

Pete in white T-shirt and Fan heater on top of Pete's house. Chris wearing a jumper

Chris: Some say... that Pete the puppet went out for a casual bike ride while holidaying in France... and accidentally won the Tour de France. And some say that just the fact that criminals know that Pete the Puppet lives in Lincolnshire... has had such an effect on reducing crime in the county... that house insurance is now calculated on how far you live from Pete's House. We're very close to his house so we must be very safe indeed. Let's get him out...Pete are you there?

[Pete pops up]

Chris: Hi Pete How are you... what's with the fan heater - it's like an oven around here?

Pete: Just how I like it Chris - nice and hot like the Sahara desert.

Chris: Mmmm. It's June Pete - Surely you don't need a fan heater on as well as the church heater above you Pete?

Pete: I have to keep warmed up because you never know when my next extreme challenge will happen mate. Sometimes you have to grab the moment

Chris: Wouldn't it make more sense to put a jumper on Pete?

Pete: Too much effort Chris. It's much easier to just switch on my fan heater. Why don't you take your jumper off if you are so hot Chris?

Chris: Has it occurred to you that you are being very wasteful of the earth's resources?

Pete: Oh Chris, *please*, spare me the lecture on the earth's resources. All I ever seem to hear these days is that the climate is changing.... it is such a pain.

Chris: Why is it such a pain Pete?

Pete: For one thing, Sue seems to think I should walk more instead of getting a lift in her car. She wants us to cut down on our "use of energy" as she puts it. So I had to walk to football training yesterday in the pouring rain.

Chris: How long did that take you Pete?

Pete: All of 10 minutes.... and I could have had those extra minutes in my nice warm cosy bed AND I got wet.

Chris: Well I must agree with Sue. I think it will do you good to walk more and it does mean that you are using up less of the earth's resources.

Pete: Oh come on Chris.... as if me walking to school is going to make a difference to the polar ice caps melting...but it will certainly make a difference to saving MY energy for all my extreme sports!

Chris: Oh come on Pete!

Pete: And another thing. Sue is now insisting that I switch off the lights whenever I leave a room.

Chris: mmmmm - I can see your life is changing isn't it Pete?

Pete: It is Chris... and then Sue said that this year we aren't going abroad on holiday, we're going to rainy Scotland instead. She said that because we flew last year, we shouldn't fly this year... apparently we need to reduce our carbon footprint. The only carbon footprint I have ever made was when I did some extreme chimney climbing. I climbed up the inside of the chimney and walked over Sue's new cream lounge carpet afterwards.

Chris: Yes Sue told me about that

Pete: I am hardly going to do that again, am I? Sue went purple with anger when she saw my beautiful black footprints, so I don't understand why she's linking carbon footprints with flying. I think she's losing her marbles

Chris: I understand that this must all feel like a big pain for you, but there are some people in the world that are really suffering as a result of the climate changing. They don't have to cope with tiny inconveniences like putting on a jumper or walking to school in the rain. They are suffering from floods and droughts which destroy their homes, and they are struggling to grow the food they need to eat.

Pete: I am sorry for those people Chris, but how does me walking to footy training and having my fan heater on affect them? They live miles away.

Chris: We are part of the problem Pete. It is because we are using up so much energy that the world is heating up and the climate is changing.

Pete: We've had floods too Chris. I saw them on the telly.

Chris: I know Pete, but in our country we have much stronger houses and more money to put things right when disasters happen. In many countries the poor people become even poorer when disasters happen. Lots don't even have toilets and all the poo gets washed around the streets.

Pete: O How awful Chris.

Chris: It is Pete, but we can do something about it. If each one of us here tries to do our small bit to save energy, then all those bits will add up and there will be a big effect on our climate. That will help the people who are living in the poorest countries.

Pete: I didn't realise that what I do in my everyday life has an effect on someone else living on the other side of the world. I don't want to be selfish...Oh Chris, I HAVE done something good today then...I was a bit worried about it, as there is rather a large pool of water in Sue's kitchen.... but now I've had my talk with you, I know it will be all right

Chris: What have you done Pete?

Pete: I have done something to save electricity today. I switched off Sue's large freezer in the kitchen. I thought she wanted me to switch off all the lights and there is a big light on the freezer. *Pete disappears quickly*

Chris: Oh Petell!