



Here is our round up of local Green news and events for June.

CLIMATE FORUM will meet from 11 am to 1 p.m. on Saturday, 5th July at Barnstaple Library on the top floor. You can get to our meeting afterwards (at 2 p.m)

COUNTY COUNCIL 20 MPH PROPOSAL Cllr. Jacqui Hodgson (Green, South Hams) is proposing Devon County Council adopts 20 mph as the speed limit where traffic and people mix. It will be debated at the cabinet meeting on July 23rd. Jacqui is the portfolio holder for climate change and biodiversity. Please contact your local County Councillor to say why this is important to you and to say why it should apply not just to urban settings but also to village settings. You can find your local County Councillor by going to the [Devon CC website](#).

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN John Puddy, one of our members has been awarded the prestigious Victory Medal for years of work restoring SS Freshspring. The medal is given for exceptional service to preserving our maritime heritage and he has been working to restore this steamship since 2010! Freshspring is berthed at Landvisiau Walk in Bideford and welcomes visitors every Sunday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. until September 28th.

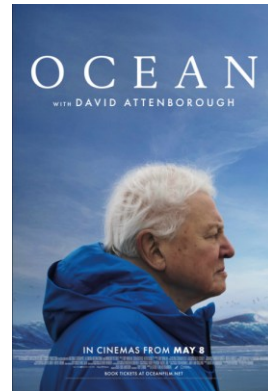
<https://www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk/news/shipshape/victory-medal-awarded-ss-freshsprings-john-puddy>



NO TO X LINKS Sky News carried a report this week that Ed Miliband has decided not to proceed with formal negotiations with X Links on their proposal to bring energy from solar panels in the Moroccan desert to North Devon. Apparently they wanted a 25 year contract. My personal reaction is one of relief. If power is generated in North Africa it should be supplied to North Africa not transported nearly 2000 miles in a link whose laying would cause damage to the ocean floor (see film above). It always felt to me like a vanity project. Rant over!

OCEAN The David Attenborough film which has caused quite a stir with its strong criticism of “bottom trawling” is on at The Plough Arts on Friday 18th July at 2.00 p.m. if you want to see it.

<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/event/ocean-david-attenborough>



OUR NEXT MEETING will be next Saturday, 5th July at the Pannier Pantry on the corner of Bridgeland Street and the Quay in Bideford at 2 p.m. If you haven't been before, come along (and sample the Pantry's delicious food).

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