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Our Mother of Parliaments Saving the Day for Civilisation and Humanity

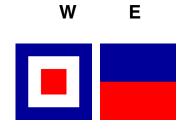
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Simply Flying Two Signalling Flags on Fridays



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A message from the children of Worcestershire to the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament



Two Flags

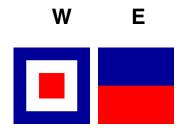


WE raise and "strike" on Fridays, Two flags which say it all, How our Blue Planet's in danger, And WE must change our course. WE need our leaders with us, On board and paddling hard, If WE're to change the climate, And save all life from harm.

WE raise and "strike" on Fridays.
So rulers of our lands,
Will listen to the children,
And clap them with their hands
So now on every Friday,
Until our planet's safe,
WE raise and "strike", WE raise and "strike",
Two flags which say it all.

David W. Train. President Fladbury Paddle Club. Former Olympic coach. 12th April 2019.

On 12th April 2019, Fladbury CoE First School pupils started the new tradition of reading out the poem, "Two Flags" and raising and "striking" the flags. They now raise and strike the flags on a flagpole outside the school, each Friday, and their member of parliament, Nigel Huddleston, has taken part, to help to get their message to the two Speakers of parliament. Other Worcestershire schools and organisations will soon be on board. Together they will set out on a voyage to inspire the two leaders of Parliament to take part. When it happens WE will all win gold!



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In his book "Harmony", published in 2010, Prince Charles calls for a "Sustainability Revolution" if humanity is to survive. In the last few months the Scottish, Welsh and British Parliaments have declared a "Climate Emergency".

Fladbury, in Worcestershire, has been at the heart of a set of ideas developed over the last thirty years to bring all the world on board to take part in the "Climate Emergency" through paddlesport, art, culture and by using all our great history to set out on a voyage to a new sustainable future.

One of those tools is the team bell boat which we invented to get a message to the world about working together. In 1993 we were asked if there was some way of getting a message to the world about climate change. The bell boat is twin hulled so on the port hull (left hand looking forward) we put the name "Spirit of Fladbury" and on the starboard hull we put the name "Spirit of The Climate Emergency". On the bow flag we put two sea signalling flags, the top one for the letter W and the bottom one for the letter E, spelling our WE the crew of the "Spirit of Fladbury". On the centre flag we put the United Nations Flag and on the rear the Worcestershire flag. As a single flag W also spells out the message "Urgent Medical Attention Needed" which we now need for "Our Blue Planet". As a single flag E means "Changing Course To Starboard", which is the rule on water to avoid collision. The message is:

"WE the crew of the Spirit of Fladbury, knowing that Urgent Medical Attention is needed for Our Home on the Blue Planet are Changing Course to Avoid a Catastrophe and inspiring all the nations of our planet to take part." Or in shortened version. "WE are TAKING PART in the CLIMATE EMERGENCY".

In 2019, watching the opposing parties of Brexit and flag waving outside of the Palace of Westminster, and seeing the example of Greta Thunberg "striking" outside the Swedish parliament every Friday, I had a "light bulb moment". I realised that our children could take part without "striking" but instead, "raising and striking" the two flags each Friday, starting a "new tradition". WE now hope that the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament will do the same and use the Palace of Westminster to signal to

the world every Friday that "Our Home on the Blue Planet" needs urgent medical attention and inspire the world to take part.

In WW2 Big Ben and its bell tower was an inspirational symbol to the world of the fight against the then greatest threat to civilisation. It is now silent and covered because of repairs, but the Victoria Tower is still there, over the House of Lords, ready to be used as a world symbol of how **WE** are working together on this common cause for the good of civilisation, humanity and all life.

When discussing climate change, many people, rightly say that whatever we do here in Britain the problem cannot be solved unless all the other countries of the world take part, with China and America leading the way. WE, now having declared a climate emergency, have the Olympian problem of how to inspire all the world to take part. WE believe that Worcestershire can signal to Westminster and the world, how to do it, by inspiring parliament to lead the way and fly the two signalling flags. It is our aim to inspire Westminster to use these Worcestershire soft power ideas to bring all the world on board. The members of parliament have already unanimously declared a climate emergency. All WE need to do now is to inspire the two Speakers to take part. The two Speakers can, with one simple step, make all our children and young people look up to parliament and be very proud that their "Mother of Parliaments", as in WW2, once more, saved the day for civilisation and humanity.

Millions of ordinary people, each year, take part in marathons and events inspired by having a personal cause such as cancer or heart research. The day they decide to do it, they take the first step. Step by step they train and, within a year or two, often less, miraculously, they manage to run a marathon. Across the globe WE, as humans, all have to be inspired to do the same for "Our Home on the Blue Planet", now in a state of ever-worsening ill health.

With our two Speakers on board and the "Mother of Parliaments" signalling the way, other villages, towns, cities and parliaments, throughout the world will be inspired to take part, flying the two flags as the first step. Each village, town and city have their own histories, with connections to every corner of our Blue Planet. Each has a story that can now be used to serve this great **common cause**, for the good of humanity and all life. By working together WE can signal how to do it to all other nations of our planet and set all on a voyage to "Save Our Home on the Blue Planet".

