



Have you booked your tickets for our Harvest Picnic at Imbhams Farm?



The second Sustainable Harvest Picnic at Imbhams Farm on October 15th between 5.00 pm and 8.00 pm is rapidly approaching.

Admission will be limited by ticket only to Transition Haslemere Newsletter readers, their friends and family. Entrance will be £2.50 for adults with children free.

Please book your tickets [here](#).

Imbhams Farm Open Day



Imbhams Farm are holding their open day on Saturday September 24th between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm and Transition Haslemere will be there.

There will be farm walks to enjoy, unusual breed animals to see, tastings of their award-winning produce – which you can also buy and the Transition Haslemere smoothie-making bicycle will be there so you can cycle your own smoothie.

Click [here](#) for more

Swan Barn Apple Pressing Day



Bring your own apples to Swan Barn Farm on Saturday October 1st between 10.30 am and 3.00 pm and you could leave with the best apple juice you have ever tasted!

The idea is that people bring their own apples (and some containers for the juice), then help with the scratting and pressing, and you leave with apple juice and instructions for how to turn it into cider.

It should be a great day, the press is a fantastic old machine, and using it makes for a great community event. Dave, the Warden has promised that it will be the best apple juice anyone there has ever tasted!

You can also enjoy tea and cakes while looking at the fantastic new Speckled Wood ECO building.

For further information phone the National Trust wardening team on [01428 652359](tel:01428652359) Postcode: GU27 2HU

Green Tips competition!



We have been running a competition over the past few months for the best 'green tip'. We have collected suggestions at our stall at the Farmers' Market, on our Facebook page and through Twitter.

At our monthly Green Drinks we judged the winning tip!

The runners up were...

- "Buy local, seasonal or grow your own"
- "Holiday in Britain – don't fly"
- "Walk to do your shopping"

And the winning tip, as voted for by Green Drinkers, came from Phebe Billam of Liphook...

Reduce the amount of meat you eat, but make sure the meat you do buy is organically produced as locally as possible. Better for your planet and your palate!

The impact of meat eating on the environment, and the benefits and enjoyment that vegetable cooking can bring was well articulated in an article by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall a couple of weekends ago, as he says *"we need to eat more vegetables and less flesh because vegetables are the foods that do us the most good and our planet the least harm"*. You can see the full article [here](#).

However, it's not about cutting it out completely – it's about reducing it, and importantly buying locally produced, organically reared and sustainably managed meat – we have some great local meat providers in Haslemere – why not come along to the monthly Farmers' Markets in the High Street to meet them, and talk to them about how and where the meat comes from.

Appropriately Phebe will receive a £25 voucher to spend in the Lower Roundhurst Farm shop. We will be publicising more of the tips suggested by you all on Facebook and through Twitter over the next few weeks – follow us @GreenHaslemere or 'like' our Facebook page – Transition Haslemere.

Farm and Food



On Saturday 10 September Lower Roundhurst Farm had their 'Farm and Food' open day as part of the Haslemere Food Festival. We joined in the celebrations with the Transition Haslemere stand, and our community vegetable garden was open for everyone to have a look around. It was a great day with some lovely sunny weather in the morning (not mentioning the pouring rain in the afternoon!) and the farm walks, food stalls and children's entertainment made it a great day out for the family.

We met some new Transition Haslemere supporters with our 'Guess the Veg' children's competition which proved very popular, encouraging children to try new vegetables and to think about how food tastes and feels. All hopefully enticing some people to come back and join our Community Veg Growers through the year in the garden on land provided by Lower Roundhurst Farm – if you're interested in joining then please get in contact via veggrowers@transitionhaslemere.org .



Green Drinks



We will be back with Green Drinks at the bar of the Georgian Hotel on **Thursday October 6th** between 7.30 and 9.30 pm. All are most welcome.

Fruitful Community Hedges



Hedgerow Harvest is a new project that builds on exciting work being carried out by The Tree Council as part of its Hedge Tree Campaign. The project aims to encourage local people to access food for free on their doorstep, it will build a network of hedgerow foragers across the South East who can inspire their neighbours and undertake projects in their communities.

The Tree Council are providing hedge packs so that people can plant hedges in their community. The hedges can be anything from 10m to 100m long, the sites will need to be accessible – in local parks, in community gardens, around allotments etc. We also want to have some say in the choice of hedging material and trees as we want a range of different types of hedge planted across the region. The Tree Council will provide the hedging material which will include fruit trees and soft fruit (see fruitful hedge plant list).



The Tree Council have already commissioned 3 Fruitful Community Hedges in Surrey and are only sponsoring one more. Transition Haslemere have the chance to take advantage and plant their own Fruitful Hedge.

If you know of a suitable site that could be used to plant a hedge, or are interested in taking part in this exciting project please contact Jim Jones at Surrey Wildlife Trust on 07807 590068 or email jim.jones@surreywt.org.uk.

Images courtesy of hedgelinek www.hedgelinek.org.uk

There is a new recycling group opened up in Haslemere.....



Haslemere Freegive Group is...

- about keeping things out of the landfill.
- about sharing an item that retains usefulness.
- about clearing out our unused clutter.
- about COMMUNITY.
- about connecting people who are giving and getting unwanted items for free in their own towns.

This group is open to all residents of Haslemere in Surrey, South East England (UK) who want to recycle their unwanted items, feel free to post it. Or maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself.

Visit Haslemere Freegive Group home page
at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/haslemerefreegive>

Another benefit of using Freegive: Post your job, men seeking women, women seeking men, car, van, motorbike, pet, property, business, flatshare, house or room to rent ad for free in Freegive Directory at <http://www.freegive.co.uk/directory.htm>

Dates for your diary

- Sept 24th Permaculture Course (Action Surrey)
- Sept 24th Imbhams Farm Open Day (11.00 am – 4.00 pm)
- Sept 26th Steering Group Meeting (Town Hall 7.30 pm)
- Oct 1st Swan Barn Apple Pressing day (10.30 – 3.00 pm)
- Oct 2nd Farmers Market (Haslemere High Street 10.00 am – 1.30 pm)
- Oct 6th Green Drinks at the Georgian Hotel (from 7.30 pm)
- Oct 7th Surrey Hills Wood Fuel Challenge Conference
- Oct 8th, 9th Surrey Hills Wood Fair
- Oct 15th Transition Haslemere Sustainable Harvest Picnic

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

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