

# Upper Severn News

Community and Sustainability News from Newtown, Welshpool, Llanidloes and surrounding villages

**NEWTOWN GREEN DRINKS**



## Edible Biodiversity

Why is diversity in cultivated crops being lost, why does this matter and what we can do about it'.

We are facing wide issues of food security - agrochemical companies taking control of seed supply, plant patenting - how can we provide local solutions.

**Black Boy**  
**Tuesday 14th February, 7.30pm**

**All welcome**

## STRATEGICALLY UNREASONABLE AND BRILLIANT

### Report on conference: “Legislating for Sustainable Development as Wales’ Central Organizing Principle”

at the University of Wales Trinity St David, Carmarthen on 27th Jan 2012

*Written by Rachel Francis*

The scheme **One Wales: One Planet** provided leadership and direction for the embedding of sustainable approaches throughout Wales. It was launched in May 2009 by Jane Davidson of the Welsh Assembly Government and, as Jonathon Porritt of the SDC said at the time,

*“Wales may well be close to the Goldilocks (just right) scale for leading on sustainable development.”*

And let's be clear, this is not just about the environment. As Stephen Palmer, professor of public health at Cardiff University points out, sustainable development is equally about addressing social injustice, inspiring new economic vision and securing a healthier, happier future for people.

But in 2012 and looking beyond, what is the next phase?

Sustainable Development (SD) is rooted in place, it is fair across generations, it would allow good business to flourish and it has answers for today's problems... problems as big, and seemingly insurmountable, as climate change, rebuilding the economy and the dwindling of non-replaceable resources. But, as any smart entrepreneur will tell you, what is now needed is the legal and long-term commitment from governing bodies in Wales. Because only with that clear statement of commitment comes trust. And only with trust, comes the investment of time and money and a sprinkle of sheer bloody brilliance from the many people and enterprises in Wales with sustainable solutions to offer.

**Sandor (pronounced Shandor) Fulop** speaks eloquently about his role as Hungary's first elected Parliamentary Commissioner for Future Generations. As an Ombudsman, he was able to draw together Hungarian NGOs, local and state representatives etc. to ensure that political and planning decisions were based upon sustainable principles. As such the model went from strength to strength and lists many achievements. It also found huge popularity amongst Hungarian citizens from all walks of life, which is why, Sandor concludes with an enigmatic smile, they eventually got rid of him. Unfortunate for Hungarians; lucky for Wales, since he now has time to come across to Wales and share his knowledge and experience.

**Peter Roderick** has 30 years experience working as a barrister and is author of “Taking the longer view: UK governance options for a finite planet.” He is here to map out the possible shape of a Sustainability Bill for Wales. Overall, Peter

explains, we need a legal foundation for Sustainable Development. Otherwise there is a danger that what has already been achieved could be sidelined and what is now possible may not be achieved. That would be a catastrophe for the future and our young people. But new legislation, laid out in a white paper this autumn and delivered by 2014, could ensure that all ministers work to the central narrative of sustainable development. A central strategy would be drawn up backed by legislation, which could help resolve conflicts as Wales progressed. The Bill, it is proposed, would include provision of a Sustainability Commissioner or Ombudsman, who would act on behalf of and with the many different networks involved in sustainable re-ordering. There might also be a Wales' charter of environmental rights, guaranteeing people's long term rights to live in a healthy environment and nationally enforceable in court.

*“It's no good government's focusing on Less Bad”*

Says Andy Middleton, an associate director of INSPIRE and founder director of the TYF group

*“... that is not a vision ... we have to be strategically unreasonable ... don't lose the argument because someone tells you “we haven't got enough sellotape”.*

I love his style.

Can Wales be the first to demonstrate a better alternative to the current (and failing) paradigm of unsustainable growth ... or, “Overshooting Limits” as the economist J.K. Galbraith would have described it? Professor Gareth Wyn-Jones explains in economic terms just how it can, drawing out the principle of steady state economics and adding ..

