



Transition  
Haslemere

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## Raise the Roof at Speckled Wood!



Well, maybe not, as Dave Elliott and Ben Law are already making a great job of doing just that.

Many of you will know that we at Transition Haslemere have been "selling" Speckled Wood roof shingles by asking people to sign their names on a shingle and donating £5 to the Swan Barn Speckled Wood project.

We have a target of raising £1,000 by November and we are well on the way to achieving that aim with £695 raised so far.

If you haven't yet sponsored a shingle then please visit our stand at the September 4<sup>th</sup> Farmers' Market on Haslemere High Street and buy a shingle. If you can't make it to the Farmers' Market and you are local then email us on [newsletter@transitionhaslemere.org](mailto:newsletter@transitionhaslemere.org) and we will bring a shingle to you to sign! No excuses!

## Green Drinks



We will be celebrating the imminent start of the Haslemere Food Festival at our Green Drinks at the bar of the Georgian Hotel on **Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>** between 7.30 and 9.30 pm. All are most welcome.

## Sustainable Harvest Picnic



As announced last month we are holding our second Sustainable Harvest Picnic for all the family at Imbhams Farm on October 15<sup>th</sup> between 5.00 pm and 8.00 pm. Admission will be by ticket only and invitations will be sent out at the beginning of September to Transition Haslemere Newsletter readers. Entrance will be £2.50 for adults with children

free. Please put the date into your diaries.

You will be invited to bring your own local food to share and the picnic will be in Imbhams historic barn.

As well as live music and a pumpkin carving competition we will have a number of other attractions including a "Food Least Travelled" Prize, a pumpkin painting competition for the children and a number of other attractions including "String Greens" – this will be a fun activity but you will have to be there to know what it is!

## Haslemere Food Festival



The sixth annual Haslemere Food Festival will soon be here. Delighting in all that is great about our local food, restaurants and shops, Haslemere will celebrate from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>.

The festival includes the ever popular beer festival, a candlelight supper and concert, a Spanish evening and even a Teddy Bears' picnic. All details can be found [here](#).



To coincide with the Food Festival in September the Haslemere Rotary Club are inviting people in and around Haslemere to give dinner parties and enjoy locally sourced food with friends to raise money in support of The Prostate Project and other local charities or projects. You can find out more about this worthwhile project [here](#).



lower roundhurst farm

Again as part of Haslemere's annual Food Festival, Lower Roundhurst Farm will be opening their gates in a celebration of food and farming on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. It is free and there will be guided tours, tastings, food stall, country crafts, barbeque, bouncy castle and more.

The Transition Haslemere Community Veg Growers will be there showing off their fabulous vegetable garden and they will be on hand to offer tips, advice and details on how you can be part of this popular and growing (in every sense of the word!) project.



To find out where Lower Roundhurst Farm and the Transition Community Garden are click [here](#).

## Surrey Farm and Food Week

September 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> is Surrey Farm and Food Week. This is a programme of farm walks and events designed to help bridge the gulf of understanding between farmers and the public. This is the tenth year that it has been celebrated.

There is something for everyone whether it is celebrating the amazing properties of watercress, walking a medieval farm or sampling the wonders of local sausages and beer.

More details can be found on the Surrey County Show website [here](#).

## Imbhams Farm Open Day



As part of Surrey Farm and Food Week Imbhams Farm are having an Open Day on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm and Transition Haslemere will be there to help them celebrate.

You will be able to follow the "Flour Trail", get up close with the farm animals, watch demonstrations and all sorts of other activities between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm.

You can buy their award-winning produce and even some scrummy fresh baked bread to enjoy at a lakeside picnic.

Imbhams Farm is just off Holdfast Lane in Haslemere, you will be able to follow the signs on the day.

## Permaculture

Action Surrey is a partnership between Councils in Surrey to help homeowners save money, energy and reduce CO2 emissions. They have organised a course on September 24<sup>th</sup> between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm; An Introduction to Permaculture to be held at Woking. For more information click [here](#).

## Sustainable Development and the Technology behind it.

The University of Surrey in Guildford are hosting a lecture on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September between 1.00 and 3.00 pm on the above subject. Speakers include the Mayor of Freiburg (known as the 'ecological capital of Germany and twinned with Guildford), as well as representatives from Thomson Ecology,

TMO and DMCii who will present the latest developments in technology and essential tips for development projects. For more details contact Kate Farrow at [civicsecretary@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:civicsecretary@guildford.gov.uk).

## Landlords Take Note

Waverley council are offering free briefing sessions for private Landlords on how to raise energy efficiency standards. If you are interested please contact Rebecca Jones, Project Development Coordinator at NEA (the national energy efficiency organisation, supported by the Department of Energy and Climate Change) on 020 7250 8321/ 07738417448 or email [rebecca.jones@nea.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.jones@nea.org.uk)

## Dates for your diary

- Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Steering Group Meeting (Town Hall 7.30 pm)
- Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Green Drinks at the Georgian Hotel (from 7.30 pm)
- Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> Haslemere Food Festival
- Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Farmers' Market (10.00 am – 1.30 pm)
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Sustainable Development talk (Surrey University)
- Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Roundhurst Farm Open Day
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Permaculture Course (Action Surrey)
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Imbhams Farm Open Day (11.00 am – 4.00 pm)
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Surrey Hills Wood Fuel Challenge Conference
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Surrey Hills Wood Fair
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Transition Haslemere Sustainable Harvest Picnic

For more details on any of these dates please see the website [www.transitionhaslemere.org](http://www.transitionhaslemere.org) or email [transitiontown@haslemere.com](mailto:transitiontown@haslemere.com)

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