



**SUSTAINABILITY TRUST: PARIS SUMMIT  
RODNEY HUGGINS AWARD  
CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN  
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Over the next two weeks important meetings are being held on how to reduce Carbon Emissions and limit any further global warming as a result of those to 2% above pre-industrial levels by 2100. If this is to be successful it will mean a number of changes to things we have grown to accept as 'normal'. For instance we will all need to drive electric cars, and the use of fossil fuels (coal etc) will disappear unless some means can be found of capturing their carbon output.

Let us hope that our Council of Legislation Resolution is accepted so that we and Rotary as a whole can play our part in passing on a world that is still more or less recognisable to future generations.

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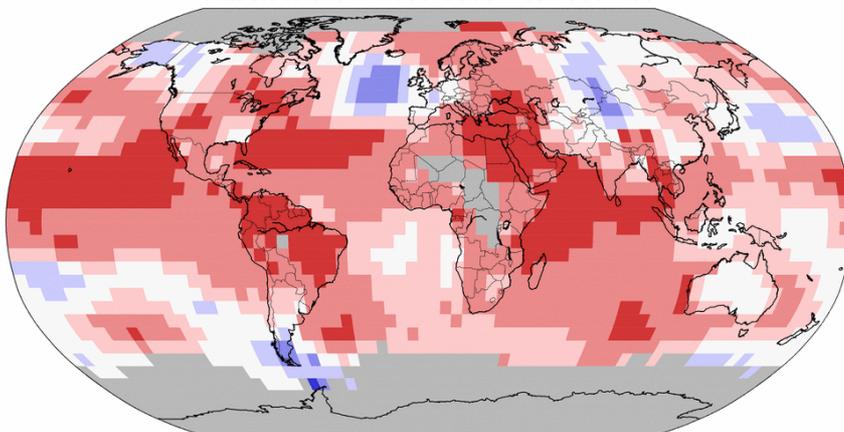
Closing date is the 31 January 2016 for entries for this GBI Competition and entry forms are available from me or the web site.

After this year's award, unless we can get a sponsor, there will no longer be any cash prizes nor a replica Award Trophy for the winning Club to keep. However it has been agreed that the Award will continue in its present format in the name of Rodney Huggins with the winner holding the Trophy for one year and Certificates being presented at the Annual Conference as now.

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Sep 2015

NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information

Data Source: GHCN-M version 3.3.0 & ERSST version 4.0.0



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**HOW HOT is it getting?**

The above map has been produced by The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, (NOAA) . It is an agency of the United States federal government responsible for monitoring our climate and our environment, and taking steps to preserve them.

**Storm and drought: what Europe has to fear from Climate Change.**

Without further action there will be deserts in Spain, snowless ski resorts in Italy, deforestation in Germany and seas that keep in rising. These are the forecasts from an article in The Guardian newspaper on the 9 November, which looks at the impact of rising temperatures on countries in Europe. If you think it will not affect us, take a look at the article.

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## CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN & ROTARY ENVIRONMENT DAY – 5 MARCH 2016



This is a three day project being promoted by Country Life and Keep Britain Tidy from the 4 to 6 March. The idea is to clean in time for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

To encourage Clubs to participate and perhaps join and encourage other local voluntary organisations we have selected one of the dates, **5 MARCH 2016**, to be a **ROTARY ENVIRONMENT DAY**. While any action by Clubs need not be restricted to a Clean-up Campaign, those who do wish to participate should Register with the Campaign on [www.cleanforthequeen](http://www.cleanforthequeen).

Environmental Minister Roy Stewart said "Her Majesty the Queen is an inspiration to all of us. Her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday is a unique opportunity for people to come together in celebration of Her Majesty's long service and dedication to this country. Everyone has a responsibility to keep their community tidy and this campaign provides us with a great chance to protect wildlife and improve the quality of our streets and public places. I hope it will help lead to a lasting legacy of a cleaner, tidier Britain".



## GREEN APPLE AWARD



Our Environmental Sustainability Group Chairman and Coventry Environmentalist and Artist, Gabrielle Back, was honoured as an International green World Ambassador at a special presentation ceremony at the Houses of Parliament in London recently.

This recognition comes as a result of the environmental

success of her CREATIVE RECYCLING & CLIMATE CHANGE SURVEYANCE PROJECT which has won a Green Apple Environment Award.

As a result of that success, she is having her winning paper published in The Green Book, the world's only annual work of reference on environmental best practice that is distributed to environmental professionals, universities and libraries around the world by The Green Organisation.

The award judges commented: "This educational project encouraged thousands of schoolchildren to study current and past butterfly populations as indicators of climate change. It also had them creating butterfly artwork using recycled items. The studies did show population decline in some species, which has raised awareness in the children, and the artworks have been combined into a mural display at Holy Trinity Church in Coventry – helping to raise thousands of pounds for Myton Hospice".

The winning paper now goes forward for further judging and the possibility of representing the UK in the Brussels-led European Business Awards for the Environment.

## OSCARS

At a recent ceremony at the Old Swan Hotel in Harrogate, I was awarded an Oscar as winner in the Unsung Hero Nidderdale category for the planting of over 16,000 trees as a carbon offset scheme.