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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Live-fire military training has sparked hundreds of wildfires across the UK countryside since 2023, with unexploded shells often making it too dangerous to tackle them. [Read more ...](#)

Debunking climate misinformation is becoming a full-time job – but you can help defend the facts. The political pushback against positive green progress has been shocking. But as corporations and those in power turn away, the overwhelming majority of people in the world want more ambitious climate action. [Read more ...](#)

The oil company Shell has submitted a fresh environmental impact assessment for the controversial Jackdaw gas field in the North Sea. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Indonesia in chaos: Five Indonesians give views on why and how to fix it. A cost-of living crisis and a government apparently impervious to the struggles of everyday people has ignited public rage. [Read more ...](#)

Vietnam marks 80th independence anniversary with military parade. Tens of thousands of people gather in Hanoi to celebrate declaration of independence from French colonial rule. [Read more ...](#)

'Our story': A day in the life of a handwritten newspaper in Bangladesh. Hasan and his team of reporters juggle day jobs as labourers and seamstresses to report on their remote coastal community. [Read more ...](#)

How a children's chocolate drink became a symbol of French colonialism. With its red fez, broad smile and simplified French, Banania's mascot has been associated with racist stereotypes. [Read more ...](#)

Migrant crisis: How Europe went from Merkel's 'We can do it' to pulling up the drawbridge. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Saturday 20th September *Salmon Run* a day of activities for all ages celebrating the River Exe. [Details ...](#)

Until 12 December *Do Not Feed the Animals?* Exhibition ... explores why humans feed animals, how these practices have shaped human-animal relations over time. [Details ...](#)

Venue: West Wing foyer, Queen's Building, Streatham Campus, Exeter University.

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

8,000 years of human activities have caused wild animals to shrink and domestic animals to grow.

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In the Hills of Puerto Rico, Feasting on a Very Smelly Fruit. Every summer, superfans of durian converge on a remote farm in western Puerto Rico to devour one of the world's most polarizing fruits. [Read more ...](#)

Just a pole and line, like they fished as boys: how a Maldives tradition is ensuring tuna stocks thrive. The country's fisheries and the health of its seas still rely on a method practised for nearly 1,000 years – catching skipjack tuna one fish at a time. [Read more ...](#)

Alexei Ratmansky: 'Something extraordinary is going on in the art of Ukraine'. The Russian-Ukrainian choreographer on the rebirth of Kyiv's art scene, his regrets over Crimea, and why he plans to sue the Bolshoi. [Read more ...](#)

Over 250 delegates, from around the world, attended the [18th International Fair Trade Towns Conference](#) in Edinburgh this weekend. People travelled from as far away as South Korea, Nepal, South Africa and Peru to attend it. The theme for the conference this year was "Your Town, Our World – Fair Trade Communities & Local Action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals". [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Asylum seekers should be treated with 'compassion' says council leader. [Read more ...](#)

Stover Country Park will be taking part in this year's Heritage Open Days with a series of events, including opening the doors to its recently restored Grade II listed Granite Gatehouse. [Read more ...](#)

Fairtrade Fortnight will be celebrated in Exeter with a coffee morning and tea tasting event in the city. It takes place at St Stephen's Church, Exeter High Street, on Thursday 25 September, 10am-1pm. [Read more ...](#)

Starting on September 8, contractors will be working in Lower Hoopern Valley to develop a nature-based flood management solution in the Taddiforde Brook. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns:

Rainforest Rescue: Hands off the EU's environmental laws! The European Commission plans to weaken laws designed to protect the environment – both at home and worldwide. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Practical Action: Water, Peace and Resilience in Eastern Sudan. [Read more ...](#)

Practical Action: NABAPALLAB: Nature-based Solutions for Sustainable Agriculture. [Read more ...](#)

EAPPI: 'I'm scared to collect water': Water apartheid in Palestine. [Read more ...](#)

International Tree Foundation: Why planting trees cheaply is dangerous ... Stories abound of projects that are poorly planned and carelessly implemented. [Read more ...](#)