



Transition
Haslemere

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Green Drinks



Our inaugural Green Drinks at the Georgian was a great success so we are now going to do it on a monthly basis. Make a date in your diaries for the first Thursday of the month at the bar in the Georgian between 7.30 and 9.30 pm. We hope to see you there at the next one on June 2nd.

Transition Haslemere at the Fringe



It is nearly here, The Haslemere Fringe Festival on Lion Green...and you could get in free.

Come along and help Transition Haslemere on our stand – we are making smoothies using only pedal power, we will have some local produce for sale as well. If you can offer us an hour or two between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Saturday 28th May then please contact us at info@transitionhaslemer.org. Your help on the day would be most welcome.

As you will see elsewhere we have quite a bit about bees and honey in this month's newsletter and we will be selling locally produced honey and honey products on our stand.

Would you like to free entry to the Fringe festival on other days as well? How about volunteering as a steward or helping in the Fringe bar for two or three hours?

The Fringe Festival will in exchange give you a free wrist band for entry to the day's events. For further details please contact either Lesley Banfield Tel 07733 895536 lesley.banfield@googlemail.com or Ken Griffiths on ken.griffiths1@btopenworld.com. For more details please see www.lionfest.co.uk.

Speckled Wood



Many of you went along to watch the raising of the A frames on the Speckled Wood building at Swan Barn.

If you didn't, then do go along and see how this fascinating building is now taking shape.

It is very rare these days for a timber framed building to be erected using what are tried and tested methods used

by our forefathers, something not to be missed!

Also not to be missed is Dave Elliott's blog about the Speckled Wood project – written with passion from the heart and a great read for that! You can sign up for it [here](#).

Now the A frame is up it won't be long before there will be roof timbers to hang the shingles on.

As many of you know we have been selling Shingles at the Farmers' Market. £5 gets your name or the name of a loved one (we have had everything from Grannies to cats!) on a shingle in perpetuity. All proceeds go to the National Trust for the Speckled Wood project. If you haven't yet sponsored a shingle then come and visit the Transition Haslemere stall at the Farmers' Market in the High Street on Sunday June 5th.



Local Food



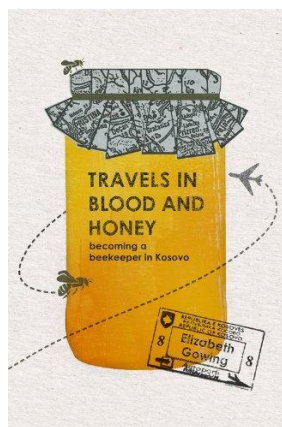
Campaign to Protect
Rural England

Two years ago Transition Haslemere helped the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) with research on our local food network. This was part of a national research project by the CPRE that involved a number of other towns as well.

While the data from Haslemere is still being analysed, reports from a number of other towns, including Totnes, Hastings and Sheffield are now available on the CPRE website at <http://www.cpre.org.uk/>.

The Haslemere report is expected in a few months. It should provide us with much useful data and insights that will help us promote local food production, retailing and consumption.

Book of the Month



We are always happy to recommend books with an environmental focus especially when they are as well reviewed as "Travels in Blood and Honey" by Elizabeth Gowing. Elizabeth is the sister of local resident and Transition Haslemere supporter, Caroline Gowing.

Elizabeth tells of her life in Kosovo and how she was drawn into bee-keeping. Kosovo was of course a war zone, known more for ethnic cleansing than bee-keeping. Given a bee hive for her birthday, Elizabeth sets about learning about bees alongside discovering much about Kosovo's complex past and fascinating present. The book entwines a potpourri of history, travel, recipes and adventure. You can read more on Amazon

[here](#).

Bees, or rather fear over their decline, has been in the news recently. There are new beehives now up at Hunter Base camp and with the existing hives at the Haslemere Museum there are local experts to talk to if you are interested in knowing more. Elizabeth Gowing also has a blog "100 days of Honey" which can be found [here](#)

Dates for your diary

- May 28th Transition Haslemere at the Fringe (Lion Green all day)
- June 2nd Green Drinks at the Georgian Hotel
- June 2nd Haslemere Community Veg Growers meeting
- June 2nd Energy & Transport Meeting (Georgian)
- June 5th Farmers' Market
- June 16th Haslemere Community Veg Growers Meeting (Roundhurst Farm)
- June 27th Steering Group Meeting (Town Hall 7.30 pm)

For more details on any of these dates please see the website www.transitionhaslemere.org or email transitiontown@haslemere.com

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