

Diggers Group

2 pm on Saturday 15 May, at 1 Stanier Rd, Preston, Weymouth. No. 1 is at the top of Rhosewood Drive, which is off Combe Valley Rd. Tel: 01305 832180 for directions if needed.

Items that we could consider on the agenda include:

1. Discussion of our priorities from amongst the themes of:
 - Garden share schemes
 - Community gardens and orchards
 - Allotment provision
 - Community Supported Agriculture
 - Other food/horticulture initiatives

We considered the first three at our recent Food Celebration Day at the Pavilion.

2. The local food movement in W&P and how we can best contribute to this.
3. How we can make our plans happen and who will do this.
4. AOB
5. Date time and place of next meeting.

In the absence of a better offer, I will volunteer to chair the first meeting. I can offer an optional tour of our fruit and veg garden at some time in the afternoon, if people want a short break from discussion.

John T

Make a stand this Sunday.

We have a stand at the Holy Trinity Garden Open day in Cross Road on Sunday 16th May from 2.00 - 5.00. It will be the second open day and as well as allowing people to visit the garden which includes the Dorset Cereals Edible garden that won Gold at Hampton Court in 2008, and Dorset's first living willow classroom; they have invited local crafts people to display and sell their wares. Dorset Wildlife Trust will also be attending this year.

Films at the Old Town Hall.

Tuesday 18th May 7:30 pm Old Town Hall, weymouth
The Age of Stupid - Film on a global apocalypse, free admission

Tuesday 25th May 7:30pm Old Town Hall, Weymouth
The Power of Community- Film on how Cuba survived and thrived without oil. Free admission.

Tuesday 1st June 7:30pm , Old Town Hall, Weymouth
In Transition - Film on a rapidly growing green movement that is moving across the nation. Free admission

Old Town Hall events.

OTH are requesting help during Dorset Art Weeks ie from 31st May to 13th June to help in the upstairs room of OTH.

Downstairs the artists are exhibiting and they are separate from the set-up in the upper floor where we can have our stall for TT`s as well as others and artists from Muncie`s = adults with learning difficulties - plus historical exhibits and things to purchase , also teas and coffees. So any of our members who can spare a morning or an afternoon to be a presence, would be very much appreciated. This upper floor will be named Para-Daws.

The Transition Network UK Conference is approaching fast.

Transition Network <http://www.transitionnetwork.org/>

Over the weekend of June 12-14, a diverse and highly motivated host of transitioners will descend upon Seale Hayne in Devon, ready to expand their range of knowledge, to deepen their understanding of how to catalyse their local initiatives and to build stronger networks with like-minded people. And as ever, they'll make sure they have a lot of fun as well!

Before you rush to buy your tickets (**early bird pricing closes at end of day May 16th**) - www.transitionnetwork.org/conference-2010-uk#Payments - you may want to check out the stupendous range of workshops and activities here: www.transitionnetwork.org/conference-2010-uk-sessions.

Here's a sample of the workshop delights awaiting you at Seale Hayne - both the usual 1.5 hour sessions and also more in-depth 3 hour sessions:

- Totnes' EDAP - a practical walkthrough; encouraging and handling diversity;
- running highly productive meetings;
- facing up to conflict and turning it around;
- starting up your Heart & Soul group;
- Joanna Macy's "Work that Reconnects";
- plugging the leaks in your local economies;
- beyond community resilience and towards a cuddly transition(!);
- getting the best out of your Local Authority;
- setting up local food hubs and CSAs (community supported agriculture);
- DIY streets;

- pattern language for Transition - an introduction;
- oral histories - a crucial part of your Transition Initiative;
- the anatomy of a zero carbon farm;
- a wild food walk;
- online strategies for expanding the reach of your transition initiative;
- examining community ownership of local assets as a path to an equitable and resilient future;
- working with businesses - TT&C experiences and aspirations;
- breaking through to "step" 13;
- running constellations.

We're also planning several tempting trips (with a small additional cost). One will be to Transition Town Totnes via other local and inspiring initiatives. Another will be to the internationally renowned Proper Job recycling and composting centre on Dartmoor. Other workshops are currently on the drawing board...

Open Space will, of course, feature prominently. In addition we're putting on some entertainments, group activities (some tuneful, some gentle and others downright energetic)...and for those who care, you don't need to miss the England v USA match!

New to this conference will be the "Sharing your stories" session, a chance to exchange tales of transition - the ups, the downs and the unresolved - and learn tips, tricks and salutary tales from your fellow transitioners.

Keep your eye on this page www.transitionnetwork.org/conference-2010-uk-sessions for fuller details and updates to the programme.

Dorchester TT visit invitation.

Green Dorchester - visit to chalk wall house next Sunday morning [16th May]

Our invitation to visit the chalk house in Dorchester has been confirmed and we'll be going along for an hour next Sunday, starting at 10.30. It will be a guided tour with Andrew and Sam Goss - Sam is the architect on the project, and both he and Andrew will be explaining the special design features, including the rammed chalk walls, and their reasons for choosing this eco-home approach.

Several people replied after my last email, or via Transition Town Dorchester, and so 10 places are booked already, but there are still a few available. Please contact me if you'd like to go. (Please note, this is still a building site - muddy and uneven.)

Ecos Trust

The Road to Zero Carbon - a conference on low and zero carbon building

Tuesday 15th June 2010. 9.30am – 4.30pm. Reading Town Hall, **Reading, Berkshire.** Fee: £180 plus vat (£211.50)

[Book online now](#)

This is another opportunity to attend this highly rated conference which previously ran in Bristol last February.