*“An unappreciated facet of Welsh life is our closeness to the rural world. Nowhere is but a few miles from a rural or coastal area or a National Park or AONB. If, as I would conclude, the emerging sustainable economy will seek inspiration and individuals find solace and enjoyment, from clear ties with a (semi)-natural world then we are extremely fortunate.”*

A sparkling panel, chaired by Jane Davidson and including ... Anne Meikl, head of WWF Cymru, Andy Middleton of TYF and Inspire, Sandor Fulop of Hungary, Professor Stephen Palmer of Cardiff University, Peter Davis SD commissioner for Wales, and Eluned Morgan of SSE Wales draw the conference to a close with their different perspectives, all converging to support the proposed Sustainability Bill for Wales.

This bold, multi faceted vision is not just Less Bad ... it's strategically unreasonable ... and it's brilliant!

*Rachel Francis, [www.sharpeningpencils.co.uk](http://www.sharpeningpencils.co.uk)*

## Penarth Hydro Scheme Exhibition

On Tuesday 31st January, Robert Owen Renewables Ltd hosted an exhibition in the Elephant and Castle, Newtown, to publicise the progress being made with the proposed hydro generation scheme on the Penarth weir, just outside Newtown.

The scheme will be partly funded by a local share issue, and local individuals and organisations are being invited to pledge investment in shares in the scheme. Pledging now to purchase shares will enable Robert Owen Renewables to judge the amount that will be raised by the share issue so that the balance can be sought from commercial loans in plenty of time before it is needed.

The scheme will be run for the community benefit, and surplus income, after payment of share dividends, will be used to assist in the development of further community based carbon saving and renewable energy schemes. Cllr Wynne Jones was present and commended the scheme, adding that Powys County Council were intending to match any surplus reinvested for community benefit with an equal amount of council funding.

**Cllr Wynne Jones also mentioned that the PCC cabinet will shortly be deliberating on providing further financial support to the scheme, and encouraged everyone to write a letter of support to the council. This should be sent to Cllr Michael Jones, Leader of the council, at [cllr.michael.jones@powys.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.michael.jones@powys.gov.uk), copied also to [cllr.wynne.jones@powys.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.wynne.jones@powys.gov.uk).**

For further information about the scheme, please email [investments@ror.coop](mailto:investments@ror.coop)

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## Asda car-park innovation

I don't often say this, but ASDA have come up with a brilliant idea, one that I hope will catch on.

The idea is simple. Reserve the most desirable area of the car park most convenient for the main doors for small efficient vehicles (band A and band B cars, in their case). (These would be alongside the reserved places for disabled and parents with children which would be retained).

Asda have introduced this at their supermarket in Handsworth, Sheffield. It seems to be an idea brilliant in its simplicity.

Drivers of large cars are not severely inconvenienced - no-one would actually notice or complain if the whole car-park were a few yards further away.

Yet it gives a subtle message that large cars are socially unacceptable.

And, unlike the more expensive road tax, or cost of petrol, it is not something that the wealthiest can buy their way out of with impunity. Range rovers and rolls royces have to stay in the second class area, only low emission cars get priority treatment.

Let's hope it catches on elsewhere. It ought to be an official planning condition of any new carpark being built, and introduced into all public car parks.

Jeremy Thorp

## New River Severn custodians group to be formed in Newtown

**A meeting is to be held on Thursday 16th February** for anyone wanting to get involved in practical tasks to protect and improve the river in and around Newtown. The meeting will start at 7pm in the Exchange, in the Regent's Centre, Broad Street, Newtown.

The recent "I love Newtown" consultation showed how strongly local people feel about their town and many residents commented that the town does not make enough of one of its greatest assets, the River Severn itself.

Sue Newham, Keep Wales Tidy officer for the area, and also a member of the "I love Newtown" group feels equally strongly. "The river is a wonderful, natural feature which we take very much for granted. I am very concerned about the health and future of the river, in view of the threat from rubbish dumped into the river, pollutants and invasive weeds, such as Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed and Himalayan balsam."

In 2011, the River Severn Grime Busters cleared larger items such as two shopping trolleys, a bicycle, an ironing board and a garden bench from the river in Newtown. Students working with the parishes of Llanllwchaiarn and Newtown cleared Himalayan balsam. Staff from Macdonalds, members of the Town Council and a group of Liberal Democrats all did river bank litter picks at different times. Newtown also has 7 Litter Champions who do great work litter picking in the parks and public spaces in their spare time.

