

NOTICES FOR TRANSITION-MINDED GROUPS

in and around Hertfordshire

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This is an extended version of the supplement to Transition Town Letchworth's Bulletin for May-June 2017, issued on 5 May 2017. It omits items of mainly local interest. For latest information, you can check the organisers' web sites.

Please note especially the item on Regional Networks of Transition Groups.

MAY & JUNE

Compost Giveaway for International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) 2017

Hosted by the WasteAware Partnership and several district/borough councils

“Various FREE compost giveaways happening across Hertfordshire in the next couple of weeks, check your local council's website for more details!”

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WasteAwarePartnership/>

Garden Organic - all things 'Compost' during ICAW 2017

Sunday 7 to Saturday 13 May 2017

“Join us and #LoveCompost. We will be touching on lots of subjects around all things 'Compost' and sharing our advice, tips and work from our Master Composters.

Check out the web site and follow us on twitter and facebook for more details!”

Details: http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/compost?dm_i=4UO,4WPBV,1BC1MH,ILS72,1

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/gardenorganicuk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GardenOrganicUK/>

National Walking Month

Monday 8 May, c/o Countryside Management Service

May is National Walking Month and Herts. County Council is inviting residents to lace up their walking boots and take part in a mass Health Walk. “The free, guided, local and health-focused walks help everyone across the county get outdoors, become more active and reap the benefits. There are approximately 55 Hertfordshire health walks each week led by 260 volunteer walk leaders, with over 40,000 people taking part annually.”

Details: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/countryside-management/news/20170412-join-the-mass-health-walk-during-national-walking-month.aspx>

Advice: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/countryside-management/hertfordshire-health-walks/hertfordshire-health-walks.aspx>

Church Farm, Ardeley - Farm Cafe & Tea Rooms - hiring!

Posted yesterday, apply now.

"Managing Partner or Couple required to take this established business forward. We can offer Static Home accommodation on the Farm or above the Pub opposite which we also run. Would suit an experienced couple who have worked together before, or a single person who is a talented cook / manager. ..."

Details: <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchFarmArdeley>

Letchworth Centre for Healthy Living - Lunchtime Talks

Tuesday, 9 May: 13.00-14.00 Dealing with Stress and Anxiety

Tuesday, 16 May: 13.00-14.00 Relaxation and Breathing for Mental Wellbeing,

Tuesday, 23 May: 13.00-14.00 Strategies to help with your Mental Wellbeing.

"In May we are recognising Mental Health Awareness week and looking at the ways in which we can help you with your mental wellbeing. As part of this we are presenting a series of free talks featuring practitioners from The Centre."

Details: <http://www.leitchworthcentre.org/classes/lunchtime-talks/>

Transition Cambridge talk: 'Overpopulation: A driver of climate change?'

Wednesday 10 May, 6pm to 7:30pm in the Winstanley Lecture Theatre, Trinity College with Professor Hilary Greaves

The organisers say "It is often remarked that the significant drivers of climate change include not only high and rising levels of fossil fuel use per person, but also high and rising human population size. ... High population may indeed be damaging for reasons related to climate change, but if so, the reasons for this are more subtle; I will outline what they might be." Tickets are free, you can book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/overpopulation-a-driver-of-climate-change-w-prof-hilary-greaves-tickets-32496896091>

Regional Networks of Transition groups

Sunday 14th May in Berkhamsted, Wednesday 9th July in Cambridge and elsewhere
Nine gatherings will be held across England over the next three months to help such regional networks to form and grow.

Details: <http://trnuk.org/>

National Vegetarian Week 2017

Monday 15 to Sunday 21 May, c/o The Vegetarian Society, featuring Si King & Dave Myers, aka The Hairy Bikers: "It's all about eating veggie for the week and enjoying delicious, exciting food. Everyone is welcome to join in and we've got loads of mouth-watering recipes, tips and resource packs to help you make the most of it."

Details: <http://www.nationalvegetarianweek.org>

Garden Organic - 2017 AGM and Members' Day

Thursday, 18 May 2017 from 10am to 5pm at Doddington Hall and Gardens, Lincs.

'We would love you to join us for our 2017 Annual General Meeting and Members' Day.

This event is the perfect opportunity to get under the skin of your charity, meet the team behind it and hear about our latest achievements and challenges straight from those involved. The day starts with the formalities of the Annual General Meeting, which should last around an hour, before you are then able to enjoy a selection of talks and activities.'

Details: <https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/events/2017agm>

National Self Build & Renovation - Spring/Summer Show

Friday 19 May to Sunday 21 May: Friday & Saturday 9am - 5pm; Sunday 9am - 4pm
"... to get the advice you need to create a beautiful new home."

Just off M4 Junction 16, Swindon

Web site: <http://www.nsbrc.co.uk>

Video: <http://www.nsbrc.co.uk/the-national-self-build-and-renovation-show-summer>

Let's rescue Britain's forgotten 1930s protected cycleways

By Thursday 25 May 2017 at 8:07: All or nothing! This project will only be funded if it reaches its goal by then.

