



AWARENESS DAY

Sunday June 15th 2008

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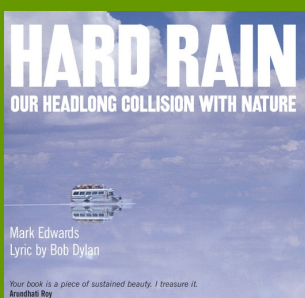
Environmental Awareness

Garden and Wildlife Area Open Day

'The National Gardens Scheme is delighted to support the organisation of the opening of Barcroft Hall's environmentally sensitive gardens with its wildlife areas for national and local charities'

Julia Grant, Chief Executive, The National Gardens Scheme

www.ngs.org.uk



Climatic Awareness

Hard Rain Exhibition & Presentation

'This disturbing, powerfully moving work is a masterpiece that summons up the ghosts of our past and a vision of the future that is ours to change'

Tim Smit, Chief Executive and co-founder, The Eden Project

www.hardrainproject.com



Mobility Awareness

A Day for the Mobility Challenged

'Everyone should have easy access to the countryside it is their right. Local groups, people with mobility difficulties, councils and corporate supporters should engage with this, entry is free for the disabled'

Annie Maw, High Sheriff of Somerset

www.mobilityawareness.org.uk

www.solarolaadventure.co.uk



Organic Awareness

A Good Day to learn about Good Organic Food

'We must try to create food in an environmentally sensitive way, food we can be confident in and proud of '

Roger & Monty Saul, Sharpham Park

www.sharphampark.com

Sunday June 15th 2008 10:30 to 17:00

Barcroft Hall, North Street, South Petherton, TA13 5DA

refreshments and disabled toilets available (trade access 08:00)

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Environmental Awareness

Garden and Wildlife Area Open Day (Adult entry - £3.50, children and the disabled - Free)

Barcroft Hall gardens and wildlife areas, also used as a release site for the RSPCA, were created by the present owners of the ninety acre farm estate seven years ago. Wonderful wildlife habitats, with hundreds of trees planted, coupled with formal areas have resulted in a stunning environment.

It is specifically designed for reasonable disabled access (Class 3 Scooters & Powered Wheelchairs). Car parking and disabled toilets will be provided. Drinks and snacks will be available. Proceeds will go to NGS central fund, local disabled and mobility challenged charities.

Climatic Awareness

Hard Rain Exhibition & Presentation (Separate entrance charity fee for presentation)

Barcroft Hall is delighted to accommodate a version of the **Hard Rain Exhibition** shown at the Eden Project (Cornwall, UK), Kirstenbosch Gardens (Cape Town, South Africa), Royal Botanic Garden (Edinburgh), Real Jardin Botanico (Madrid), Tällberg Forum (Sweden) and this spring in the UN Headquarters, New York.

Mark Edwards, one of the most widely publicised editorial photographers in the world, will be giving presentations of images from his personal archive, including photographic contributions by Sebastião Salgado, Chris Steele-Perkins and others. These images combine with the words and music of the legendary Bob Dylan to explore the pressing issues of climate change, habitat loss, pollution, poverty and human rights in a startlingly original way. Mark will also be book signing on the day.

Hard Rain has inspired visitors around the world to participate in the complex debate about our future.

Mobility Awareness

A Day for the Mobility Challenged

We warmly welcome Annie Maw our High Sheriff of Somerset for 2008, who will be opening the event. She will be joined by Alan Gloak, Chairman of Somerset County Council who will be at Barcroft Hall in support on the day and promoting 'Accessible Somerset' with Richard Pittman and his team, CEO of Compass Disability Services.

On a suggestion by Robin Hanbury Tenison, the environmental explorer, Annie's well publicised 'Sola Rola Adventure' tour starts with a 'bon voyage' from Elizabeth, Lady Vallance, High Sheriff of Greater London at the Houses of Parliament and finishes at the Bath & West Showground travelling solely in solar powered mobility vehicles. This project has already raised thousands for mobility challenged charities. Annie who is disabled herself, will participate with others who are mobility challenged, who wish, like everybody else, to have as full an access as possible to the countryside.

The aim of this day and the simultaneous launch of 'Discrimination Trails' is to make other landowners, regular walkers and the authorities aware of how challenging it is for mobility constrained users. We are hoping to have as large a gathering of mobility challenged visitors and participants as possible. Annie will also announce four projected awards for 2008/9 on the day.

Organic Awareness

A Good Day to learn about Good Organic Food

Barcroft Hall farm estate has now been restored after a period of agricultural neglect. For the first four years of the project the farm estate was put into traditional crop rotation to balance the land and for the past four years it has been in a period of natural pasture growth and stability with no pesticides, herbicides or fertiliser placed on the land. Natural production is therefore planned to commence when appropriate together with flower meadow areas prepared in soil, quality balanced, for successful seed germination.

In the spirit of this organic future Barcroft supports the West Country's organic producers a few of whose products will be available on the day to order and buy. In addition signed copies of Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's publications will be available.



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Award 1: Presented to the most helpful nominated **landowner** who has demonstrated his ability to provide a sustainable service to the mobility challenged.

Award 2: Presented to the most active nominated **local authority** (County, District or Parish Councils) who have presented the best sustainable projects for 2008/9 for the mobility challenged.

Award 3: Presented to the most active **mobility challenged person** who has been nominated as showing the greatest degree of commitment to working with landowners and local authorities to create a better environment for others in the same position.

Award 4: Presented to the most active **mobility challenged person** who has created and maintains the best sustainable garden themselves.

All awards announced at the 'Awareness Day' will be presented in 2009



**Barcroft Hall
Barcroft Lane
North Street
South Petherton
Somerset
TA13 5DA**

- ⇒ Follow signs to South Petherton at the roundabout on the A303.
- ⇒ Turn left at second mini roundabout and proceed through village.
- ⇒ Take right fork after leaving village centre into North Street.
- ⇒ Barcroft lane is on the right after half a mile.
- ⇒ Barcroft Hall is at the end of the lane.

