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Dear Friend,

Welcome to our March 2009 Newsletter keeping you up to date with the latest and greatest from Transition Town High Wycombe. Please send us your news for inclusion here to mark-brown@transition-wycombe.org.uk.

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"The Age of Stupid" People's Premiere

The "People's Premiere" has been announced for 5pm, Sunday 15th March. We have all booked our tickets, have you? Our local Premiere is at the Odeon Maidenhead. The nationwide release is on the 20th March but see it early with us! Hopefully we'll run a coach from the Environment Centre for everyone interested. Just contact us if you are but please secure your ticket first. They are £10 each bookable online at <http://www.odeon.co.uk/fanatic/film/times/s10/Maidenhead/?scope=more> proceeds to Climate Change charity. The last time we checked there were only 12 spare seats out of the 112 available originally. They are going like hot cakes! This is not only a great movie about Climate Change but is also your chance to be part of the audience for a world record attempt at the world's largest simultaneous film premiere. How often do you get this chance?

Microgeneration Technology Showcase

There will be Microgeneration Technology Showcase on Saturday March 21st, 10.30am to 3.30pm, at the Reggie Goves Centre in High Wycombe Town Centre. TTHW will have a stand there. The event is run by the National Energy Foundation Charity (who "mobilise individuals, businesses and communities to make their contribution to reducing carbon emissions through energy efficiency and the use of sustainable energy sources in order to maintain affordable energy services and combat global climate change"). Learn more from their Press Release which you can download from our web site. We will be there alongside people such as Megaman Lightbulbs, the Mark Group, Renewable Heat Solutions and Biofuel Refineries.



On TV

We hope you were watching BBC2 on Friday 20th February for "**A Farm for the Future**". If not you missed a real treat! Part of the 'Natural World' series this part covers Peak Oil and Permaculture. It included contributions from Patrick Whitefield, Dr Colin Campbell, Richard Heinberg and the Soil Association Conference. We captured copies on DVD and video that you can now watch as part of our "Community Allotment" Exhibit down at the High Wycombe Environment Centre. Something else you may have missed is an episode of "**Grand Designs**". This one is like a modern version of the 1970's TV sitcom "The Good Life" where a Kent couple build their own Passivhaus in the country. They intend to live sustainably and grow all their own food. Also available online for a few weeks at www.channel4.com/video/grand-designs/catchup.html.



This is not the only TV worth watching. Don't forget the third series of "**It isn't Easy being Green**" showing on BBC2, 8pm, Wednesday nights. Also, if you have Cable or Satellite you can catch a new series called "**Ecopolis**" showing on Discovery Science. It is repeated several times during the week but Sunday nights at 8pm is a good spot. It is presented by Nobel Prize winning scientist Dr Daniel Kammen. It is a slightly dumbed-down version of "Tomorrow's World" meets reality TV as the good Dr has to judge which four competing technologies will produce the lowest carbon footprint. Good for the kids.

BTCV Community Gathering

There will be a British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) "Community Gathering" at Amersham & Wycombe College, Stanley, Amersham. Saturday 14th March 10.30am to 3.30pm. TTHW has space booked at this event so at least one of us will be there for the free buffet! Learn more here: http://www2.btcv.org.uk/tandc_eac_gathering.pdf and here: http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/btcv_thamesandchilterns.



Energy Efficiency Training

Just a reminder to everyone: This Wednesday March 11th at 7pm we have our "Energy Efficiency" Training with Wycombe District Council at the Environment Centre. This has been confirmed with Lesley Stoner at WDC and we have had lots of interest. At least 7 of us should be there so there is still loads of space for anyone reading this to join us for the two hour session. It is open to all members of the public who can make it but please drop us a line first to confirm!

Date of Next TTHW Public Meeting & Movie Show

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th March at 7.15 to 9.15pm at the Environment Centre on Holywell Mead. All our meetings are open to the public. Further meetings are planned for 15th April 2009 and 13th May 2009. Thanks to everyone who came to our showing of "**The End of Suburbia**" last February 25th. We had a good showing with lots of fun discussion afterwards. Our next movie is on Wednesday 25th March. We are showing "**The Power of Community**" - a tale of Cuba's sudden wrench off fossil fuel-based agriculture after the sudden collapse of the Soviet Union.



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