

XR MILTON KEYNES - NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2023

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**TO LISTEN TO A RECENT XR ZOOM CALL
ABOUT THE 100 DAYS EVENT:**

www.youtube.com/live/FGJoar678eE?feature=share

**100, 000 PEOPLE
HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT
21 APRIL
and beyond**

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**A GROUP FROM MILTON
KEYNES ARE TRAVELLING
TOGETHER ON 21ST.**

**PLEASE EMAIL FOR DETAILS
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
JOIN US!**



WARM THIS WINTER - MASS LOBBY

**Join the mass
lobby**

for lower bills and an
energy system that
works for everyone



On April 1st, join people across the UK lobbying our MPs for warmer, greener homes now and permanently cheaper energy bills. Find your nearest lobby here or create your own:
https://campaigns.350.org/calendars/warm-this-winter?utm_source=GPKthurs1&utm_campaign=GPKUK

XR MK OUTREACH MARCH & APRIL 2023

Saturday 1st April 10:30 until noon in Stony Stratford - where Cofferridge Close meets the High Street.
Saturday 13th May 10:30 until noon - location to be confirmed.

XR MK MONTHLY MEETINGS APRIL & MAY 2023

Mondays 3rd April and 15th May 7-8:30pm - a zoom invite will be sent out beforehand.

REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL - PODCAST

"Reasons to be Cheerful" brings Ed Miliband and Geoff Lloyd together with smart thinkers and inspiring campaigners from around the world. Each week, Ed and Geoff unearth bold ideas to create a better society: www.cheerfulpodcast.com/reasons-to-be-cheerful-ed-miliband-geoff-lloyd

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PETITION TO BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL - STOP FINANCING FOSSIL FUELS

https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/buckinghamshire-council-stop-financing-fossil-fuels-1?fbclid=IwAR2xtlr0Na2RXRHrOvpLzGaOV6J4vjJQNz50VxHjbgwTS_-JXdLqj6w7-bo

MARCH 2023 IPCC REPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sixth-assessment-report-cycle/>

SOME WORDS FROM CHRIS FROM XRMK RE WELLINGBOROUGH TREE FELLING

Since the Diggers set up there, Wellingborough seems to have a history of radicalism, and there's now a very active "Independent Socialists of Wellingborough" to continue that.

Last month, local people opposed felling 61 mature (possibly Victorian) lime trees lining the road and Riverside Park as you enter from the Olney direction. This is to relocate trunk services prior to dualling the road for increased traffic to a large housing development on the edge of town. The trees had a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) but that can be over-ridden by a planning consent. However, in this case, the consent was to fell, it seems, just eleven trees, not 61.

Early on, four protestors were arrested in circumstances Amnesty International in a press release described as "deeply disturbing":

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/press-releases/uk-arrests-peaceful-tree-protesters-northamptonshire-deeply-disturbing>

Then well-known "environmental barrister", Paul Powlesland, who assisted the campaign, was also arrested.

It was indeed upsetting to see a combined grab-plus-circular saw viciously dismembering fine and apparently sound trees. However, protests have slimmed the target number of trees to 40 (though half the line has already gone, and even if the rest are saved, their collective visual impact will be lost). Meanwhile, after frantic lobbying by one town councillor, the Leader of North Northants Council met the developer (several linked companies and contractors are involved) who agreed a stay of felling pending a public meeting. At time of writing, protest seems to have won the battle, if not the war (sorry for martial cliché!).

Watch this space: the Northants Telegraph has had good coverage:

<https://www.northantstelegraph.co.uk/news/people/protesting-barrister-paul-powlesland-climbs-tree-to-stop-felling-work-of-historic-wellingborough-lime-avenue-and-is-arrested-4044858>