Sue Newham says, "All of these people have done a fantastic job and we certainly don't want this level of enthusiasm to stop. However, Newtown needs to gather a core group of people who will monitor the river, prioritise tasks and co-ordinate volunteers. The River Severn is too important to be left to chance. It is a key part of the food chain and sustains hundreds of plant and animal species, as well boosting the local economy in many different ways."

**If you wish to find out more, please contact Sue Newham on 07766 757145 or [sue.newham@keepwalestidy.org](mailto:sue.newham@keepwalestidy.org)**

Keep Wales Tidy works with volunteers across Wales to create "a beautiful Wales, enjoyed and cared for by all." Small grants and group insurance are available for community groups doing environmental projects in public green spaces.



*Mike fishes out a trolley and floods his boots;*

## Newtown Amateur Dramatic Society

# Find The Lady

by

Michael Pertwee

*A Comedy Thriller*

13th-18th February 2012

Doors Open 7 pm - Performance 7.45 pm

Booking - Davies Oriel Gallery 10am-4pm

Theatre Book Holders from Mon.30th Jan.

General Public from Mon.6th Feb.

Tickets - £6.50 Concession/Students with card £5.50

## How bad are bananas?

For my birthday, I was bought the book "How bad are bananas?", by Mike Berners-Lee. It is an excellent book, that I would recommend to everyone. It lists the carbon footprint of a large number of different products and actions.

For instance, did you know that drying your hands uses about 10g of CO<sub>2</sub> if you use a paper towel, about 20g CO<sub>2</sub> using a normal hot air dryer, but only 3g CO<sub>2</sub> using a Dyson airblade (which uses a very powerful jet of cold air!)

More fascinating facts in future issues...

*Jeremy*

## Music sessions:

Music Sessions are held regularly at the following venues:

The Grapes, Welshpool, Powys is on the last Thursday of the month (contact Rees on rees@melodeons.com)

The Black Boy, Newtown, Powys is on the third Wednesday. Next session: December 21st, 8 pm onwards. All welcome. Contact Kitty on fiddlerkitty@gmail.com

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If you would like to learn more about our activities, please contact us on info@newtown2020.org.uk

**If you would like to include anything in the next issue about your environmental or community activities, please email Jeremy on editor@uppersevernnews.org.uk**

## Green Drinks

### Programme for 2012

Thanks you everyone that came along to the Green Drinks meeting in January - which was a meeting to plan out a programme for 2012.

The provisional programme for the year will be as follows:

February	Edible Biodiversity (Sue Stickland and Steve Jones)
March	CAT - Zero Carbon Britain
April	Film "Farming with Nature" + discussion
May	Transition Towns
June	Where should we get our electricity from (follow up from the discussion at DG earlier this year)
July	An evening walk led by Paula, Mike, Geoff and Esta
August	no meeting
September	Achieving behaviour change and engaging young people
October	low carbon meal at Coleg Powys "Themes" restaurant.
November	How do we compare to Les Herbiers (Richard Northridge)
December	Appropriate Technology (Keith Milner)

All meetings will be on the second Tuesday in the month, in the Black Boy, Newtown at 7.30pm. Please write them in your diary now.

Extra events:

There will also be two extra events slotted into the programme -

A green hustings in April, in preparation for the council elections in May, and

A visit to a permaculture garden in the summer sometime, (details tba)



### Exciting new Project with Llani High School

**LLES is working with students at Llanidloes High School to cut the carbon footprint and save large sums of money on the school's energy bills.**

Young Energy People (YEP) is the name of the project which LLES is piloting in Wales, together with Severn-Wye Energy Agency.

An Assembly to interest students in the project and recruit a School Energy Management Team resulted in 52 volunteers! These were interviewed for different posts such as Project Manager, IT Manager and Energy Advisors, and are being trained in the different roles required. They will conduct an energy survey of the school to pinpoint where savings can be made, draw up an action plan to encourage behaviour change and keep an Energy Diary to record progress. The students will present a report to the School Governors at the end of the school year. The project gives pupils practice in future work skills and valuable experience.

"We are really impressed by the enthusiasm and idealism of the students, and we are certain they can make a real difference", said Diana Berriman, LLES development worker. LLES hopes to reach out to students' families through this project, and thus involve the wider community. If the project is successful it could be extended to other schools in Wales.



