



# NEWSLETTER

May 2010



## FESTIVAL FUN!



**EXMOUTH FESTIVAL** is back between 27 May and 4 June, with a fun-packed fortnight of events for everyone. This year TTE has a bigger role than ever, hosting a film showing and beach picnic, while Creative Exmouth are presenting their Endless Bottles installation in the Manor Gardens. Look out, too, for TTE's community information stand and Good Health Exmouth's taster treatments. See Events for more details.

## TRANSITION TALES

By Paul Strange



*L-R: Noel Harrower, Jane Habermehl, Steph Bradley*

IT'S NOT every day you wake up at 3am and decide to walk around England for six months, journeying from one Transition Town to another, meeting TT people, staying with them and hearing their 'Transition Tales'. But that's exactly what Steph Bradley of Transition Town Totnes is doing.

Steph arrived in Exmouth on 1 April, and met up with TTE chair Jane Habermehl, Noel Harrower and myself. Is she walking a planned route? 'Yes – I picked out 12 main Transition Towns in a triangle. Then I started filling in the gaps. I'm walking as far east as Forest Row in South London, as far north as Penrith, and then down the other side to Kendal, Wigan and Wolverhampton. When I get back to Totnes I'm going to have lots of stories, which I will put into a book.'

What has she learnt so far? 'How much I hate cars. I've had to walk on some roads, there's been nowhere to rest, and you have to look out for cars. I've also learnt how wonderful, kind, hospitable and friendly people are. It wasn't a surprise, but nice to have that reaffirmed.'

See Steph's Transition Tales blog at: <http://www.transitionnetwork.org/blogs/steph-bradley/>.

## BAY IS BACK!



BAY FM, Exmouth's community radio station, will be back on air from midnight on Sunday 23 May for two weeks, with a mixture of news, music and community programming. And with your support, Bay could win a licence to broadcast full-time, providing Exmouth with its own voice on the airwaves.

To download this year's schedule and register your support, go to [www.bayfm.co.uk](http://www.bayfm.co.uk). And remember to tune in to 107.9 FM!

# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

WITH ROLLE College for sale and plans for a huge housing development on agricultural land at Courtlands Cross under consideration, there's never been a more important time to make our voices heard in support of a sustainable future. If you haven't commented on the Exmouth Master Plan (see April newsletter), there's still time to do so at [www.exmouthmasterplan.co.uk](http://www.exmouthmasterplan.co.uk). Your opinion counts!

## EXMOUTH COMMUNITY PLAN: PARTICIPATING IN OUR TOWN'S FUTURE

### Gill Wyatt writes:

THE COMMUNITY Organisations Liaison Panel (COLP) was created in July 2009 to bring local community organisations together with Exmouth Town Council to create and develop shared goals for the future of Exmouth.

Both the Town Council and East Devon District Council (EDDC) have now adopted COLP's Strategic Plan and Action Plan, which can be found on [www.exmouth.gov.uk](http://www.exmouth.gov.uk) and [www.transitiontownexmouth.co.uk](http://www.transitiontownexmouth.co.uk).

To further this initiative, and to engage more people from the town, it is hoped that local residents will help to decide Exmouth's future by coming together with representatives from all sectors – including businesses, professionals, elected representatives and officers – to create an Exmouth Community Plan. This process will include profiling Exmouth's assets and making a thorough analysis of the issues facing the town. TTE values are already reflected in the Strategic Plan and Action Plan, and if TTE is fully active in this process, this Community Plan could become similar to an energy descent plan.

Jan Inglis, a policy issues analyst, has already run a session for COLP, exploring different approaches to community decision-making, examining specific costs and consequences related to each approach.

The next step will be a questionnaire in the Exmouth Journal on 6 May and in the following issue of the Exmouth Herald, concerning what people value about Exmouth, what issues face the town, what Exmouth could be like in 25 years' time, and what has to happen to achieve that vision. It's important that a low-carbon lifestyle and economy is promoted, so I hope you will take the time to fill in the questionnaire from one of the papers or complete it online at [www.exmouth.gov.uk](http://www.exmouth.gov.uk).

