



# TRANSITION CHEPSTOW

Acting today for tomorrow

## June 2017 Newsletter



**Bouncy Castle!**

**Chepstow Big Lunch**  
at Chepstow Castle  
Sunday, 18th June 2017  
12-3pm

Bring your own picnic

Come Celebrate with Local Community Groups and Clubs, Choirs and Bands!

Free Children's Activities!

GET YOUR **FREE PASS**

Group Invitations from 950 Celebration Programme  
OR  
Cadw pass from Town Council or Tourist Information Centre

TransitionChepstow.org.uk/BigLunch

You are warmly invited to Chepstow's own Big Picnic at Chepstow Castle to celebrate 950 years of our town and 10 years of Transition Chepstow!

The Big Lunch is an event organised annually across the whole of the UK where people have lunch with their neighbours in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.

Let us know if you'd like to join in and invite your friends on [Facebook!](#)

## Join in the fun!

**Prizes to be won**

- Best Healthy Picnic
- Best Green Picnic
- Best Historical Picnic

Contact: [biglunch@transitionchepstow.org.uk](mailto:biglunch@transitionchepstow.org.uk) or call Tim at 07971 566936.

## Monmouthshire Energy Days

10<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Following the success of last year's Energy Days programme, Monmouthshire Community Climate Champions have pulled together some great Energy Day events as part of the 2017 EU Sustainable Energy Week in June. So whether you are interested in finding out about electric or hydrogen powered cars, would like to learn how to grow your own fruit and vegetables, want to learn how to look after your bike, or want to save on your home energy bills, there is an event for you.

Find the full bilingual programme of events: <http://www.monecoopendoors.org.uk/>

## Meet us at Chepstow Show!

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Chepstow Racecourse

Come and visit our stall in the Green Tent at [Chepstow Show](#) to learn more about our activities and how you can get involved.

Or if you fancy entering the horticulture competition, why not enter the [pollinator friendly class](#), sponsored by Transition Chepstow?

Contact [food@transitioncepstow.org.uk](mailto:food@transitioncepstow.org.uk) for more details.

## Want to try 'growing your own'?

Our [Hanley Landshare](#) community plot offers free space to grow your own fruit and veg and we have experienced growers on hand to help you if you are new to growing. Our 2017 growing is now in full swing and you can learn more at one of the open days:

### Visit Hanley Landshare - Open Farm Sunday

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 10am-4pm

Next to Hanley Farm Shop (A48)

### Grow Your Own at Hanley Landshare

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017 10am-12pm

Next to Hanley Farm Shop (A48)

Contact [food@transitioncepstow.org.uk](mailto:food@transitioncepstow.org.uk) for more details.



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### Bridge Church Litter Pick

Transition Chepstow Litter Action Group supported the Bridge Church, Bulwark for a community litter pick last month. 19 adults and children aided by good weather collected a total of 12 bags of segregated litter along the Wales Coast Path, Bulwark shops and surrounding area. We hope to repeat this community partnership again later in the year. Thanks to all volunteers who participated.

To find out first about upcoming litter picks, contact Paul to join the mailing list: [litter@transitionchepstow.org.uk](mailto:litter@transitionchepstow.org.uk)



### Tomorrow film showing

Transition Chepstow would like to thank all participants who came to the film show at the Drill Hall in May, including local groups and [Gwent Energy CIC](#), who sponsored the screening. We gathered many comments about the film that you can find in a [post](#) on our website.



### Transition South West Regional Networks Workshop

Early in June a member of Transition Chepstow's Steering Group attended a workshop in Bristol (hosted by Transition UK Regional Networks) to explore transition groups' collective appetite for more extensive networking. A recurring theme in discussions was "cross-pollination" (with, not surprisingly, much emergent bee-related imagery). Some very useful contacts were made, a few rather unexpected, all very inspiring. Discussion ranged widely over topics such as organization, engagement, motivation and, repeatedly, the limits of groups' and individuals' capacity - challenges faced by every transition group present. Some actions were agreed, along with an enthusiastic commitment to progress the network. If you would like learn more, contact [secretary@transitionchepstow.org.uk](mailto:secretary@transitionchepstow.org.uk).

### Other Upcoming Events

#### Energy Network Meetings

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017  
7.30-9.30pm, The Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow

#### [Seed Festival](#)

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
Hawkwood, Stroud

#### [Green Gathering Festival](#)

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
Piercefield Park, Chepstow