**LLES Ltd have been successful in winning some of the DECC Local Energy Assessment Fund (LEAF) to run a series of community initiatives in the Cambrian Mountains area.**

Linking with the Cambrian Mountains Initiative, LLES will run a Communications Workshop to involve communities across the Cambrians, on Thursday 23rd February. Venue to be confirmed.

Also involved in the project:-

- A micro-hydro viability study will assess potential for hydro power across the area, carried out by The Green Valleys.
- In preparation for The Green Deal, a Government initiative to encourage householders to carry out energy efficiency measures to their properties, LLES will carry out research into how this scheme can best benefit a variety of properties, and look at the approximate savings made, to assist people in deciding which measures to adopt. The Green Deal is still out to consultation, but it is based on incremental measures rather than a whole house approach.
- LLES will put together a 'How To..' portfolio to share useful information, based on our past experiences of running events and campaigns, sharing templates and know-how so other groups aren't having to re-invent the wheel.
- A community engagement event will be run in Llanidloes and other communities in the Cambrian Mountains, to involve people in the micro-hydro study and energy efficiency schemes.
- Finally a Seminar and Trade Event will be held to publicise the results of the above.

This project will run through February and March.

## Gregynog Festival 2012: Venezia

The headline artists for this year's Gregynog Festival, 15 June-1 July 2012, were announced at the season launch concert in the Music Room on 20 January. Artistic Director Dr Rhian Davies has invited some of the world's leading exponents of Venetian repertoire to Montgomeryshire this season to interpret seven centuries of music associated with the city.

The Festival roster includes five Wales debut performances plus five appearances which are exclusive in the UK this season. Confirmed international ensembles include **La Venexiana**, the specialist madrigal group renowned as the finest in the world, which will perform the music of Claudio Monteverdi (17 June, 2.30pm); **Giuliano Carmignola**, the star violinist from the Veneto, who will play the music of Vivaldi and his contemporaries with the leading Venetian chamber ensemble, **I Sonatori de la Gioiosa Marca** (24 June, 2.30pm); and **Accademia Bizantina**, the superb Ravenna-based ensemble, which will present rare Venetian masterworks of the 17th and 18th centuries, directed from the keyboard by harpsichord virtuoso **Ottavio Dantone** (23 June, 7.30pm). **Dantone will also be giving a solo harpsichord recital the same afternoon (23 June, 2.30pm).**

International soloists include **Xuefei Yang**, the remarkable Chinese guitarist who takes us on a musical journey in the footsteps of Marco Polo from Venice to her native land (22 June, 7.30pm); **Alessandro Taverna**, the Venetian pianist who was bronze medallist at the 2009 Leeds International Pianoforte Competition and who presents a recital evoking his City of Water (16 June, 7.30pm); and **Marta Rodrigo**



*guitarist Xuefei Yang*

**and Andreas Martin**, the Catalan mezzo-soprano and German lutenist who perform virtuoso works by the groundbreaking 17th-century Venetian woman composer, Barbara Strozzi (16 June, 2.30pm).

Following the great success of recent community concerts, Gregynog Festival is returning by request this season to Kerry and Montgomery. Directed by their charismatic founder Hervé Niquet, **Le Concert Spirituel**, the outstanding Paris-based ensemble will present a programme including Vivaldi's Gloria in the version for double female choir and orchestra which was originally have been performed by the girls of La Pietà (Montgomery Church, 30 June, 7.30pm). The newly-

appointed Royal Harpist, **Hannah Stone**, will give a solo recital including music inspired by the theme of Carnevale (Kerry Church, 18 June, 7.30pm), and the Festival will also promote two concerts at National Museum Cardiff featuring harpist **Rhodri Davies** (21 June, 2.30pm) and **QuintEssential Sackbut and Brass Ensemble** (21 June, 7.00pm).

For the opening concert of the season (15 June, 7.30pm), Gregynog Festival is delighted to welcome back the outstanding Baroque violinist **Pavlo Beznosiuk** to perform Vivaldi's most popular composition, The Four Seasons, with The Avison Ensemble. This programme will be the perfect curtain-raiser on a Midsummer's evening as well as an ideal performance for families who may be thinking of attending a classical concert together for the first time.

