



Newsletter of the Wadebridge Renewable Energy Network

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'MR EDEN' TIM SMIT OPENS ENERGY SHOP

WREN's Energy Shop was officially opened on Friday Dec 9th by Tim Smit KBE, CEO and co-founder of The Eden Project.

The shop, between Artyfacts and the Chase Gallery on the Platt, was packed with people showing their support.



WREN Chairman Stephen Frankel, said, "The Energy Shop makes energy-related activities as commonplace as posting a parcel, buying groceries, or going to the hairdresser, bank, pub or newsagent. It will help people

take control of their own energy, and help Wadebridge benefit from the low carbon economy."

The Energy Shop is a collaboration with leading Cornwall energy company Plug into the Sun. Founding partner Andy Tanner said "I have been working in this field for about twenty years, and my dream has been to bring these technologies into the mainstream. Wadebridge is showing how easy it is to take control of your energy. We are delighted to be a part of that shift in understanding."

WREN COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS IN

Six very worthwhile local causes have submitted applications to the first WREN Community Fund.

They are applying to WREN for help to fund range of issues, from cultural and sports activities to fighting food poverty and keeping a roof over the Guides' heads.

A representative from each group will now work with WREN's Lizzy-Jane Frankel to create a poster about their project, to be displayed in the Energy Shop. WREN members can vote at the shop for the cause they think most deserves support.

The six groups are: Wadebridge Foodbank; Wadebridge Youth Project; Moor Harmony North Cornwall Chorus; Wadebridge District Guides; St Minver Silver 'B' Band; Wadebridge Lawn Tennis Club.

WREN CELEBRATES IN STYLE!

Thanks to all eighty members for a memorable Christmas dinner/dance in The Glasshouse, Wadebridge, 3rd Dec.

The rain certainly didn't dampen our spirits. After a lovely meal, sparkling conversation and flowing wine, we took to the dance floor as two excellent bands – The Swing Empire and The Fandangos – set the mood. The bands played just the right mix of music from big band style swing, to acoustic harmonies and popular hits. Both received a warm welcome with many pleas to keep playing until the early hours.

Keep an eye out for future celebrations – if one thing's for sure, we certainly know how to party!