"We should revive Britain's long-lost 1930s cycleways (there were 280-miles of them). Many were buried, some are hidden in plain sight."

Details: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/carltonreid/lets-rescue-britains-forgotten-1930s-protected-cyc>

Love Letchworth Food and Drink Festival 2017

Saturday 27 May to Sunday 28 May from 10am to 4pm each day.

Details: <https://www.wherewecanwego.com/item/e985525/lethworth-food-and-drink-festival-2017>

30 Days Wild c/o The Wildlife Trusts

Thursday 1 to Friday 30 June 2017

"This June, we challenge you to go wild! Can you do something wild every day throughout June? That's 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness. We're giving you a free pack of goodies to help you plan your wild month, plus lots of ideas from your Wildlife Trust to inspire you to stay wild all throughout June (and beyond!). ..."

Details: <http://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/7184/petition/1>

Community Fundraising Conference 2017

Thursday 1 June 2017 at the Institute of Fundraising in the Park Crescent Conference Centre, London "... using social media, growing income, keeping beneficiaries at the heart of activities, building a database through events."

Details: <http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/events-and-training/events/community-fundraising-conference/>

Triangle Garden Open Day and Fun Dog Show

Saturday 11 June at 12:00 in the Triangle Community Garden, Hitchin

Details: <https://www.facebook.com/TriangleGarden>

Hosted by the Forever Hounds Trust <https://www.facebook.com/ForeverHoundsTrust>

Air Quality consultation by the UK Government

Opened today; closes on Monday 15 Jun 2017

'Improving air quality: national plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide in our towns and cities' Consultation 'on a revised Plan to reduce levels of nitrogen dioxide around roads within the shortest possible time - the most immediate air quality challenge.'

Details: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-air-quality-reducing-nitrogen-dioxide-in-our-towns-and-cities>

One and a half degrees: Can we change in time?

Saturday 17 June 2017, 10am to 4pm at The Alexander Centre, 15-17 Preston Street, ME13 8NZ Faversham, Kent

"This free event is for everyone - its aim is to motivate all of us to learn more about climate change - and how to take practical action to minimise its effects, locally, nationally and internationally. Stalls from different organisations, art and technology displays, films, talks by experts, live music and more, will illustrate the risks posed by climate change, and possible solutions, at the event. ..."

Contact Swale Friends of the Earth: <https://www.facebook.com/events/197287087426956/>

Details: <https://www.foe.co.uk/groups/swale>

Herts. Community Energy Network: Neighbourhood Planning

Monday 20 June

Seminar: 'Community Energy & Neighbourhood Planning' with Lydia Grainger from Planning Aid at the University of Hertfordshire's DeHavilland Campus.'

Contact: tim.hayward-smith@cdaherts.org.uk

ADVANCE NOTICES

Open Innovation Anyone?

On the 6 July 2017, a half day event

The Green Triangle will be hosting an Open Innovation event at Rothamsted Research. Looking at an overall theme of 'Future Proofing for Population Growth', the group will be encouraging and supporting innovative solutions to barriers such as infrastructure, connectivity and food security. To find out more, register your interest or benefit from a sponsorship package, contact tara.clark@oaklands.ac.uk

Big Energy Saving Network programme 2016/17

Apply by midnight on Monday 10 July 2017

'DECC invites applications for grant funding under the Big Energy Saving Network programme 2016/17 from eligible third sector organisations and community groups across Great Britain. ... This year's £1.7m programme is jointly funded by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and National Energy Action (NEA).

Details: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/big-energy-saving-network-grant-offer-fund>

One Year in Transition

Apply by 31 July 2017 for the course in September 2017 to July 2018

"Now in its fourth year, One Year in Transition (1YT) is a challenging, contemporary, hope-filled programme for people (over 20 years of age) who want to make change happen. Over four week-long meet-ups and eleven months of support in between you will evolve your future income-generating livelihood. There are spaces for up to 16 participants with an interview process via Skype. ..."

Details: transitionnetwork.org/do-transition/training/trainings/one-year-transition/

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UK Without Incineration Network

This is the national network of which our local group, Herts WithOut Waste is a member: This year the main sponsorship of UKWIN has ended so the network team are applying for alternative funding. Meanwhile any contributions in cash or kind are welcome:

To donate: <http://ukwin.org.uk/donate/> - To volunteer: <http://ukwin.org.uk/volunteer/>

John Webb is our local contact: hertswow.info@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Planning guide

This is a lively, experienced and practical guide to community planning, produced by MyCommunity.org. It comprises a 'toolkit' of ideas and examples.

Details: <http://mycommunity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Neighbourhood-planning-community-consultation-final.pdf>

Further resources: <http://mycommunity.org.uk/take-action/community-business/resources/>

21 Stories of Transition

The Transition Network has produced a beautiful, full-colour 96 page book, '21 Stories of Transition', telling the stories of 39 Transition groups in 15 countries and the remarkable things Transition groups are doing. You can read all the stories, and order your copy:

Web site: <https://transitionnetwork.org/21-stories-transition>