



Transition Belper News - June 2012

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Forthcoming Events:

Milford Conservation Picnic - 1 July 15:00 – 19:30 Meet at the community herb garden.

Transition Meeting - 3 July 19:30 – 21:30 The Strutts Centre, Derby Road, Belper

Belper Well Dressings - Commencing Saturday 14th July Belper River Gardens

Belper Food, Real Ale and Craft Festival - Sunday, 15 Jul 2012 Town Centre

Green Drinks - Thu, 19 July, 19:30 – 22:30 The Mill House, Derby Road, Milford

Skills Share Workshops



As these pictures demonstrate, the last two skills share workshops were both extremely fun and useful. Ali and Craig are busy organising the next exciting workshop and details will be available shortly. In the meantime, if you have any skills you would like to share, please email us at info@transitionbelper.org

Well Dressing



Transition Belper, in conjunction with *Connect Belper* are taking part in the well dressing ceremony for the first time this year. We hope that besides being fun to do, the completed well, which will be displayed in the Belper River Gardens during the week commencing 14th July, will also help raise awareness of our group and what we stand for. We would greatly welcome some help, whether it be with the collection of the materials needed to complete the well or with its actual decoration which commences on 8th July for 6 days. The well is being decorated with a variety of organic materials such as pulses, twigs, dried fruit, coffee beans, glass beads, shells, petals, seeds, pips, cones, berries etc. If you would like to donate any material or would like to help, even if it is just for an hour, please email [Kathy](#)

Belper Train Station Gardening Project



Work commences on this exciting project on Wednesday 4th July. We will start by clearing all the weeds and self-set plants so that we can see what is underneath; this will probably take two weeks. The stage after that will be to get together, decide which plants can be kept and which need to be replaced and prepare a design. Finally, we aim to source plants for the gaps which will require no additional watering, are native to the area and are insect and bird friendly. We would love to get as many members of the community involved in any of the stages, so please come and join us. For further information, email Kathy or ring her on 07779 412702.

Belper Food Fair - 15th July 2012



We are delighted to take part in this exciting event again. For those of you who have not been to one before, this is an event not to be missed! Besides there being lots of really mouth-watering food on sale, the atmosphere and community spirit are great. We are selling herbs and will also run a competition which aims to promote awareness of the miles so much of our food travels before it gets onto our tables. If you have any pots of herbs or a few vegetables from your own garden to be included in the basket to be won, or would like to give a hand on the Transition stall, please contact David

Free Course: Wetlands and Wetland Management

Mickleover Meadows LNR - Saturday 21 July 10.00am-3.30pm

This one day course is a basic introduction to wetlands, wetland ecology and wetland management. It will provide volunteers and community groups with an understanding of the theory of wetland management, including an appreciation of the different types of wetlands, recognising key wetland plants and understanding different management strategies for wetland habitats, especially ponds.

To book your FREE place, email wildderby@derby.gov.uk or telephone 01332 255021.

Details of where the classroom session for the course will take place will be sent to you once you are booked on, but it will be very close to the site chosen for the visit.



Pesticides are being blamed for the disappearance of pollinating insects

According to the *Independent Newspaper*, "twice in the past three years, the Government has been asked, on the basis of compelling evidence, to suspend the use of the new generation of neonicotinoid pesticides, until the increasingly worrying evidence that they are extremely harmful to bees and other pollinating insects has been shown to be unfounded." Whilst the French Government has recently banned the Cruiser OSR pesticide following definitive research exposing the risk to bee colonies from neonicotinoids, these are still widely used in the UK.

Rail decentralisation: devolving decision-making on passenger rail services in England

Most train services in England are specified, funded and managed centrally by the Department for Transport based in London. Passenger Transport Executives' (PTEs) and local authorities' influence over the rail services provided in their local area is limited. In line with its aspirations for localism, the Government is seeking to devolve, where appropriate, more accountability and decision-making related to local rail services to sub-national bodies, such as local authorities and PTEs. This consultation explores how this might be done in parts of England.

The Government wishes to seek views on whether improved outcomes for transport users might be achieved in some cases if more decisions relating to local rail services were made closer to the communities they serve. This consultation complements the Command Paper, *Reforming Our Railways*, published today. That sets out the Government's vision for rail and responds to Sir Roy McNulty's independent report on value for money on the railways.

If you would like to take part in this consultation, please go onto <http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2012-10/>

Belper Open Garden - 10th June



A great big thank you to all who helped make the day a great success. The sun came out and brought with it a large number of visitors to the garden who helped us raise a substantial amount of money for charity. Whilst a number of 'Transitioners' were busy serving drinks and refreshments, Richard was doing a grand job of chatting to prospective members and promoting Transition Belper.

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](#)

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Chair – [Ian Jackson](#)

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