

Text for August 17 Newsletter

A short one this month since we've nothing planned for August after this week.

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Our Next 29-minute Session

Come along at 19.30 (preceding our next Green Drinks) on Thursday 4th August (Yes tomorrow), to the Park Hotel on Exeter Road and meet Chris Daly. When Chris last gave us a talk, it was to enlighten us about the manufacture of Bio-diesel, this time he's going to tell us all about Industrial Hemp!

AGM

Our AGM is later in the year than usual on Saturday 9th September at the Open Door Centre, junction of Church Street and South Street, Exmouth EX8 1PE. Doors open 14.30. We are to be given a 'guided tour' of the draft Neighbourhood Plan by Roy Pryke and Ian Cann of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. There's a lot we all need to take on board in this Planning document so don't miss it. All are welcome and you can join on the spot.

Tree Planting

My Plant-a-Tree membership requirement was fulfilled recently when with the help of Edward Wilkinson, I liberated a little Yew tree from it's pot-home of 25 years and put it in the wildlife garden of the Withycombe Methodist Church. See photo, credit one of the Wilkinson children.



Bread Club

Bread club is taking a break in August

A Jolly Outing!

Transition Exmouth's sailing outing on No Excuse the Exe Sailing Club's disability-adapted day sailor, happened on the afternoon of Friday 28 July, having been cancelled the week before due high winds. The 28th also produced challenging conditions and alas I had to insist to Noel that it would be no fun for him. Andy & Penny Lock, I and skipper Paul Ives did venture out and had a great time on a powerful, ebbing tide and strong gusty wind that at times saw the gunwales under water! We may well try it again, hoping for more serene conditions. See photo, credit Penny Lock.



This year's Buturi Charity Gala Dinner

Saturday October 14th in Budleigh Salterton Public Hall. The price is £25 a head, and it is a three-course meal, dinner and dance with entertainment, such as Sidmouth choral society and much, much more. However dire our situation seems, there are those worse off than we are ever likely to be so let's support this charity. Checkout the charity's website and contact Judith Smith for tickets, 07856093525.

www.buturi-project.org Facebook: The Buturi Project, Twitter: @Buturiproject

Snippet from COLP – drains

Yes drains make the world go around! Apparently, DCC only clean out the road drains every 3 years so to focus their attention on the problem ones, the Town Council have prepared maps of all the Exmouth road drains and they want us to come in and mark up any that are blocked. Incidentally any floods in the roads that last less than 24 hours do not merit attention from DCC. Oh and Exmouth Town Council will be returning to the Town Hall!

Green Corridors for Exmouth

Following Anne-Marie's talk at July's 29-minutes, Noel has been motivated to suggest a project, ensuring Green Corridors through Exmouth's new housing estates:

'The Exmouth area of East Devon has been long renowned as a place of outstanding natural beauty and a rich habitat for wildlife in flora and fauna. As the built environment is developed here, it is essential that these qualities are not lost. They could be enhanced

with careful planning. There are already recommendations that green corridors are incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan.

...The project could include mapping the location of existing fruit and nut trees in public places and in land privately owned if the owners are interested, assisting linkages between existing trees and shrubs and new planting in corridors such as cycle and footpaths, and park roads.'

Noel has limited mobility so is anyone able to help him in this?

Glenorchy Church

Noel tells me that his efforts to help Glenorchy Church turn Green have born fruit. Despite falling and breaking his shoulder at their 1st meeting, Noel has persevered with the Eco Action Group and now the Church has reached the stage of getting a Bronze Award, which allows it to be listed as an ECO Church. Well done.

To explain why these Christians should take ecology to their hearts, I am indebted to Martin Goss, who writes:

"Taking God seriously is to take the environment seriously. To live in sustainable harmony and in just relationships with the created order is at the heart of a Gospel which affirms abundant life for all.

At their last meeting they expressed interest in some joint activity with us. Two activities are now on the agenda. One is to encourage members to try to measure their eco footprint. Another is to reconsider having solar panels on the roof. Anyone want to get involved?

Transition Towns Regional Meet

The Transition Towns Regional meet comes to Exeter: 23rd September 2017 10am - 4:30pm, Venue: Palace Gate Centre, 3 Palace Gate, Exeter, Devon, EX11JA. Are there any readers who would like to go to that?

Smart Meters – a no brainer or cause for concern?

Is it not worth re-considering our blind acceptance of technology? We really started going wrong on the morning of 16 July 1945, a date that deserves to be remembered every year; Do you know what happened on that morning?

Lynne Wycherley has sent me a link to her article in Ecologist;

http://www.theecologist.org/campaigning/2988970/smart_meter_radiation_and_health_why_are_we_neglecting_nontoxic_alternatives.html

Andy Recommends

One of Andy's sources for good ideas is the Republic of Everyone
<https://republicofeveryone.com/latest-hot-stuff/>

In a recent issue: India making roads from recycled plastic, Corporate HQ constructed from sustainable timber, Storybooth videos, & doing away with bin-liners!

Social Media and Website

<http://www.transitionexmouth.uk>.

[@GreenManExmouth](#) continues his tweeting, not always on TE items but always seeking to entertain so be prepared!

We have a Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/15416577788/>

and a page: <https://www.facebook.com/transition.exmouth>

Not to forget the ever popular Green Drinks: <http://www.greendrinks.org/Devon/Exmouth>

And Finally

Now we know; the British Election Study has found that in the General Election, almost nobody's prime concern was the environment! <http://www.britishelectionstudy.com/bes-impact/the-brexitelection-the-2017-general-election-in-ten-charts/>

It seems all was down to Brexit:

"...This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England."

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