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EcoFun at the EcoFair

Sustainable Thornbury's second Ecofair will be a fun way to find out about eco-living and the positive choices we can all make towards enjoying a low carbon future on Saturday 19th May. The successful 2010 EcoFair attracted over 900 visitors to see more than 60 exhibitors in the historic community-owned Chantry in the heart of Thornbury. There'll be workshops and interactive events for both children and adults, indoors and outdoors, including a performance space for talks, music, demonstrations and stories which will go on throughout the day. These will be supported by trade stalls and information exhibitions. All the traders and exhibitors are local, including a bicycle rickshaw service which can take you from the town to the venue. There will be the opportunity to find out about energy saving, compost making, wood turning and planet-friendly DIY as well as enjoying some excellent locally produced food. Visitors will be able to learn how to keep bees in the garden, check out electric bikes, restyle their wardrobe and even how to keep their bikes in good order. Children can try their hand at a range of activities and there is a competition for all (details on www.sustainablethornbury.org). The event will start at 1030 and finish at 1600.

Notes for editor

*Sustainable Thornbury, a Transition Initiative, is striving to build a resilient and cohesive local community which will be better able to face the challenges which will result from global problems such as Climate change and Peak Oil. We aim to take a positive approach to problems through informing and educating the residents of our town and its surrounding villages about the alternatives which are open to us all.

EcoFair Logo & lettering

http://www.sustainablethornbury.org/Events/EcoFair/Images/SunLogoSmall.jpg http://www.sustainablethornbury.org/Events/EcoFair/Images/EcoFairLogo.jpg

You can see more about our first Fair on our website at http://www.sustainablethornbury.org//EcoFair/

High Res pictures can be found at:

http://www.sustainablethornbury.org/Events/EcoFair/EcoFair2010/EcoFair2010Pix.html

Example: pencil making

http://www.sustainablethornbury.org/Events/EcoFair/EcoFair2010/PicturesEcoFair2010/Al anJones/EcoFair2010%20012.jpg

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