

## The Great Global Warming Swindle?

Is carbon dioxide really the problem behind global warming? If it isn't, then we may be shooting ourselves in the foot, limiting progress for ourselves and, more importantly, for the third world.

The Great Global Warming Swindle\* broadcast by Channel 4 on March 8 presented the arguments of many renowned scientists that CO<sub>2</sub> is not the devil that many environmentalists would have us believe. Having been trained in science, to me the arguments were impressive.

The global warming debate as far as the importance of CO<sub>2</sub> is concerned all started when a Swedish scientist suggested that there was a connection between the two. However, the programme showed that the connection is not that increase of CO<sub>2</sub> is followed by temperature rises but the other way round: a temperature rise causes more CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere.

But there is a better correlation between solar activity and temperature rises. After all, they point out, the single greatest influence on our weather is the great power of the sun. The warmest periods over the last 10,000 years occurred well before humans were making a difference to the CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere. Further, CO<sub>2</sub> is produced in far greater quantities by natural means such as volcanic eruptions, animals, bacteria, decaying vegetation and the ocean than the amount produced by human means.

Global warming caused by solar activity is not from the direct effect of the sun burning hotter, for instance. Increased solar activity means increased solar wind, which blows away cosmic radiation, which is necessary for cloud formation. Fewer clouds mean less shading and the temperature of the earth rises.

The programme suggested that the present obsession with CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, which has become a religion to some environmentalists, has political purposes. A respected Kenyan development expert says: 'I don't see how a solar panel is going to power a steel industry, how a solar panel is going to power a railway network... There is somebody keen to kill the African dream, and the African dream is to develop. We are being told don't touch your resources, don't touch your oil, don't touch your coal; that is suicide.'

However, before we all jump into our jets for holidays around the world and turn the central heating up, let us remember that CO<sub>2</sub> is not the only issue in the environment debate. Being less greedy and wasteful, not polluting air and earth, and taking care of our world and its resources are good aims in themselves, never mind the doomsday scenario of the world in flames because of carbon dioxide.

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\* For further information, see  
[http://www.channel4.com/science/microsites/G/great\\_global\\_warming\\_swindle/programme.html](http://www.channel4.com/science/microsites/G/great_global_warming_swindle/programme.html)

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### Coffee Morning

This Saturday (17th) at "Tamar", The Street, there will be a Coffee Morning in aid of the World Pony Driving Championships. This is the equivalent of the Olympics to be held in Denmark in July. Bric-a-brac stalls, cakes and Tombola. Please come and support us and find out about this sport.

We are hoping Sarah Jane will be able to be with us to tell us about the sport she competes in.

### Mothering Sunday

Come and join us at St John's for our Mothering Day Service on Sunday, March 18th at 10 am.



Posies of flowers will be given out during the Service.

### Sedlescombe W.I.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 21st March at 2 o'clock in the Village Hall. The speaker is Miss Cox and her subject is 'Treasures of the Past'. Competition: any treasured, old object. Tea ladies: Mrs Elmes and Mrs Galster. La-

dies, please remember to bring your decorated garter. Ladies! A warm welcome awaits you!

### Sedlescombe Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the Management Committee of the Village Hall will take place in Committee Room 2 at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Everybody is welcome to come along and have his or her say in the running of our unique village hall. If you are a regular user, your group is entitled to nominate a representative to serve on the Management Committee. If you are not a regular user but would still like to contribute, there are elected posts available. The present members of the committee have served for a good long time – one or two since the Hall was opened – and would be very pleased to stand down in favour of new blood.

### The Royal British Legion

There will be an illustrated talk with slides on "Ontario in the Fall" in the village hall on Friday night

<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b> The Readings: 1 Samuel 1:20-end Psalm 34 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 John 19:25-27	
<b>Services and Meetings this week</b>	
<b>SEDLESCOMBE</b> <b>St John the Baptist</b> <b>Sunday</b> [18]  10 am Parish Communion, Junior and Youth Church; followed by Interment of Ashes Bertha Cornford R.I.P. <b>Friday</b> 12-2 pm Lent Lunch [23]  <b>Next Sunday</b> [25] Passion Sunday and Fifth Sunday in Lent. 10 am Parish Communion, Junior and Youth Church; followed by Interment of Ashes, Ruth Hodges R.I.P.	<b>WHATLINGTON</b> <b>St Mary Magdalene</b> <b>Sunday</b> [18]  8.30 am Parish Communion 10.30 am Family Service <b>Monday</b> 7 pm PCC meeting [19]  <b>Next Sunday</b> [25] Passion Sunday and Fifth Sunday in Lent. 8.30 am Parish Communion
<b>Chapel Hill Church - United Reformed</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> 18 March 10.30 am. Morning Worship led by Pat Reigh	
<b>Wednesday</b> 21 March Coffee Morning 10.30 am - 12 noon in the Meeting Room Lent Group 7 pm at 15 Gorselands	
<b>Sunday</b> 25 March <i>Anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery Act 1807</i> 10.30 am Morning Worship with led by Bert Peters	

of the 23rd March 07 at 7.30p.m. This will be open to all the residents and, as it's Friday evening, why not bring along the children? Entrance for adults will be £2 but children will be !!FREE!! The show will be followed with Tea/Coffee and refreshments. The proceeds will go to the R.B.L. Poppy Appeal Fund. For further information please phone 870219.

E. Burgess. Branch Chairman.

#### Sports Association

Jumble Sale on Saturday 24th March in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.. Jumble can be left at the Hall after 12.00 on the day or for collection, ring Rosemary on 870533. Proceeds towards our new Pavilion.

#### Easter Lilies

Have you ordered your lily yet in memory of a loved one? Last day for orders is Sunday 18th March. Cost £2. Please ring Sylvia on 870688 to order.

#### Table Quiz

The next table quiz will be in the Village Hall on Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Entry is £3.50 per head and the price includes tea and home made cakes. Even if you're not a quiz fan, it's

worth going just for the cakes alone! If your preference is for the hard stuff, you're welcome to bring your own booze. Book your table now with either Reg/Pauline on 870258 or Ralph/Jean on 870223; four tables have already been booked so don't delay. Profits from this fun evening go to the Village Hall funds.

#### Grand Spring Quiz

The quiz sheets for the Grand Spring Quiz are now available from the shop. The 42 questions are all about food and drink and you have six weeks to think about the answers. First prize will be a cream tea for two at the Bistro and the second prize will be a bottle of wine. The quiz sheets cost £1 each and again the profits go to the Village Hall.

