



Newsletter of the Wadebridge Renewable Energy Network

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LED Bulb winners

Spring is the time for bulbs, but these ones don't grow in your garden.

£1,000 was up for grabs in WREN's LED bulb free prize draw, funded by the Hawkey family from their solar PV installation at The Olde House in Chapel Amble, and there was a fantastic response from individuals and businesses entering.



The winners were drawn at WREN's Energy Shop in Wadebridge by Adrian Jones, Chair of the Wadebridge Chamber of Commerce (right) with WREN operations manager Dominic Comonte.

Katy Luxton and Mark Hollamby each won up to £250 to kit out their homes with long-lasting, energy-saving LED bulbs.

In the business category, the lucky winner of a £500 lighting makeover was Allium on Molesworth Street, Wadebridge.

£10,000 Community Fund

Local voluntary and community groups in St Breock and Wadebridge can benefit from a new renewable energy community fund.

The fund, worth £10,000 a year, has been launched by Pengelly CE Wind Ltd, the owner of the 500kW wind turbine close to the town, and the company has asked Wadebridge Renewable Energy Network (WREN) to administer it.

A committee consisting of Ian Hodge representing Pengelly CE Wind Ltd, Tony Saunders from St Breock Parish Council, Pam Starling from Wadebridge Town Council, Tina Yardley (Head of Wadebridge School) and Sergeant Andy Stewart (Devon and Cornwall Police), and chaired by Tony Faragher from WREN, will make the decisions on awards.

Tony said, "The committee wants to spread the awards among a number of local groups and so has set the upper limit at £1,000 each. Groups can now apply for any amount up to £1,000."

The closing date for applications is 4th May 2015. To get information and an application form for the fund, [click here](#),

Alternatively, email communityfunds@wren.uk.com, phone 01208 812992, or call into the Energy Shop.

Operations Assistant Position Filled

We'd like to congratulate Leonie McGregor and Sam Angwin who have been appointed to job-share the new WREN operations assistant position. They will be working alongside Dominic Comonte, the operations manager, in the Energy Shop.

Leonie has long been WREN administrator but now takes on an expanded role. Sam recently graduated from the University of Southampton with a master's degree in Energy and Sustainability.

[Click here for more info.](#)



Cornwall Energy Island

WREN directors Stephen Frankel and Kevin Smith attended the Cornwall Energy Island conference at the Eden Project in March to discuss the question: “What would it take to make Cornwall self-sufficient in energy?”

The event was hosted by the Eden Project and BuroHappold Engineering and included speakers from Cornwall Council, community energy groups, technology developers, the University of Exeter, the National Grid and power distribution companies.

Cornwall faces the issue that its energy generation is renewable and mostly variable with the wind and the sun. In summer, we produce more solar electricity than we can use in Cornwall, and so have to export it up country via the grid, which is pretty much full to capacity. In winter, we produce less than we use overall.

So can we spread demand so that people and businesses use more at the time it is produced? Can we spread supply to when it is needed - the well-discussed problem of storage? There are ways for both, what are referred to as smart energy technologies.

The conference was about the Cornwall Energy Island. WREN's ambition is to produce in Wadebridge all the energy that Wadebridge needs - our own island within an island. We're going to need the smart energy technologies to match energy supply and demand locally.

For more about Energy Island, read the [blog post here](#).



Rotary
Club of Wadebridge

**In aid of
Ambulances to Kosovo**



**Race Night
Charity Supper**
an evening of food and fun

7 pm, Friday 17th April 2015
The John Betjeman Centre, Wadebridge



Help the Rotary Club of Wadebridge deliver this renovated ambulance to Kosovo

Tickets £10

Includes buffet supper

Available from:

- Clive Robinson
- Tel: 07842 117 435

The Rotary Club of Wadebridge is raising funds to send an ambulance to Kosovo, as part of a long-term operation by Cornwall Rotary Clubs to help restore the emergency services in Kosovo that were devastated by the war sixteen years ago.

On Friday 17th April the Rotary Club will be holding a charity supper and race night at the John Betjeman Centre. Come along and bet on the horses - 50% goes to the charity.

Tickets cost £10, call 07842 117 435.

The Wadebridge Foodbank and Storehouse will be holding a fund raising Dinner & Dance on 25th April in The Pavilion, Royal Cornwall Showground. Tickets are £30 each, including 3 course meal, tea and coffee and live entertainment from The Johanna Graham Trio during dinner. After dinner entertainment from The Claze (back by popular demand!)

Raffle and Charity Auction on the night - some amazing prizes already secured, including a holiday at Mother Ivey's Bay!

Tickets available from the Foodbank or call 07813 606291.



FOODBANK CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Dinner & Dance

DINNER & LIVE MUSIC
The Johanna Graham Trio and The Claze

SATURDAY 25th APRIL
CORNWALL SHOWGROUND PAVILLION - WADEBRIDGE

7 PM TILL 12.30 AM • TICKETS £30

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
WADEBRIDGE FOODBANK
OR CALL 07813 606291



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1142814



Join WREN at the grand opening of Kernow Fires' **Biomass Showroom** on Saturday 18th April at Unit 2, Trenant Industrial Estate, Wadebridge, PL27 6HB. (Click on the logo for more information.)

The south west's biggest energy event
Tuesday 21 April 2015, 10am - 4pm
Westpoint Arena, Exeter.

Attend the exhibition for only £18.

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Wattstor offer

Wattstor has come to us with a special offer on an electricity storage system. They are offering a special discounted price to one WREN member.

Wattstor says that it would be useful if the person taking the offer meets the following criteria:

- Has a solar PV system ranging of size 4kW - 6kW
- Is able to accommodate the Wattstor system within 5m of the main distribution board (garage, utility room or external housing)
- Is generating more than they are using during a sunny day (e.g. not using an electric shower or Aga)
- Would be happy to keep records and share with Wattstor their generation and grid import data
- Would be open to potential customers having a look at the system (about twice a year, subject to finding a mutually convenient time)

The standard price for an Wattstor 5/6 Plus with a 5kW inverter/charger and 6kWh of battery storage is £3,950 (including installation, VAT and a hot water diversion switch).

They are offering one of our members the same system, installed and including VAT at a price of £2,950.

Please contact The Energy Shop if you are interested. If more than one person comes forward, there will be a draw.

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