**SUSTAINABLE VILLAGES : 2009 EVENTS**

**February.** Tree pruning course at Middle Coombe Farm, Uplowman.

**10 March** . Film show on ‘Permaculture’ in Sampford Peverell Village Hall

**March.**  Advertised for land for allotments in Sampford Peverell, a positive response was received from a local farmer. Lease has been drawn up, an allotment group was formed & residents began to take them up.

**14 April.** Naked Food Fair. Over 200 people came to this event, which encouraged people to grow their own food and to buy locally-grown produce***.\* Major event***

**18 April.** Visit to a working farm in Holcombe Rogus. The purpose of the visit was to gain an understanding of current farm practices, and of the energy inputs required.

**April .** Monthly list of Freecycle goods began.

**7 May.** Film show at Halberton on ‘Ladakh’, with a talk from someone who had lived there. Ladakh is an area of Northern India where the traditional lifestyle is sustainable, and in harmony with nature.

**21 May.** Film show on the ‘Power of Community’ at Burlescombe Village Hall.

**11 June**. Talk by James Crowden on ‘The Forgotten Miracle’ (i.e. cider and apples) at the Cider Barn, Uplowman. Unlike many of the talks and films at which audience numbers are small, this one attracted a large audience of nearly 100 people. This may have been due to the location, the well-known speaker, and to the free cider!

**13 June.** Visit to a wind-turbine site. Attended by about 20 people, this is a single turbine, 13 metres high, on a hill-top near Holcombe Rogus.

**24 June.** Visit to the Forest Garden at Dartington.

**7 July.** Film evening, all local Parish and District councillors were invited. The films were: ‘Powerdown’ & ‘Carbon Weevils’, and discussions were facilitated by members of the Exeter Transition group.

**11 July**. Naked Food Trail. Following on from the Naked Food Fair, 4 gardens in Sampford Peverell were open so that visitors could see how fruit and vegetables are grown, and talk to the gardeners.

**25 July**. Mid-Devon Show stand. Working this time with Sustainable Crediton, a new display was created, raising awareness about use of energy and personal carbon footprints***.*** Won an award for the stand from the Show Committee. ***\* Major event***

**24 October**. Apple Day in Sampford Peverell. Equipment was borrowed to juice apples and our target of 350 litres was made. The date was also Climate Action Day, and people were encouraged to come to the event by no/low-carbon forms of transport. ***\* Major event***

**31 October**. Permaculture Course at Middle Coombe Farm.

**14 November**. Cider-making Course at Middle Coombe Farm.

**November.** **Lending** library of books and films set up.

**20 November.** AGM and film show: ‘In Transition’. Large scale maps were used to plot where households were adopting sustainable living styles (e.g. growing own vegetables organically, chickens, fruit trees etc).