

## History of Resurgence – Timeline

- 1966 In May, *Resurgence* is published for the first time, edited by “fourth world” peace campaigner John Papworth.
- With his editorial letter opening, “Why another peace publication?” - Papworth expresses the magazine’s intention to offer “a coherent alternative” to war societies.
- (Historical context: Labour has just won a big general election majority; The Beatles are making their final scheduled live appearance in Britain at the Empire Pool in Wembley and will record their iconic *Sergeant Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band* album later in the year; England are about to win the World Cup).
- 1966-1971 With a focus on peace, *Resurgence* broadens its critique to the Cold War, pollution, intensive farming and food production, the related political problems of centralisation and the growing separation of economics from ethics.
- Regular early contributors include ‘renegade economist’ E F Schumacher, ‘self-sufficiency guru’ John Seymour, and Leopold Kohr, author of *The Breakdown of Nations* – Schumacher famously espousing his theories on localism and “Small is Beautiful”. Ahead of the curve, the magazine talks about the environment and other issues like factory farming, long before they become mainstream.
- Vietnam War deepens, sparking world-wide protests.
- 1968 EF Schumacher’s groundbreaking “Buddhist Economics” essay is published in *Resurgence*.
- A year of political violence, with Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy assassinated in the US, and student riots in Paris.
- 1969 In tribute to the centenary of Ghandi’s birth - Satish Kumar, future editor of *Resurgence*, co-founds “The London School of Non Violence” in London.
- The first Friends of the Earth group is founded in San Francisco.
- Astronauts walk on the Moon, awakening the new perspective of the Earth as our fragile home.
- 1970 Edward Goldsmith founds the *Ecologist*.
- 1971 Greenpeace is founded.
- 1972 The Club of Rome publishes *The Limits to Growth*, highlighting that “the earth is finite” and how current levels of population growth and use of natural resources are unsustainable.
- The *Ecologist* publishes “A Blueprint for Survival”, one of the earliest forecasts of many of the world’s future environmental problems.
- Satish Kumar, future *Resurgence* editor, and Edward Goldsmith, attend The UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, the world’s first major environment summit.
- 1973 Satish Kumar succeeds John Papworth as editor of *Resurgence*.
- The People Party – now called the Green Party - is formed in response to the *Ecologist’s* “A Blueprint for Survival”. (The party was called The Ecology Party from 1975-1985).
- 1975 The Vietnam War ends.
- 1976 Satish Kumar and partner June Mitchell move *Resurgence* to Wales, starting a land-based community inspired by the ideals of ecological farming.
- 1978 The Schumacher Society establishes the popular annual Schumacher Lectures in Bristol.

- 1979 Satish and family move *Resurgence* to Hartland, North Devon (still the home of *Resurgence* today).  
Satish's *Resurgence* editorship sees a shift from city to countryside, covering themes like "back to the land", self-sufficiency and nature. Satish also integrates a spiritual aspect into the magazine.
- 1982 Satish Kumar founds The Small School in Hartland, Devon, pioneering a human scale approach to education which has inspired many subsequent 'free schools'.
- 1986 Satish Kumar and other leading members of the Schumacher Society launch Green Books.
- 1987 The UN World Commission on Environment and Development publish the Brundtland Report, summarising the global environment crisis, offering solutions and calling for the environment and development to be dealt with as a single issue.
- 1987 The Montreal Protocol is signed to protect the ozone layer (it comes into force in 1989).
- 1988 *Resurgence* publishes James Lovelock's "Introduction to Gaia Theory" in a five page format.
- 1989 One of the most famous symbols of the Cold War, the Berlin Wall falls, ending nearly half a century of division.
- .1990 Schumacher College is co-founded by Satish Kumar as an international centre offering transformative learning for sustainable living.
- 1991 The dissolution of the Soviet Union in December marks the end of The Cold War.
- 1992 The Earth Summit – a UN Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio, produces the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, but the US blocks calls for serious action.
- 1998 The first annual *Resurgence* Camp takes place in rural Worcestershire, hosted by Green & Away where talks and experiential workshops inspire readers to bring the magazine's ideas into action.
- 2001 Satish Kumar and Vandana Shiva co-found Bija Vidyapeeth (School of the Seed) in north India's Doon Valley as an international college for sustainable living, based on the Schumacher College model.
- 2006 The *Resurgence* Trust is established under the chairmanship of James Sainsbury OBE, as a membership-based charity fostering a community of like-minded individuals and organisations focused on creating a world based on justice, equality and respect for all beings.
- 2008 Satish Kumar presents *Earth Pilgrim*, a BBC Natural World TV documentary mixing eastern philosophy with the western landscape of Dartmoor, which attracts over 3.6 million viewers.
- 2012 In June, *Resurgence* merges with the *Ecologist*. The magazine is re-named *Resurgence & Ecologist*.  
The first *Resurgence* Festival of Wellbeing takes place at the Bishopsgate Institute, London.
- 2014 In July, Greg Neale - former *Sunday Telegraph* environment correspondent and BBC TV historian - becomes the new editor of *Resurgence & Ecologist*; Satish Kumar stepping into the role of editor-in-chief.
- 2015 Bristol becomes the UK's first ever European Green Capital.
- 2016 In May, *Resurgence* celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as a magazine whose time has come: the ideas that began life in a fringe publication voicing the opinions of alternative thinkers have become mainstream. The magazine continues to pioneer ideas and resources for developing a greener, more resilient world.

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