



TRANSITION CHEPSTOW

Acting today for tomorrow

April 2017 Newsletter



COMMUNITY FILM SCREENING

ALL OVER THE GLOBE, SOLUTIONS ALREADY EXIST.

César Award
BEST DOCUMENTARY
(French Oscar)

TOMORROW

Sunday, 14th May 2017, 3pm

FREE ENTRY

The Drill Hall
Chepstow

[Transition Network](http://TransitionNetwork.org) are making the film available in the UK and they wrote:

“Already viewed by over 1.5 million people in France alone, and winner of Best Documentary at the Cesar Awards (the French Oscars), ‘[Tomorrow](#)’ has been hugely impactful. Produced by activist and writer Cyril Dion and actress/director Mélanie Laurent, it tells the story of their search for solutions to the crisis humanity faces.

It is a hugely positive, affirming and inspirational film, exploring creative solutions in the fields of food, energy, transport, economics and education. It visits permaculture farms, urban agriculture projects, community-owned renewable projects, local currencies, creative schools, ambitious recycling projects. It is the perfect antidote to the current sense of global despondency. It also has a great soundtrack!”

We are planning a family friendly event which will involve a wide range of community groups and projects. If you would like to have a display at the film show, please contact us via food@transitionchepstow.org.uk.
Event sponsor: Gwent Energy CIC.

Chepstow Big Lunch

Sunday, 18th June 2017
at Chepstow Castle

Help us make The Big Lunch a great day for people in Chepstow! Come to our next planning meeting on **Thursday, 27th April 2017** at **7.30pm** upstairs at the **Lime Tree** or let us know if you are planning to join us on the day.

We need all sorts of help from contacting and liaising with entertainers, local groups, health and safety, engagement of schools, publicity, social media, and much more.

Contact: biglunch@transitionchepstow.org.uk or call Tim at 07971 566936.



Blooming marvellous!

This month will see an explosion of blossom in our [community orchards](#) across the town. Chepstow was once famed for its apple tree blossom and we'd like you to help us celebrate the arrival of this year's display by helping us capture photos of blossom in the orchards near you.

The Orchard Group, who have been hard at work labelling the trees and researching more information on the varieties planted, will be taking photographs of the main orchards during April.

If you'd like to help with this project please contact food@transitionchesptow.org.uk.



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Transition Chepstow Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on 13th March 2017 at the Beaufort Hotel. After a summary of activities from the past year, the following officers were elected, as well as other steering group members:

Coordinator: Tim Melville

Secretary: John Waters

Treasurer: Becky Brown

Communications Officer: Zsófia Forró

Glyn and Rose Parkhouse were thanked for their excellent work as Treasurer and Minutes Secretary.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to group discussions on the topics of Globalism and Localism, Competition and Co-operation, kindly introduced and summarised by Herbert Giradet. Herbert lives near Chepstow and has written many articles and books on these and other sustainability issues. We are very grateful to Herbert for his interesting and inspiring input.

To join a steering group meeting, contact info@transitionchepstow.org.uk.



Transition after Brexit

Several Transition Chepstow members were among the estimated 100,000 (well, some said 20,000 and some said 500,000 but it's a nice round number) who marched in London on Saturday March 25th to show their support for Britain's membership of the European Union. It was a bittersweet day for us Europhiles, with a great feeling of solidarity but also a deep sadness.

The Government's Plan for Britain (<https://www.planforbritain.gov.uk/>) makes no mention of the environment. Whilst this isn't the place to debate the rights and wrongs of Brexit, there is deep concern that pressures for lower levels of 'regulation' will lead to lower standards of environmental protection in areas such as air pollution, habitat protection and carbon emissions. One very clear message from the day was the need to be vigilant, and keep constant pressure on our political representatives, as new legislation unfolds.

Writing in July 2016, immediately after the referendum, Rob Hopkins commented 'if those of us fighting for a better world in the UK have lost the link to the EU, then we will need to find other ways of co-operating with our friends across Europe and around the world, working locally but sharing our learnings, overcoming barriers and tapping with greater vigour into the networks that exist. Well why not?'

(<http://futuresforumvgs.blogspot.co.uk/2016/07/brexit-progrexit-and-transition-town.html>)

With this in mind, the Food Group would like to set up links with one or more organisations in other European countries. We've contacted our twin town, Cormeilles, but if anyone has other ideas of local like-minded groups we could 'twin' with please contact Pam on robinsoneele@btinternet.com.

If you would like to find out more about our projects or to get involved, please get in touch!

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