

Calon Teifi Newsletter February 2011

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1) Transition Café

The next Transition Cafe is on **5th March** starting at 2.30pm. This will run until about 4.30pm.

Also the Transition Café on Saturday 5th March, there will be a **Food Group special meeting 3:30-4:30pm**, where we hope to get everyone together to discuss what the group is doing, should be doing, etc. Are we doing things right? What would you like to see? Do tell us. This is a good opportunity to join in and be heard.

AND

Bunting Bonanza for Fairtrade Fortnight!

Our March Transition Café falls in the middle of Fairtrade Fortnight. This year's theme for Fairtrade Fortnight is [Show Off Your Label](#) with a focus on Fairtrade cotton. The Fairtrade Foundation is attempting to break the world record for the longest length of bunting, using fair trade cotton of course, and they're aiming for 2.5 miles!

There are a few bunting decorating activities in and around Newcastle Emlyn, during the fortnight (28th February to 13th March) and it would be great if you could come along to the café and get creative. The bunting will be displayed in my shop, BagAge, until the middle of April when it will be sent to the Fairtrade Foundation. They will string it together for the record breaking attempt on 14th May, World Fair Trade day.

Looking forward to seeing you at the café on the 5th March for some serious cutting, sticking, painting and drawing!

Jill Sutton

PS Are you passionate about Fair Trade? If so I would like to hear from you. I am in the process of forming a Fairtrade Group in Newcastle Emlyn to encourage the town to achieve Fairtrade Town status. Many towns in Wales have made it a joint campaign 'Fairtrade and Local' which seems eminently sensible to me!! Interested? Give me a call: 01559 371546 or at the shop 01239 712835

2) Energy Group

We held the first two of our eco Tours on the 15th and 29th January. We had 23 people on the first trip and 19 on the second and we were able to make use of the Llandysul Dolen Teifi community minibus to carry everyone around.

On the 15th we started at Pentrecwrt Village Hall, and then visited Ceridwen, where Roger Broome showed everyone around his biomass boiler and solar system, Gwarcwm where Gill Wickenden explained her biomass log boiler and the eco-friendly building materials used in the renovation of her cottage. We then moved on to Caer Delyn to look at our wind turbine, solar thermal, rainwater harvesting and Ground Source Heat Pump, before finishing the day back at Pentrecwrt Village Hall.

On the 29th we again started at Pentrecwrt Village Hall where Roger showed us the Ground Source Heat Pump and the new solar photovoltaic system on to Caer Delyn to look at our wind turbine, solar thermal, rainwater harvesting and Ground Source Heat Pump, and then moved on to Dolbantau Mill where Brian Faux showed off his hydro turbine and waterwheel. We then went to Roger's (Ffrwdmelin) to look at his solar thermal (flat plate), Ground Source Heat Pump and solar photovoltaic system before finishing back at Pentrecwrt Village Hall for a debrief and Q&A session.

More tours will be planned for the future.

3) Woodland Group

There will be an **Open Space Event** at the Cafe in April, watch this space for more details. If you want to help or would like to join with the Woodland Group please phone Jules on 07964530436 or email jules87@btinternet.com

4) Food Group

a) Veg Growers Group

The January meeting was about seeds and preparations for the growing season. Jane appealed for someone with wings and a halo to come forward and run a collective order at Chase Organics, which offer a 30% cut price on seeds. The angel appeared - Guillemot Driver - wonderful. It may not work this year but we are trying to meet an imminent deadline without the necessary catalogues. The seed company will provide them next year. Ring or email Gilly for info on this.

On the 10th of Feb we met at Kate's to help her with plans for putting up a polytunnel and growing veg.

On the 19th Feb we meet at Betty's for the first of the new Saturday (or weekday evening) meetings. We are also showing highlights from "The Farmer and His Horse", Martin Crawford's "Forest Garden Year" and Rebecca Hoskins' "Farm for the Future" for anyone who hasn't yet had the pleasure or wants to watch it again. Then it's bring a bottle & dish and a bit of a knees up for all of us.

The March meeting will be pm Thursday 10th Mar at Denise Horton's (details TBD).

b) Allotments

As yet no-one has responded to our e-mail request for information about whether you are looking for an allotment in the Calon Teifi area or have land for allotments/garden to share. Chris will be contacting those members who have expressed an interest in allotments to try and gather this information and then match potential offers with potential wants. Please contact us via the website – Food page.

c) Future Events:

By the time you read this the **Marmalade Making Day** will be in full swing (10:00am Tuesday 15th Feb at Betty's, contact Jane 01994 484358 for details). If you have any ideas for other events, then contact us via the website – food page, or come to Cafe on 5th March.

5) Housing Group

Next meeting is on 17th February, see the website for details.

6) Transport Group

There is a pressing need to form a group to deal with serious transport issues in our area.

We are asking for volunteers to help start this group which will address problems such as the loss of scheduled bus services, promotion of car sharing schemes, and moving on to tackle a range of problems facing people in isolated rural areas. As yet no-one has responded to this appeal, so if you are affected by these problems or wish help us to get things moving, please phone Roger Adams 01559 362975.

7) Membership cards

You can collect your membership cards from the Transition Café on the first Saturday on every month or phone the Secretary evenings on 01559 370410.

Contact us via www.calonteifi.org (now with new improved Diary page)
e-mail calonteifi@gmail.com

Ads & Snippets

Denmark Farm: Conservation, Crafts and Sustainable Living Courses and Workshops

In 2011 we have merged our traditional conservation courses with our increasingly popular craft workshops, to create a varied and exciting programme consisting of over 30 courses. From spoon carving to beekeeping and identifying mammals or insects to restoring wildflower meadows, there is something to suit everyone. Please contact us for full details: 01570 493358 / info@shared-earth-trust.org.uk / www.shared-earth-trust.org.uk

The **Otesha Project** is a youth-led organisation that helps young people to become agents of change, inspiring others to take small actions which add up to big change towards a cleaner, greener and fairer world. If you're 18-28 you can hop on a bike and join one of our six-week cycle tours in summer 2011. You'll be performing, presenting workshops, living as a mobile sustainable community, the list goes on... Find out more at www.otesha.org.uk/cycletours

Dear Calon Teifi Transition Town,

I am an Energy Management student at the University of Otago in New Zealand carrying out a **summer research project on Transition Initiatives**. As part of this I am conducting a short survey of Transition group members. I would greatly appreciate if you could fill out this questionnaire and/or forward this email to other members of the Calon Teifi Transition group. The survey can be found at the link below. There is additional information about the survey and your rights on the first page.

<http://survey.otago.ac.nz/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=l6417m6>

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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