Booking for members of the Festival Patrons' Circle opens on 20 January with general booking to follow from 20 February via [www.gregynogfestival.org](http://www.gregynogfestival.org) and **01686 207100**. For news of other events, talks and exhibitions added to the programme between now and June, you can also sign up via the website to receive updates in the Festival's monthly e-Newsletter.

For further information, please contact Dr Rhian Davies, Artistic Director, on [post@gregynogfestival.org](mailto:post@gregynogfestival.org)

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### Low carbon recipe

#### ***Flakemeal shortbread***

This is an Irish recipe which is both delicious and easy to make.

8 oz margarine  
4 oz sugar  
8 oz porridge oats  
5 oz flour  
½ tsp baking soda

Melt the margarine in a large saucepan and stir in the remainder of the ingredients.

Spread in greased tin measuring 9" x 6" pressing firmly with the blade of a knife otherwise the biscuits are apt to be crumbly when cut.

Bake slowly in a moderate oven, 375f or 190c for about 45 mins.

Cut into finger whilst still hot but leave to cool in tin before turning out.

# The Clean Energy Centre, Newtown

(behind Office Express)

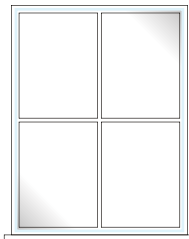
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DIY secondary glazing will reduce heat loss and prevent condensation

Rigid glass-clear acrylic sheet with magnetic fixings

Simple DIY installation

(Cost depends on window size. As a guide, a window 3' x 4' would cost about £30 to glaze. Please ask for exact quote for your window sizes).



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www.cleanenergycentre.org.uk

### Opening times

Tues, Wed, Fri 9.30 - 4  
Saturday 10 - 1

# Get Involved!

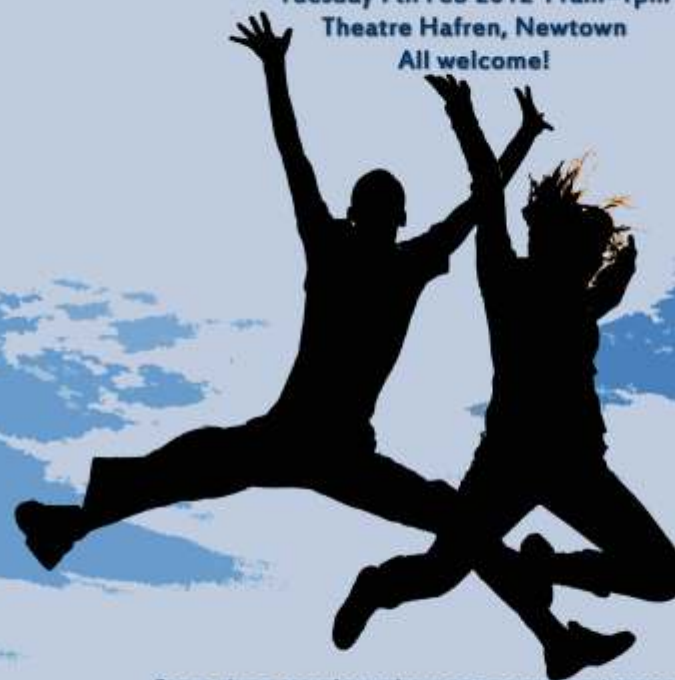
An Alternative Volunteering Event

Promoting Volunteering for 16-25yr olds

Tuesday 7th Feb 2012 11am-1pm

Theatre Hafren, Newtown

All welcome!



Come along see what volunteering opportunities are available with organisations you may not have thought of.

PLUS

Free stop-motion animation workshop.

Premiere of animated film promoting volunteering for 16-25yr olds made by Ponthafren Association with Coleg Powys Health & Social Care students.

Stalls from local and national volunteering organisations.

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For more information contact Nicky at Ponthafren 01686 621586 nicky.morris@virgin.net



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# Mid Wales Gathering

**Monday 20th February 2012**

**4.30—7pm**

**Dol-Llys Hall, Llanidloes**

Are you an individual or organisation that has an interest in community gardening or growing around the market town of Llanidloes?

