

The Climate Emergency

Parliament and The Queen - Paddlesport and The People

“Together”

Creating a Huge Simple Story of Hope for the World

Dear Ma'am,

WE need our leaders with us..



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*"Humans think in stories rather than facts, numbers or equations,
and the simpler the story, the better."*

Yuval Noah Harari. 21 Lessons for the 21st Century

"One picture is worth more than ten thousand words"

Frederick R Barnard. Printers World 10 March 1927

WE in the Commonwealth, WE in the West and WE in the World, desperately and urgently, need a huge world story of hope if WE are to bring the world on board to tackle the "Climate Emergency". WE believe that you and the Lord Speaker have a golden opportunity to create it, within weeks.

Earlier this year, Prince Charles called on the leaders of the Commonwealth to lead the world in tackling the climate emergency. He needs a huge world story to inspire the Commonwealth leaders if he is to fulfil his dream in Rwanda in 2020. Claire Perry, as president of COP26, has a more than Olympian task to bring the world together to tackle the climate emergency, in Glasgow, in just one year's time. Claire, like Prince Charles, needs that simple, but huge, world story of hope! WE in Worcestershire - children, teachers and parents - working together, over 26 years, have developed a set of soft power tools for them to do the job. It has been a marathon task but WE now need you and the Lord Speaker on board so that the tools can be used for the good of all humanity and life.

As you will see from the enclosed letter to the Lord Speaker, in April this year, Greta Thunberg, Extinction Rebellion, and the competing flags of those for and against Brexit, created a "light bulb moment" for me when I realised how two sea signalling flags, which WE have used on our bell boats for years, could be used to bring all the world on board to tackle the climate emergency.

I enclose two pictures and a poem, which say it all! WE would be delighted if you, in the true spirit of the Olympics, will "take part", by inviting the children, teachers and parents of Fladbury and Worcestershire, together with Claire Perry, to Buckingham Palace, with the bell boat, the "Spirit of Glasgow 2020 and the Climate Emergency", for you to name and, on that day, fly the two sea signalling flags over Buckingham Palace. It need only take a few minutes, but it will create the simple but huge world story of hope that WE, Prince Charles and Claire Perry, so desperately need.

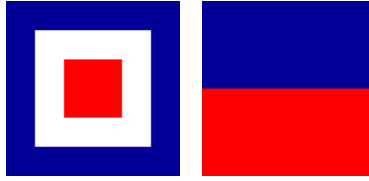
Inspired by your example, organisations and leaders, throughout the Commonwealth, will follow. By the time of the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, WE will be able to celebrate how WE in the Commonwealth, working together on a common cause for the good of all humanity and life, inspired the whole world to take part. WE, the Commonwealth, WE, the West and WE, the world, will all win gold.

My very best wishes,

Good paddling,

David W. Train. President Fladbury Paddle Club. Former Olympic coach.

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WE Need Our Leaders With Us

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.

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cc. The Lord Speaker.
HRH Prince Charles.
Rt Hon Claire Perry. President COP26
Julie Wilson. Head Teacher Fladbury COE First School.
Ivan Lawler. MBE. President British Canoeing. Olympian and World Champion.
Etienne Stott. MBE, Olympic Gold Medalist and Extinction Rebel.
Andrew Train. Olympian and World Champion.
Stephen Train. Olympian and World Champion.

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