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: HAVING OUR SAY

TTE IS to be represented at a series of workshop events organized by East Devon District Council (EDDC) to discuss the requirements for future planning and development in the district.

The Local Development Framework (LDF) is separate from the Community Plan and Exmouth Master Plan (see left and above). It concerns the requirements for urban development in East Devon up to 2030. Discussions will focus on how this could impact upon people living in the Parish of Exmouth, the area where Exmouth Town Council has responsibility.

The workshops will include topics such as affordable housing, transport, community facilities, education and health facilities, employment, retail and industrial land, and environmental issues.

Issues to be addressed include:

- If any dwellings are required how many are to be built, and where are they to be located?
- What type of developments for employment should be encouraged, and on what scale?
- What essential physical, social and community infrastructure (roads, shops, schools, doctors' surgeries, etc.) will be required and where?
- How is a green infrastructure to be provided and how can we ensure the environment is protected and enhanced?

The Local Development Framework is a key document that will inform planning and development in Exmouth in the coming decades. As such, it provides us with a unique opportunity to secure a sustainable future for our town and its people.

# EVENTS

## IN TRANSITION: THE MOVIE

ON MONDAY 24 May TTE is hosting a screening of *In Transition: The Movie* at Exmouth Community College to mark the start of the Exmouth Festival. *In Transition* is the first detailed film about the Transition movement, filmed by those who know it best – the people who are making it happen on the ground. The film screening starts at 7.30pm at the Telfer Suite, Exmouth Community College (Gipsy Lane site). Admission £3. Details from Craig: [cj.ttexmouth@btinternet.com](mailto:cj.ttexmouth@btinternet.com)

## TTE PICNIC ON THE BEACH



MAKE THE most of the Exmouth Festival Sandcastle Competition on Sunday 30 May by joining TTE members and local residents for a beach picnic. We'll be meeting on the beach to the right of the Harbour View Cafe from 12.30pm – look out for the TTE banner. Everyone welcome – bring a packed lunch, beach games and sunshine! Details from Craig: [cj.ttexmouth@btinternet.com](mailto:cj.ttexmouth@btinternet.com)

## XCYCLE LOCAL FOOD SHOP

DO WE really need cars to do our food shopping? TTE's cycling group Xcycle say no! And they'll be proving their point on Tuesday 1 June with a cycling tour of local food producers and suppliers. Join the Xcycle tour in the Strand at 10.30am. More details from Elinor: [elinor.scott@phonecoop.coop](mailto:elinor.scott@phonecoop.coop)

## CREATIVE EXMOUTH

AND FINALLY, don't miss your opportunity to participate in Creative Exmouth's festival installation in the Manor Gardens. Comprising a thousand plastic bottles, linked by rope, Endless Bottles is being created in collaboration with ECC students to highlight issues of consumption and disposal. If you would like to help complete the installation, come along to Creative Exmouth's workshops on Saturdays 15 and 22 May, from 2pm-4pm at 60 Capel Lane, Exmouth EX8 2PN. Details from Roger: [walksmall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:walksmall@hotmail.co.uk)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

HOSTED BY Events Coordinator Craig Jolly, TTE's Food for Thought event was a lively and informative affair. Nearly 30 local people gathered at Exmouth Community College's Telfer Centre on Monday 26 April to discuss food issues and to explore how much food is being grown and sourced within Exmouth.

Through round-table discussion and a challenge to create a menu using local produce, we came to realise that – apart from fruit and vegetables, fish, eggs, shellfish and honey – we often need to look further afield for our food, especially for bread, meat and dairy produce.

TTE's David Brock spoke passionately about Exmouth's Farmers' Market, held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Imperial Road car park. The Farmers' Market is a key outlet for quality local food, and David encouraged us all to shop there as much as possible.

