**SUSTAINABLE VILLAGES : PAST EVENTS 2008**

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**January**. Gill Gale started by inviting people to attend film shows in Sampford Peverell Primary School. Over the period from January to March, 4 film evenings were put on, with subjects ranging around Peak Oil, Climate Change and sustainable living. Discussion after the films was encouraged, and on one occasion, people were asked to write suggestions on post-it notes about how we could move to a more sustainable lifestyle.

**10 May.** Open Day at High Cross House. This very successful event combined displays about Peak Oil and Climate Change, a film about sustainable living in Cuba, a garden open day and strawberry teas. It was well attended and provided some initial funding for the nascent group.

**July.** Mid-Devon Show stand. A large array of display panels were prepared to provide information about the issues, and visitors to the stand were asked to prioritise their concerns about sustainable issues, from a list of 10: the lack of facilities for recycling plastic came out top! The stand won the East Devon College Cup for Education. \* ***Major event***

**13 September.** The first visit to a renewable energy installation. About 20 people came to see solar PV panels, solar thermal tubes, bio-toilets etc at Middle Coombe Farm, Uplowman.

**3 October.** Meeting in Halberton Village Hall with guest speakers from Transition Taunton.

**15 October**. Film: ‘Money as Debt’ shown.

 **17 October**. Apple Day at Sampford Peverell Primary School. Children brought in apples from their gardens to create a display, apples were turned into juice and apple pies were made.

**17 October.** Film on Peak Oil and talk from Exeter Transition group at Holcombe Rogus Village Hall.

**3 November.** Energy Fair. Approx. 250 people attended this event, which was opened by Neil Parish MEP. There were trade stands from providers of renewable energy installations, independent advisers, talks, films, etc etc***.\* Major event***

**28 November.** Talk at Halberton Village Hall by Paul Mobbs on ‘Food and Energy’.