



# DDE Newsletter No. 194

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

The Sundarbans dilemma: Islands swallowed by water, and nowhere else to go. Poor women shoulder the worst effects of rising water in the Indian delta, highlighting key lessons on building climate resilience. [Read more ...](#)

'We can't engineer our way out of this': how to protect flood-hit Severn Valley. Tens of millions have been spent on human-made defences over the years, but the impact of the climate crisis means flooding is inevitable. [Read more ...](#)

Extraction of raw materials to rise by 60% by 2060, says UN report. Exclusive: Report proposes action to reduce overall demand rather than simply increasing 'green' production. [Read more ...](#)

Lagos ban on styrofoam and plastics brings applause and concern. Climate benefits of the plastic ban may be offset by the impact on vendors, waste collectors and the informal economy. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

Lily Gladstone: 'Native American history has been banned from the US school curriculum' [Read more ...](#)

'We said, there must be ladies': the pioneering Maasai women ending all-male leadership of the land. In one Kenyan reserve, women are taking up roles that give them a say in community life and protecting the land they depend on – inspiring a new generation to follow in their footsteps. [Read more ...](#)

'We're the country of beef, but we can only afford chicken'. Argentina was once one of the richest countries in the world, richer than France or Germany. [Read more ...](#)

'Into the arms of strangers': child refugees of Nazi Germany remember. At an exhibition marking 85 years since the Kindertransport, Lord Dubs and Hella Pick recall humanity amid hatred. [Read more ...](#)

### Things to do ...

**Fridays at 2pm** *Black History Conversations* – weekly talks on Zoom. [Details ...](#)

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2pm to 5pm** Her Story 2024 - A short singing project for International Women's Day 2024. [Details ...](#)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 6:30pm to 7:30pm** at Customs House

Quay Words presents local author Fiona Williams in conversation with Davina Quinlivan about her debut novel *The House of Broken Bricks*. [Details ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

An Indigenous woolly dog went extinct in Canada. Could it be revived? Coast Salish peoples bred a dog with thick fur to spin into yarn, which was lost to colonisers. Now, the possibility of its genetic remains persisting presents new hope for its return. [Read more ...](#)

How an army of big-headed ants saved zebras from hungry lions in Kenya. The arrival of big-headed ants 'spells almost certain doom', one study found. [Read more ...](#)

The fight over banning menthol cigarettes has a long history steeped in race. [Read more ...](#)

Company renames Plantation rum after criticism over slavery link. Maison Ferrand changes brand to Planteray rum after acknowledging 'hurtful connotation' of old name. [Read more ...](#)

How rice hidden by a woman fleeing slavery in the 1700s could help her descendants. Suriname's Saamaka Maroons still grow rice from seeds an ancestor escaping from a plantation carried in her hair. Now a gene bank seeks to widen use of the rare species to help fight the climate crisis. [Read more ...](#)

Chevalier is a 2022 American biographical drama film based on the life of the titular French-Caribbean musician Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges. [Read more ...](#)

Belle is a film loosely inspired by the 1779 painting of Dido Elizabeth Belle beside her cousin Lady Elizabeth Murray at Kenwood House. [Read more ...](#)

### Local News ...

An Update on Book Nooks in Warm Spaces. [Read more ...](#)

Artists Commissioned by Exeter's Window Arts Project Brighten the City Centre. [Read more ...](#)

Devon tree planting: Work to recreate lost rainforest. The National Trust plans to create vast new areas of temperate rainforest in the south-west of England. [Read more ...](#)

West of England coalmines to be mapped for renewable energy potential. Regional mayor Dan Norris launches project to explore potential for former mines to produce low-carbon heat. [Read more ...](#)

Inside Exeter street that's a vibrant melting pot of cultures. International Sidwell Street traders say integrating into Exeter can be difficult but they have forged a sense of community and won over locals. [Read more ...](#)

Data reveals huge amount of renewable energy generated across Exeter. [Read more ...](#)

### Campaigns ...

**Greenpeace:** Governments have started UN negotiations for a Global Plastics Treaty. [Petition ...](#)

**Change.org:** Amend the National Heritage Act to Allow Reparations and Return of Looted Artefacts. [Petition ...](#)