

Beer Goggles and Climate Change

The “addiction” description for this species' oil habit has reached even the White House and the UN Secretary-General's office. So, it may be time for the metaphor-mongers to bring some new images to market (My personal fave is the terminal lung-tumour patient responding to the Worst Possible News by promising to cut down on the cancer sticks).

While we're waiting, let's squeeze maximum juice from the one we've got.

Beer Goggles

When we want something- say a shag, just for argument's sake- and there's nobody around who meets our high standards, then we either go without or have a menage à moi.

When we're *drunk* and we want a shag, well, we are wearing *beer goggles*, aren't we?

So that minger over in the corner becomes not-too-bad.

Because drunks are able to bend the evidence of their own eyes to justify what they want to do.

And humans drunk on oil can slur and tilt towards “windmills” and “energy efficiency”, while drinking deeper and deeper.

And the hangover, and self-recrimination and remorse will be truly horrible...

“Oil goggles”: you read it here first.



Look at me ma, I'm on top of the world!

And as the recent UK Government advertising campaign (www.knowyourlimits.gov.uk) has tried to remind teenagers who play chicken with fast cars, *being drunk usually means you have an unrealistic sense of your own invulnerability*.

On a Friday night, that'll mean a trip to A&E to get stitched up by some poor nurse. After a 200-year binge, there's no A&E for us, no Doctor who is going to save us.

"Our world is in a grip of a dangerous carbon habit," UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in his message for World Environment Day, which is observed annually on June 5.

"Addiction is a terrible thing. It consumes and controls us, makes us deny important truths and blinds us to the consequences of our actions," he added.

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