



# Transition Times

Weymouth and Portland  
Transition Towns.

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## Autumn Arrives

"The Great War", wrote Karl Kraus, "was a disastrous failure of the imagination and an almost deliberate refusal to envisage the inevitable consequences of words and acts".

The same could be said of the Easter islanders cutting down their last tree so ending their boat based fishing civilization, according to Jared Diamond.

Now we have the clamour for more growth to solve our financial woes. Yet the growth of recent years has been debt based and oil fuelled. It is not possible to have infinite exponential growth on a finite planet. If we simply try to jump start an unreformed economy in the same model we will simply head for a bigger repeat crash.

Green growth however would be a whole different ball game. If a larger fraction of the bail out cash were invested in new renewable technology we could see a new revolution in jobs and skills. Our town is ideally placed for tidal or wave power.

Yet the talk of a low carbon economy heard at election times has yet to be converted into urgent transformation of our nation. So there remains the imperative for us to crack on in our personal lives and local communities to make the changes ourselves.

Last weekend we harvested 110 lbs of onions and a bumper potato crop. Plums not so good but balanced by good apple numbers.

If anyone has a south or indeed a large east or west

facing roof then the feed in tariff for PV panels offers an excellent return guaranteed for 25 years. There are many local firms that can help with installation. The current great deal on this is reduced in April 2012.

We are still pressing for more community agriculture opportunities with shared orchards or vegetable plots.

There is no fixed blueprint for transition. It all hinges on our own local passions and energy. So whether it be recycling, repairing, reusing or renewing; do get stuck into low carbon transformation and share your progress with our local group.

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## Apple Pressing



Date changed to Saturday 1st October. Lorton Meadows reserve. 11-3pm

Bring along:

- Families, old+young
- Apples
- Buckets+bottles
- Old clothes
- Energy

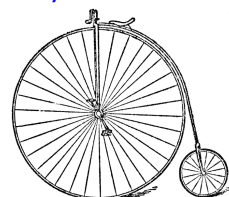
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## Celebration Cycle Ride.

Just a quick note to let you know that, as part of European Mobility Week, there is a Celebration Cycle Ride between Weymouth and Ridgeway this Sunday 18th September along the new Relief Road cycle path. Please bring all your

family and friends (and bicycles!) to the new Park & Ride car park behind New Look (near Morrisons) at 11am this Sunday for a gentle 3 mile ride to Ridgeway. More information here:

<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/mobilityweek>



Steering group.

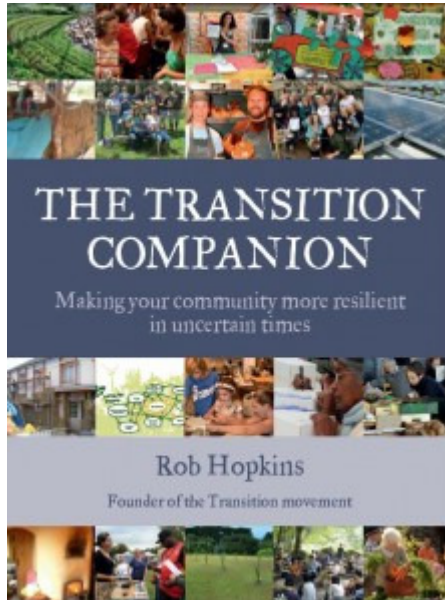
Next meeting Thursday  
22nd September 7:30pm  
14 Icen Road.  
New members welcome.



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A Book idea for Santa ?

Coming soon! The Transition Companion: making your community more resilient in uncertain times by Rob Hopkins



“Transition is the most vital social experiment of our times. The Transition movement has already motivated thousands to begin to adapt their lives to the twin challenge of peak oil and climate change. Drawing on this collective experience, the *Transition Companion* offers communities a combination of practical guidance and real vision for the future.”

Tim Jackson, author of *Prosperity without Growth*

“What Rob Hopkins has done—in this book, and with the Transition movement—simply couldn’t be more important. We’re coming to a powerful crunch time for our civilization, and if you read this you’ll be well ahead of the curve in understanding how to prepare your community. There’s much beauty here, and hope.”

Bill McKibben, author of *Eaarth*

“This is the biggest urban brainwave of the century. A visionary, practical blueprint that took root in a town and is circling the globe. This is a book that can change your life; our lives”.

Nicholas Crane, writer and broadcaster.

*The Transition Companion* draws on over three years’ experience of the worldwide Transition movement and gives a new, easily accessible approach to creating change. It builds on the success of the bestselling [The Transition Handbook](#) (over 25,000 copies sold in the UK) and is packed with inspirational stories, photos and illustrations.

In 2008, *The Transition Handbook* suggested a model for a community-led response to peak oil and climate change. Since then, the Transition idea has gone viral around the world, from Italian villages and Brazilian favelas to universities and London neighbourhoods. In contrast to the ever-worsening stream of information about climate change, the economy and resource depletion, Transition focuses on solutions; on community-scale responses; on meeting new people and having fun.

The *Transition Companion* picks up the story three years later, drawing from the experience of one of the most fascinating experiments under way in the world today. It tells inspiring tales of communities working for a future where local economies are valued and nurtured, where lower energy use is seen as a benefit, and where enterprise, creativity and the building of resilience have become cornerstones of a new economy. Here is a short film from the 2011 Transition Network conference of Rob talking about the book:

**The Author: Rob Hopkins has created this book through a collaborative process involving thousands of people. He is the co-founder of Transition Town Totnes and of the Transition Network. He is recognised globally for his grassroots work in promoting community resilience in the light of peak oil and climate change. His blog is on [www.transitionculture.org](http://www.transitionculture.org).**

The Big Picture.

<http://www.transitionnetwork.org/news/2011-09-02/september-2011-transition-network-newsletter>

Click on this link or type it into your browser to get the national news.

[Www.lowimpact.org/](http://www.lowimpact.org/)

For interesting courses.

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