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Welcome to the June Transition Belper newsletter.

Our last newsletter went global after Rob Hopkins, founder of the Transition movement, picked it up off of our new twitter account @tbelper. We have only just started 'tweeting' and we will endeavour to keep you updated on events and activities as they are happening so please follow us for reminders.

Midsummer chill time – Transition BBQ

Our next social event is the midsummer BBQ at the Rugby Club on Friday 21st June from 7.00pm. We'll be getting some local beer in, the bar will be open and the brilliant blues duo who entertained at Belper Goes Green will play a set or two. All you need to do is bring the whole family, a bit of salad, bread or other side plate and something to cook up. There will be a separate grill for vegetarians. It would help us to plan if you could let us know you're coming (although not essential) so please [email David](#) to book.

Community Gardening at the Belper Train Station



If you enjoy gardening and want to get involved in making Belper an even more attractive place to live in, come and join us for one or all of the sessions below (weather permitting). You can stay for as long as you like - any amount of help will be welcome. Please email Kathy kathyf100@hotmail.com or ring her on 07779412702 to let her know you are coming.

- Tuesday 18th June 6pm
- Saturday 22nd June 10am
- Monday 24th June 10am
- Thursday 27th June 10am

STOP PRESS 1 : Arrangements are currently being made for volunteers down at the station to be filmed by East Midlands News for a feature. Follow us on twitter @tbelper or check out the Transition Belper facebook page for updates.

STOP PRESS 2 : Congratulations to Kathy and the volunteers down at the station as we have been shortlisted in the East Midlands Stations Awards - Community Partnership Award.

Open Garden for the National Gardens Scheme Charity

Kathy will be opening her garden again for this amazing charity which raised over £3 million last year for a variety of excellent causes.

The garden opening date is 16th June 11am - 4pm; entry fee is £3 (children go free); there are home baked refreshments and plant sales on offer too.

Belper Goes Green feedback and wind-up meeting



Early estimates, based on head counts of around 300 people, put the overall attendance at Belper Goes Green at around 3,500. We now think this could be slightly high with a more realistic figure being 1,500 people over the two days. Whatever the real figure we are fairly certain that most people had a smile on their face and were enjoying the weather, food, beer and ambience. We were perhaps a tad lucky with the weather but everything else can be put down to the hard work of the organisers, volunteers and stallholders in putting on a great couple of days. All from a standing start in February.

Now we'd like to start all over again and organise something even better for 2014 but we need your views, reflections and ideas to help us do that. The [Belper Goes Green feedback](#) form gives you the chance to do just that and we really do value your views and opinions. Our feedback survey is completely anonymous - unless you want to help organise next year's event. We'll be discussing all the questions - what worked, what didn't, how can we make it better... at a wind-up meeting upstairs at the **Queen's Head, Chesterfield Road, Belper on Tuesday 25th June from 7.30 pm**. We can take part in the quiz after the meeting!

Belper Open Gardens Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June 11am - 4pm



Following last year's success, Belper is opening its delightful gardens again this year. Do come and support the town and enjoy a fun trail of a variety of gardens and open spaces. Refreshments and plant sales will also be on offer. Tickets (£3 for both days) can be bought from Fresh Basil deli and St Peter's Church who are also providing refreshments on both days.

If you would like to share your garden with enthusiastic visitors too, please email Kathy kathyf100@hotmail.com or ring her on 07779412702 for further information before Monday 17th June.

Well Dressing - Ever Wanted to Have a Go ?

Kathy and Marilyn will be doing a well dressing again this year, representing Transition Belper and Connect Belper.

Most of the preparation will take place between the 8th & 12th July.

The topic in 2013 is '**edible gardening**'.

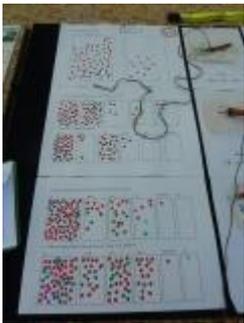
If you want to join them, ring Kathy on 07779412702.



Energy Descent Action Plan



At Belper Goes Green we were asking four questions to get ideas and thoughts about Belper's future. Maurice Neville has now analysed all the responses and we'll be adding this to the web site and Facebook page for everyone to see. We'll be meeting to discuss these and consider our next steps in preparing our Energy Descent Action Plan at the **Old Kings Head, Days Lane, Belper on Monday 8th July from 8.00 pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along and join the discussions.



Travel & Transport Group

Lot's of people participated in the T&T group survey at Belper Goes Green, giving the team plenty to be looking at.

If you would like to get involved the next meeting will be held at the Old Kings Head, 7:30pm on the 27th June. ALL WELCOME.

Next Transition Meeting - Sustainable Food Special

7:30pm 2nd July at the Strutt Community Centre

We are fortunate to have two speakers at our next monthly gathering. Free to come along and all welcome for some interesting discussion and debate

Nathan Jackson (as seen at Belper Goes Green)

Roots n Shoots - Green Health Enterprises

Helen Cunningham of Transition Matlock & DE4 Food
Sustainable Food

Basic Bike Maintenance Skill Share Workshop

Saturday 6th July - 10am to 1pm, Venue TBC

Numbers limited to 6 participants

Call 07724 560 827 or e-mail info@transitionbelper.org to book a place

Come along to learn how to look after your bike. The workshop will cover undertaking simple repairs and adjustments, and will include mending a puncture, learning how to safety check your bike and brake adjustment. Please bring your own bike to the workshop.

We welcome men, women and children accompanied by an adult to this workshop. There will be a small suggested donation to cover materials (about £3).

Transition Belper Facebook Group

Keep up-to-date with the latest developments and join any discussions on Facebook. [Join us here](#)

Belper's fruit and veg grower's forum

There is a Facebook Group locally for exchanging tips and ideas for your garden and anything to do with growing fruit and veg. [Join the Forum here](#)

HelpReUpcycleDE56

A Local group to advertise for Recycling, Upcycling, Neighbourly Help & Advice, Lending & Borrowing in the DE56 Area. [Join us here](#)

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