

TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM

NEWSLETTER UPDATE – 24th. JUNE, 2007



- **Braunton Marsh Management Study 2007:**
- **Birthday Honour for John Breeds MBE:**
- **Estuary Geomorphology Study:**
- **DCC Planning: Yelland - Ashbeds:**
- **DCC Planning: Yelland – Transfer Station:**
- **Atlantic Array: Proposed Offshore Wind Farm**
- **Duchy College: Course in Biological Recording**
- **EA Torridge & Hartland Streams CAMS:**
- **Newsletters and Information Items:**
 - **Integrated Coastal Zone Management**
 - **Natural England**
 - **Finding Sanctuary**

BRAUNTON MARSH MANAGEMENT STUDY 2007:

The Barnstaple and District Civic Society, at its Annual Conservation Awards ceremony at the Guildhall, Barnstaple on 15th. June 2007, has presented a certificate of congratulation to the Taw Torridge Estuary Forum for its Braunton Marsh Management Study 2007.

This was a most enjoyable Awards evening, attended by representatives from local schools, communities, charities and organisations, all of which have undertaken conservation projects in North Devon over the past year. The North Devon AONB also presented two new awards for local conservation projects.

Our thanks to the Barnstaple & District Civic Society for awarding a certificate for our project.

BIRTHDAY HONOUR FOR JOHN BREEDS MBE:

You will all be delighted to know that John Breeds, the Education Warden for Braunton Burrows, has been awarded an MBE in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List "for services to conservation in Devon".

John has been involved with Braunton Burrows for nearly thirty years, and is an acknowledged expert on its sand dune systems, its wildlife and flora, and on its archaeology, geology and history.

He has represented Braunton Burrows on the TTEF continuously since 1981 – and during this time John has been employed by the Nature Conservancy Council, English Nature, and then the Ministry of Defence/Landmarc and Natural England.

We all send our congratulations and best wishes to John.

TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY GEOMORPHOLOGY STUDY:

Some TTEF members attended the very successful Public Presentation of Professor Pethick's Geomorphology Study at Edgehill College on Wednesday, 13th. June. It had been hoped that Professor Pethick would also make a further presentation to a meeting of TTEF members and others in the near future but, unfortunately, this has been impossible to arrange.

In due course, a copy of the Executive Summary of the Study will be made available on the TTEF website.

COUNTY MATTER PLANNING APPLICATION: FORMER YELLAND POWER STATION SITE – COMPLETION OF CAPPING OF ASHBEDS:

Ref: JR/DCC/2429/2007

Officer: Jackie Reffell (01392) 382383

COUNTY MATTER PLANNING APPLICATION: FORMER YELLAND POWER STATION SITE – ENLARGEMENT AND CONTINUATION OF USE OF TRANSFER STATION:

Ref: JR/DCC/2476/2007

Officer: Jackie Reffell (01392) 382383

We have been sent copies of the above planning applications for the former Power Station Site at Yelland. The target date for determination is 24th. August 2007, but any comments we wish to make should be sent to DCC by the end of June.

There will be a short Planning Sub-Committee Meeting for any TTEF representatives who would like to view the plans and to discuss the TTEF response to these two applications:

on

Thursday, 28th. June, 2007

at 7.30 p.m.

at

The Crow's Nest, Marine Parade, Instow at 7.30 p.m.

(Please telephone me on:

(01271) 860686

to let me know if you are attending)

Any written comments please by Thursday, 28th. June 2007

ATLANTIC ARRAY: PROPOSAL FOR AN OFFSHORE WIND FARM SCHEME IN THE BRISTOL CHANNEL:

I have been contacted by Michael Huntingford of Farm Energy Ltd., with a view to him making a presentation to the October TTEF Meeting. Mr. Huntingford has sent me 20 copies of a leaflet on the proposed scheme, which will be distributed at our next meeting on 16th. July.

If you wish to know more, the contact details are:

Farm Energy Ltd.,
The Tannery
East Street,

South Molton, Devon. EX36 3DQ

Telephone: (01769) 573003

e-mail: info@farmenergy.co.uk

**DUCHY COLLEGE:
NEW CORNISH COURSE IN
BIOLOGICAL RECORDING:**

A new part-time course in biological recording, run by Duchy College, is due to commence in September. The course programme aims to develop practical abilities in the identification, recording and understanding of habitats and species, and it covers the terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine environments. The course has been devised in conjunction with the Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (ERCCIS).

For more information, please contact:
Sarah Board or Nick Taylor
Telephone: 01209 722100
e-mail: rosewarne.enquiries@duchy.ac.uk
website: www.duchy.ac.uk/rosewarne

**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY:
TORRIDGE & HARTLAND STREAMS
CATCHMENT ABSTRACTION MANAGEMENT
STRATEGY:**

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT:

Copies now available from:

Karen Gowlett
Technical Officer (CAMS)
Telephone: 01392 316214

e-mail: karen.gowlett@environment-agency.gov.uk

Environment Agency
Exminster House,
Exminster
Devon. EX6 8AS

www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Consultation Deadline: 30th. July, 2007

NEWSLETTERS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

INTEGRATED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT:

A Summary of Responses to the consultation:

'Promoting an integrated approach to management of the coastal zone (ICZM) in England'

is available on:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/iczm-strategy/index.htm>

or a printed copy is available upon request to:

Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs
Marine Environment Division
Marine Planning and Coastal Integration
Integrated Coastal Zone Management
Room 2C
3-8, Whitehall Place
LONDON. SW1A 2HH

and

**Consultation Paper on:
Improving Access to the English Coast
(issued 19th. June 2007)**

can be found on

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/latest/2007/coast-0619.htm>

and

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/coast-access/letter.htm>

or obtained by post from Stephen Collins at the Defra address above

Response Deadline: Tuesday, 11th. September 2007

NATURAL ENGLAND:

'Improving Coastal Access: Our Advice to Government'

This report, which was submitted to Defra in February 2007, was also published on 19th. June 2007 and is available on the Natural England website:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/>

FINDING SANCTUARY:

June Newsletter:

Copies are available from:

<http://www.findingsanctuary.org/>

e-mail: Tom.Hooper@southwestfoodanddrink.com

DATES OF FORTHCOMING TTEF MEETINGS:

Monday, 16th July 2007 at Bideford Town Hall
Monday, 15th October 2007 at Barnstaple Civic Centre
Monday, 21st January 2008 at Bideford Town Hall

All meetings to commence at 7.00 p.m



**Rose Day
Chairman
Taw Torridge Estuary Forum
The Crow's Nest
Marine Parade
INSTOW
Bideford,
North Devon. EX39 4JN**

Telephone: (01271) 860686
e-mail: Geoff.Rose.Day@ukgateway.net
website: www.ttef.org.uk