**SUSTAINABLE VILLAGES : 2012 EVENTS**

**February.** Tool-sharpening workshop. Another 10 attendees learnt new skills.

**18 February.** Seed swap and coffee morning at the new venue of Sampford Peverell Methodist Chapel. More successful than previous years, possibly due to the venue.

**6 March.** ‘Behind the Switch’ talk by Peter Smith, a retired electrical engineer from Hinkley Point, held in Uffculme. Although the talk was fully booked (24), 8 people didn’t turn up. Peter explained in simple terms how electricity is made and transmitted to households.

**15 March**. Climate Change event at Uffculme School, with guest speaker Rob Varley (Hadley Centre, Met. Office). Also, presentations by the children. Good attendance – perhaps 250 people present, including many in the target audience – parents of school children. ***\*Major event***

**Monthly Markets** were started in Sampford Peverell Methodist Chapel schoolroom. Held for 2 hours on a Saturday morning, the idea is to provide a place where local people can bring and sell or swap anything home-grown or home-made.

**11 May.** Swishing Day (ladies’ clothes swap) at Halberton Village Hall. A first attempt at such an event, which was deemed a success. About 50 attendees plus 25 helpers.

May? Aromatherapy First Aid Course.

**4-6 June.** QE2 Diamond Jubilee weekend – Display of an planting for an edible garden

**4 August and 8 September. ‘**On Your Bike’ events held at Holcombe Rogus and Halberton Village Halls respectively. This Wellington-based charity is trying to recruit volunteers who will be trained to provide bike maintenance in their own localities. Free bike checks were provided, but the turn out was low.

**3 September.** Julie Goodhew (Plymouth University) gave a talk about her research into the psychological aspects of energy insulation – e.g. what will prompt people to insulate their homes. The talk was augmented by Hester, an Energy Auditor, who fed in her experiences. Poorly attended, but excellent talk nonetheless.

**11 September**. ‘Behind the Switch’ talk by Peter Smith, held in Sampford Peverell Methodist Chapel schoolroom. By popular demand, Peter repeated his talk of last year with an attendance of about 20.

**13 October.** Autumn Fair held in Sampford Peverell, which included apple pressing, entertainment and market stalls. Similar to previous years, although the attendance was much lower, at about 300 people, due to the poor apple harvest and bad weather (most of the event had to be held indoors). ***\*Major event***

**19 October.** Apple-pressing at Holcombe Rogus school. Poorly attended.

**21 October.** Apple-pressing event at Magelake, Uffculme. Although arrangements were made for a large event, with excellent entertainment by the Common Players, a good capacity for pressing apples, lots of refreshments etc, the turn-out was very low at about 60.

**8 November.** A|GM and film show : The Crisis of Civilisation’.