



TRANSITION TOWN
Berkhamsted

Summer 2013 Newsletter

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Good News from TTB about...

...BUILDING COMMUNITY

GREEN DRINKS on the third Thursday of the month 8.00pm at the Old Mill private dining area. Meet other TTB members, join in and let us hear your ideas.

A BRIGHTER BERKHAMSTED The Town Council has proposed a Working Group to improve the appearance of the town. TTB is included in a proposed list of represented local bodies and welcomes this initiative in the spirit of promoting community in our town. More information: Paul at peejaycee@yahoo.com

THE CENTRE OF THE TOWN IS TO BE REDEVELOPED. Join in the planning!

A COMMUNITY SPACE IS BEING PUT ASIDE WITHIN THE CIVIC CENTRE for anyone to use.

MY COMPASSIONATE STREET, A new initiative from the Hospice to bring us closer to those around us, so that when there's need there's support at hand. For more info contact Ros Taylor 869552 ros.taylor@stfrancis.org.uk

CANAL FIELDS - Canal Fields is the area of open space on the opposite side of the canal to Waitrose. Dacorum Borough Council and Berkhamsted Town Council would like to reinvigorate the Friends of Canal Fields and TTB may be able to contribute ideas to use it to promote sustainable living. More information: Paul at peejaycee@yahoo.com

...LOCAL FOOD

THE DACORUM LOCAL FOOD INITIATIVE ROAD SHOW is at the Ashridge Garden Party 2nd June, and Kings Langley and Tring Carnivals on 22nd June. Come and visit us and have your say! Is local food important to you? We want to hear your concerns and suggestions. Please complete our Survey: www.dacorumlocalfood.org.uk/surveys.php

THE HEMEL FOOD GARDEN SHOP (Two Waters Way, Hemel Hempstead) celebrates its opening, also on June 22nd. Information from: fla@sunnysideruraltrust.org.uk.

SUMA FOOD ORDERS - Get your staples in bulk - it saves on packaging! Worried about storage? You can split your orders with others.

<http://transitionberkhamsted.org.uk/2013/suma-bulk-buying-organicfairtrade-goods/> or contact Claire 07714094988 / cpaszkievicz@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY GROWING PROJECT - We have the use of a big polytunnel and an outdoor plot, and we're already in our second season of growing vegetables, herbs and cut flowers. We are six active members, and two or three more would be welcome. Interested? email Bettina at bettina_strickler@lycos.com or call 01442 862843

...ENERGY

Come and join the TTB Energy Group and lead Berkhamsted from the dirty energy of the past to the clean energy of the future! For information about the group or renewable energy technologies in general contact the TTB Energy Group coordinator Robin Williams (robinpaulwilliams@gmail.com). Tel 07466 122768

...INNER TRANSITION

The Mid Chilterns Inner Transition group meet at Tring Community Centre, Silk Mill, Tring. Explore the personal aspects of change and renewal with like-minded people. Roughly every two months. Contact John Bell for details 07811 379938

Events for Your Calendar

11 JUNE 2013, Berkhamsted Civic Centre

MODERNISING MONEY

Dr Frances Boait from Positive Money proposes fundamental banking reforms. By changing the way banks create money artificially, we could prevent crippling debt, lower house prices, preserve our environment and avoid unnecessary boom and bust. **Civic Centre: 11th June at 7:30 For more information 07466122768 or Paul Crosland 873813**

Sunday 22nd September 2013, Canal Fields

BIKEFEST

Kids bring your parents! TTB have fired the starting gun on this year's BikeFest, with cycle training & information, cycle buy and sell, repairs, taster rides, local bike shops, and stuff to try and buy. Contact Danny Bonnett on 07795 236402. **Canal Fields, 22nd September, 2pm to 4.30pm**

THE ASHLYNS LECTURES

A Series of Lectures at Ashlyns School

16 October 2013

Ian Roberts, author of *Energy Glut*

Professor Roberts will demonstrate the destructive links between the current environmental crisis and the issues of obesity, motor vehicles, and road safety

5 February 2014

Mark Stevenson

An lecture on the technologies of the future
and how pragmatic optimism can help change the world.

Contact John Bell 875964 email (jubble@hotmail.co.uk) to book your places.