [Read more ...](#)

COP30 urged to link climate justice with reparations for historical crimes. Letter urges UN climate meeting in Brazil to consider costs of climate crisis, colonialism, slavery. [Read more ...](#)

A new greener type of jet fuel could be produced at Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA) to be used by planes taking off from the site. [Read more ...](#)

'Planetary health diet' could save 40,000 deaths a day, landmark report finds. Diet allows modest meat consumption and would also slash food-related climate emissions by half, says report by 70 leading experts from 35 countries. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Palestinian food brand says UK sales up 50% as shoppers show solidarity. Zaytoun's olive oil and dates provide a tangible way to help Palestinians, says the business's managing director. [Read more ...](#)

'This is strength': stories of enslaved Africans in Grenada will be made into searchable archive. Depths of Paradise project backed by British family and created by Stephen Lewis, a descendant of survivors. [Read more ...](#)

'It's a collective validation': the group helping Black families cope after baby loss. The founders of Ebony Bonds on poor maternal health outcomes for Black women and how their space confronts the honest reality of dealing with bereavement after the loss of a baby. [Read more ...](#)

'On our own territory' Colombia's last nomadic tribe fights to return home. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

New project links Exeter's railways with the city's Green Circle. [Read more ...](#)

A moving new exhibition shows the encroachment of smartphone addiction into rural Iran, and the surreal impact of the internet on remote communities. [Read more ...](#)

The Exmouth factor – exploring the south Devon beach town by bus, train and on foot. [Read more ...](#)

Curtain up for epic rugby tale Exe Men: the best south-west drama since Poldark. An Exeter theatre is staging the world's most improbable new play about the glorious rise of the Chiefs and the individuals who tore up rugby's script. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Brown bear heavyweight Chunk wins Fat Bear Week despite injury. A brown bear weighing over 500kg (78st 8lb) has overcome a broken jaw to become the winner of Fat Bear Week 2025. [Read more ...](#)

Edinburgh University could unadopt antisemitism definition after report into its colonial links. One of Britain's oldest and most prestigious universities is reviewing whether to launch divestment drive and drop antisemitism definition. [Read more ...](#)

IHRA's non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism. [Read more ...](#)

Canada's first dementia-friendly intergenerational child care centre. [Read more ...](#)

They Kindled Froggy Romance and Rescued Eggs to Save a Species in Mississippi. Fewer than 100 dusky gopher frogs were known to remain. Thanks to some very dedicated humans, numbers are now on the rise. [Read more ...](#)

6th grader's science experiment answers, 'Do cat buttocks touch every surface they sit on?'
A question no one knew they needed answered. [Read more ...](#)

Children starved of art lose their creative spark – and the country its cultural future. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th October 11am to 3pm at Exeter Phoenix Futures: *A Festival of Discovery* a weekend of wonder for curious minds of all ages. [Details ...](#) [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns:

War on Want: Demand a just transition at the COP30 climate talks. [Details ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Fairtrade: Saritha Kumari - Support family through Fairtrade Premiums. Tea Leaf Plucker at United Nilgiri Tea Estates in South India. [Read more ...](#)

Greenpeace: Historic Ocean Treaty set to enter into force, opening path for marine biodiversity recovery. [Read more ...](#)

Christian Aid: Growing hope in Gaza. Imad's remarkable story shows how his livelihood endures, even in the face of conflict and hunger. [Read more ...](#)

Practical Action: A change of approach in Ecuador: Coffee that Conserves. [Read more ...](#)

Everyday Plastic: UN Plastic Treaty - Active participation of the International Alliance of Waste Pickers in the process. [Read more ...](#)

Everyday Plastic: Better than burning - Why we need to stop waste incineration. [Read more ...](#)