

**NEWS UPDATE** May 2010

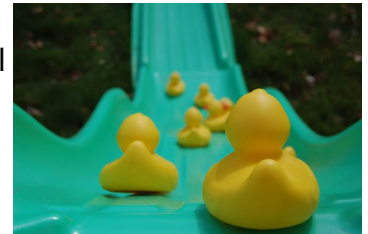
**Don't miss a day at the races**

**Special points of interest:**

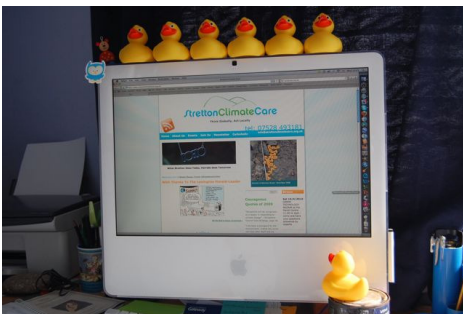
- 3rd Annual Duck Races
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**SATURDAY 29TH MAY  
THIRD ANNUAL DUCK RACE DAY**

There is growing excitement amongst the duck racing fraternity as our all new flock of racing ducks are approaching the peak of condition. Their training regime and revised International Duck Racing rules will be put to the test next Saturday in Carding Mill Valley.



For the latest news, please see our website and information from our own correspondent in the Snail on Sunday. The planned exhibition of Low Carbon Transport has unfortunately been cancelled due to reduced grant funding but you can be assured of a fun packed day at the races and when the excitement gets too much, Grant, in the Chalet Tea Rooms will provide you with a welcome cuppa. The first race at 11.00 will be started by our guest starter, Tom Acton, who will arrive in his all electric car.



Course transport for the ducks from finish back to start will of course also be all electric. See you there!



**PRIDE OF SHROPSHIRE AWARDS**

Up to now its been a closely guarded secret but Stretton Climate Care has made it to the finals of the Pride of Shropshire Awards Environment Category. Hosted jointly by the Shropshire Partnership, Muller Dairies and The Shropshire Star, Chairman Jon Cooke, Vice Chair Jamie Wrench and our Project Worker Julie Mellors will attend the award ceremony on Thursday 10th June .... we will keep you informed as to how we get on.

**CHANGE OF DATE**

Because our planned Eco Home trail on 17th July clashes with the re opening of the Parish Church, we have moved the date to Saturday 20th August. This year a number of homes, with a wide variety of energy efficient features will be open for you to visit .. a bit like an open gardens day. Make a note of the date and watch out for further details.

## WORKING WITH THE ENERGY SAVING TRUST

Our Low Carbon Technology day was a great success and judging by the number of surveys booked by renewable energy installers Llani Solar and Greenearth Energy, they too were more than happy. Following on from the event we have installed over 140 free smart energy monitors in and around the Strettons in a joint project with the Energy Saving Trust. The monitors measure real time electricity consumption and cost. So effective are they in changing energy consumption behaviour we have been able to secure some grant funding to purchase more to loan out. Anyone interested in making savings on their electricity bill should give us a call to arrange the loan of a monitor. A big thank you to all those who helped us hand deliver almost 3,000 mailings from the Energy Saving Trust about the free monitor scheme and the Technology Bazaar.



Some of the team with the free smart energy monitors

## STRETTON HAS ITS OWN ECO HOME

Made by Mike Bourke and Wally Blake, we now have our own model eco home, which demonstrates the many ways in which homes can be made more energy efficient. Sheep's wool insulation, solar hot water, photovoltaic panels, even a ground source heat pump. These are just a few of the many energy saving features on the model which drew a lot of interest at recent events. In terms of energy efficiency it must surely be rated as A++! The model will again be on show at Duck Day.

### News in Brief:

- ***FIT'S (Feed In Tariffs)*** If you generate your own electricity from Photo Voltaic panels, from 1st April you will receive 41p for each kW of electricity generated and 3p per kW for every unit exported back into the grid for others to use. This is something like an 8% return on the capital investment of the system which makes good economic sense as well as being a very effective way to reduce your carbon emissions, electricity bills and reliance on national energy supplies. There has been talk of a similar scheme planned for next year for those who generate their own heat with solar hot water. Stretton Climate Care can offer advice on the suitability of your home for renewable energy. A new photovoltaic array has recently been commissioned in Little Stretton. Those with renewables installed before June 2009 are still waiting to hear if they will be allowed to fully benefit from the scheme.
- ***How Green will our new Government prove to be?*** It's early days but the signs are encouraging that our new Conservative / Liberal democrat leaders will pursue a green economy and continue the fight to make our homes and industry more energy efficient. One thing is clear, energy costs are unlikely, long term, to come down and in these times of economic uncertainty, it more than ever makes sense to discover ways of making our homes as energy efficient as possible. As an organisation we are well placed to give good unbiased advice. With over 300 homes now visited we continue our main service of free home energy checks. If you have already benefited from our energy saving advice why not give the good news to a neighbour and persuade them to ask for a free energy check.

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