

From the Chair Adrian Toole aka @GreenManExmouth

Members are requested to plant a tree, either in our wood or elsewhere; I shall be planting out a yew tree that I've nurtured (in a pot) for about 25 years; I'll be setting it free!.

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All our own events and others that I am aware of are on our Website calendar.

As I write this the heavens are supplying lovely, much-needed water FOC! But don't worry, Summer will return – won't it?

This month we have a few Transition Exmouth activities to tell you about and a lot of events other people are organising!

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Our Next 29-minute Session

Come along at 19.30 (preceding our next Green Drinks) on **Thursday 6th July**, to the Park Hotel on Exeter Road and meet our very own Anne-Marie Culhane who will talk about her work with fruit trees, orchards and foraging routes, including her current project in Exeter and will touch on permaculture, the commons and ecological arts practice - inviting people into an active, creative and enquiring relationship with each other and the land. She promises a fun activity too!

Bread Club

Bread Club goes from strength to strength, Next session is morning of **Friday 14th July** with guest baker Christian. For an invite contact Anne-Marie on 07849 073394. see photo by Paul Ives.

A Jolly Outing!

This is a first: Transition Exmouth's sailing outing on No Excuse the Exe Sailing Club's disability-adapted day sailor; don't worry, although an open sailing boat it is large and stable (Strong and Stable?). Crewed by supremely competent Commander Paul Ives and myself, we already have Noel Harrower signed up and we are looking for just a couple of other hardy souls to venture out for a couple of hours on the afternoon of **Friday 21 July**? Pls contact me ASAP.

Our AGM

AGM this year is later than usual and is on **Saturday 9th September** at the Open Door Centre, junction of Church Street and South Street, Exmouth EX8 1PE. Doors open 14.30. We seek to be enlightening, even entertaining so hope to see you there.

General Event Calendar and Notices

Here are a few events put on by our friends, in date order. Our online calendar, accessed through our Website gives details of all such events that I am aware of; let me know what it is that you are involved in and I'll put it up:

Exmouth Pride

Exmouth Pride in the Manor Gardens this **Saturday 1st July** from 11.00; lots of fun to be had. Or on the same day:

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Exeter's 10-Mile Community Feast

Transition Exeter would love you to come along to a special 10-Mile Community Feast which is being held in Belmont Park, Exeter, on **Saturday 1st July** as part of Newtown Community Association's 30 year Anniversary celebrations.

The feast has been created by Transition Exeter, supported by Exeter Pound and Love Local Food, and has been inspired by the '10 Mile Dinners' initiative which Transition Exeter members organise when they get together socially for shared meals made from ingredients sourced within a 10 mile radius of Exeter.

Bring your own picnic and to bring a dish to share for the community feast using seasonal, locally sourced ingredients.

You can also enter your dish in a competition!

Find out all about the event at –www.facebook.com/FeastExeter

www.facebook.com/NewtownCommunityAssociationCommunityEvents

www.transitionexeter.org.uk/10-mile-community-feast

Renewable heat and heat networks:

Current opportunities for Exeter and community energy groups

Tuesday July 4th 18.45 to 20.45, Meeting Room, Stephens Scown Solicitors LLP, Curzon House, Southernhay, Exeter, EX1 1RS

Come along and find out about what's happening with community energy and heat and an update on the innovative far-reaching heat network plans for the Exeter district. This will build on John Rigby's presentation in 2015.

Larger public authority heat network projects seem to be having more success than smaller community energy projects. Why is this? Our aim is that our speakers will help us understand more about the complexity of heat projects.

Howard Smith, principal project manager of Dextco, will recap how district heating can reduce carbon emissions, review the extensive and innovative Exeter District Heating scheme, the role of Dextco – a newly formed energy company and provide an update on progress with delivery.

Kathy Smyth, a director of the Springbok Sustainable Wood Heat Co-operative, will talk about their project developing and operating a wood chip biomass district heating system.

Tim Crook, from Regen SW, will give an update on government policy for renewable heat.

Gill Wyatt, chair of ECOE will share their experiences in trying to find a site in Exeter.

Refreshments will be provided

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Public meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

A public meeting with Alison Hernandez, the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The purpose of the meeting is to give residents an opportunity to ask the PCC questions relating to crime and policing in Exmouth and the surrounding area.

Telfer Centre in the Community College on **Wednesday 5th July**, starting at 19.00, organised by our County Councillors in conjunction with Councillor Jill Elson.

Cozy Devon Invitation

Friday 14th July, 11:00 – 13:30, Exeter Community Centre, 17 St David's Hill, Exeter, EX4 3RG. A workshop to look at the future delivery of domestic energy efficiency improvements in Devon.

Local authorities in Devon have been offering householders energy efficiency measures through Cosy Devon, but the contract with Eon Energy has ended. The partners are exploring options and want to talk to community organisations that can work collaboratively to improve uptake of energy efficiency measures. One option is a co-operative model called RetrofitWorks that has been operating in London. Join the workshop to find out more about Cosy Devon and RetrofitWorks, RegenSW would like to know what you think, and if you are interested in participating in an energy efficiency co-operative in Devon.

For your invitation, contact Jody at RegenSW: JGiles@regensw.co.uk Please let me know if you are intending to go.

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

Exeter City Futures

Exeter City Futures have launched their Tranquil City Exeter project, in partnership with the London-based Tranquil City project. The aim of the project is to encourage active transportation in the city by building a map of Tranquil Spaces. Anyone with an Instagram account can get involved by uploading their tranquil pictures of Exeter with the hashtag #TranquilCityExeter.

Lots more stuff on their Website <https://www.exetercityfutures.com/>

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Our very own news-sleuth Paul Strange tells me that Exmouth Farmers' Market has now folded. The organisers (and I don't know who they are) say it is no longer financially viable.

There is neither the customer footfall or enough smallholders looking to take up stalls.

They are also saying that many small producers now sell directly to farm shops – which are reliably open in all weathers – to wholesalers and to supermarkets, which 'inevitably draw shoppers away from local shops and markets. However, it's a chicken-and-egg situation, and no single cause can receive all the blame'.

Paul knew, what I didn't, that the market has been running for 17 years and was actively supported back in 2008 by Transition Town Exmouth (TTE) as an Affiliated Group!

Farmers Market had a TTE representative - David Brock – who would attend TTE meetings and report to the core group or Umbrella as it was later re-branded.

TTE had a stall at the market, and LETS shared that stall once it was established.

When David Brock stood down from TTE, the connection with the market gradually fizzled out.

Paul asked me for a statement and although wrong-footed over this and not a regular user, I finally wrote the following to him:

'This is sad news, the market has been running for a long time and I believe years ago had a connection with what was then known as Transition Town Exmouth, now Transition Exmouth, of which I am Chair.

One cannot of course expect business people to turn up just to support a principle and clearly market conditions in recent years have been against them. It is worth pointing out however that their lack of customers and indeed stallholders does not reflect a lack of demand for the products but surely demonstrates that in recent years the Public's preference for simply-prepared, unadulterated, local produce has been proven and this is now widely available elsewhere.

I would point your readers in the future to the Country Market, a branch of the WI, that operates in Glenorchy Church on Friday mornings where you can buy much of the same style of produce.'

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