Elinor Scott of Xcycle described the cycling group's plan for a local shopping tour during the Exmouth Festival (see Events). TTE's Local Food Guide (£1 a copy) was also highlighted as a good source of information, listing outlets for quality local food and produce from the West Country.

On the cultivation front, Sam Forder gave us an update on TTE's Garden Share project while ECC's David Turner spoke about the college's Community Garden project, which has recently been revived.

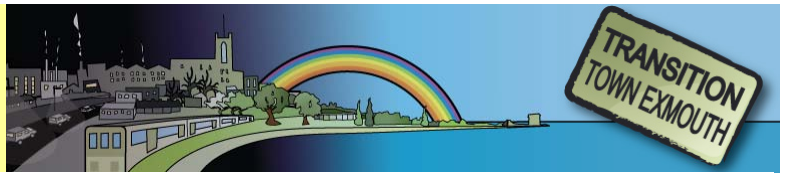


*Buttered scones, complemented by local honey and preserves, provided a tasty treat at TTE's Food for Thought event*

For more discussion on local food issues tune into Bay FM's Community Hour at 10am on Tuesday 1 June, when TTE's Paul Strange and Delia Pemberton will be hosting a show dedicated to this important topic.

# DIARY

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## Thursday 27-Friday 4 June

**EXMOUTH FESTIVAL** Fun for everyone with music, drama, visual arts, local food, crafts, childrens' activities and much more. Details and full festival programme: [www.exmouthfestival.org.uk](http://www.exmouthfestival.org.uk).

## Tuesdays 4, 11, 18 and 25

**EXMOUTH BAZAAR** 10.00am-1.00pm, Wesley Hall, Tower Street. Local crafts and produce. Details: [kim.roper@mac.com](mailto:kim.roper@mac.com).

## Fridays 7, 14, 21 and 28

**EXMOUTH COUNTRY MARKET** 8.30-11.15am, Wesley Hall, Tower Street. Local produce, plants and crafts. Details: [www.country-markets.co.uk](http://www.country-markets.co.uk).

## Monday 10

**TTE UMBRELLA MEETING** 7.30pm, Town Hall. For more information call Pete on 01395 224605.

## Wednesday 12

**EXMOUTH FARMERS' MARKET** 9.00am-1.30pm, Imperial Road Car Park. Local food and produce. Contact David: [twobrocks@talktalk.net](mailto:twobrocks@talktalk.net), 01395 260119.

## Monday 24

**IN TRANSITION: THE MOVIE** TTE film presentation. 7.30-9.30pm, Telfer Suite, Exmouth Community College (Gipsy Lane site). Admission £3. Details from Craig: [cj.ttexmouth@btinternet.com](mailto:cj.ttexmouth@btinternet.com)

## Saturday 29

**EXMOUTH CYCLING FUN DAY** 10.00am-4.00pm, King George V Playing Field. Free bike hire, bike clinic and security marking, plus rides, displays and entertainment. Details: [www.cycledevon.info](http://www.cycledevon.info)

## Sunday 30

**TTE PICNIC ON THE BEACH** 12.30pm onwards. Meet on the beach to the right of the Harbour View Cafe - look out for the TTE banner. Details from Craig: [cj.ttexmouth@btinternet.com](mailto:cj.ttexmouth@btinternet.com)

*Entries for the June issue to: [delia@themyrtlehouse.plus.com](mailto:delia@themyrtlehouse.plus.com) by 20 May please*

## TRANSITION TOWN EXMOUTH [www.transitiontownexmouth.co.uk](http://www.transitiontownexmouth.co.uk)

To build Exmouth's local resilience and independence from fossil fuels,  
and to reduce its carbon emissions by a process of energy descent



### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF TRANSITION TOWN EXMOUTH

Name.....

Address.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....Email.....

I support the stated aims of Transition Town Exmouth and hereby apply for membership.

Signed.....Date.....

There is no fee, but donations are welcome. Please make cheques payable to Transition Town Exmouth.

Please return completed form to TTE, c/o 231A Exeter Road, Exmouth EX8 3ED