If so, come along and find out more!

For further information or to book, please contact  
**Gary Mitchell: 01686 946235 or email:**  
**gary@farmgarden.org.uk**

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# VOLUNTEERING



## AT CWM HARRY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Volunteer day is on **Wednesday each week**. We have lots of interesting and exciting projects going on for you to get involved with and help make things grow. Anyone is welcome to come for a look or to join the team, just pop in any time between 10am and 4pm Wednesdays.

We can now offer **volunteer training**, with certified certificates from Coleg Harlech and Cwm Harry. If you are interested in learning more about gardening, woodwork, and other practical skills in an informal, relaxed environment, sign up for our **'Introduction to volunteering'** sessions are **Wednesday 10 am - 11.15am each week**, for the next 4 weeks.

This will be followed by further volunteer training starting in February and running until June. This second block of sessions will include 5 outings, to visit and volunteer at different gardens. The final visit in June will be to Prince Charles garden, Highgrove.

Please contact Emma Maxwell at Cwm Harry: 01686 626234

or just come on Wednesday.



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- ✓ Quality, fresher, better tasting produce, packed with more vitamins than intensively grown alternatives
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# ORGANIC GARDENING



## Course starts

Feb Tue 28th - Newtown, Cwm Harry  
(1.30—4.30)

Feb Thur 23rd - Llanidloes Town Hall  
(3pm—6pm)

£130

Concessions available  
Only £35

*Practical, fun and informative.*

*Learn about rotation, composting, soil nutrition, green manures, pests & disease, companion planting, and cropping out of season.*



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CAG(G) Coleg Harlech

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20 wks

For further information

Contact Cecilia on 01686 610270

Tutor: Emma Maxwell 07835089701

Or: [Powys@fc.harlech.acuk](mailto:Powys@fc.harlech.acuk) or: [www.harlech.ac.uk](http://www.harlech.ac.uk)



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Contact:  
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Emma Maxwell (Tutor) 07835 089701

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[wildwood@deepool.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:wildwood@deepool.fsnet.co.uk)



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Money as Debt 2 explains why our current Banking System is the **ROOT CAUSE** of Money System Instability. It also proposes what can be done to change it

Lasting 70 minutes it will be followed by a discussion for those who want to participate. Suitable for adults and mature teenagers

Llanidloes Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30pm start Thursday 9th February. Cost £2.50 / £1.25 to cover room hire and drinks.  
Contact: Andrew 412961



## Valentine Prize Bingo

Proceeds will be going to Montgomery Voice for Animals, a local group which raises money for Animal charities

The Monty Club, Broad Street, Newtown

Friday 10th February

The doors will open at 7 pm and eyes down will be at 8 pm.

Entrance is free.

The quality prizes will include items suitable for Valentine presents - bottles of bubbly, chocolates, bouquets and much, much more. There will be a raffle with prizes you will want to win.

Please come along and enjoy yourselves with the chance to win a touch of luxury to make your Valentine's evening memorable.

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### COURSES AND WORKSHOPS DURING 2012

<b>Framed Willow Baskets (14-15 April)</b>	2 days £120 Tutor: Kevin Blockley
<b>Dyeing and Weaving (19-20 May)</b>	2 days £130 Tutor: Jane Meredith
<b>Wilderness Skills (9-10 June)</b>	2 days £120 Tutor: Mike Jarman
<b>Stone Carving (30 June-3 July)</b>	4 days £200 Tutor: Kevin Blockley
<b>Bronze Sword Casting (4-5 August)</b>	2 days £130 Tutor: Neil Burrige
<b>Flint Knapping (4-5 August)</b>	2 days £130 Tutor: Will Lord
<b>Letter Carving in Stone (25-27 August)</b>	3 days £180 Tutor: John Neilson
<b>Willow Basket Making (8-9 September)</b>	2 days £120 Tutor: Kevin Blockley

#### Notes:

- All the above are fully-tutored courses
- Further details of events are given on our website ([www.oldchapelfarm.org](http://www.oldchapelfarm.org)) with a booking form and details of accommodation, food and camping facilities.
- Contact Fran Blockley ([franblockley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:franblockley@yahoo.co.uk)) for further information.

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