



Sustainable Blewbury  Blewbury School



SATURDAY 10th MAY 2014

**BLEWBURY
GREEN MAY FAIR
PROGRAMME**



**BLEWBURY SCHOOL
11.00 am – 3.30 pm
FREE ENTRY**



CAG OXFORDSHIRE
COMMUNITY ACTION GROUPS

www.cagoxfordshire.org.uk



Why hold a Green May Fair at Blewbury School?

Sustainable Blewbury (SB) is concerned with climate and environmental change against the background of rising levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. We are seeking ways of avoiding our dependency on fossil fuels and reducing our carbon footprint.

In addition to promoting biodiversity, we have activities centering on saving energy and promoting renewables, reducing car and transport miles, encouraging local food sourcing and growing as well as reducing, reusing and recycling (RRR) our possessions.

Adapting to greener lifestyles has many benefits and can be good fun. This Green May Fair being organized jointly with Blewbury School is a celebration of the many SB activities and of discovering new ways for all of us young and old to discover and rediscover sustainable ways of living.

Blewbury Endowed C of E Primary School is really pleased to be able to work alongside Sustainable Blewbury to support the May Fair. The aims and values of the group are complementary to many of our school aims around educating our pupils to understand that all of their actions and reactions have an effect on others. This can be extended to acknowledging that we need to both look after our environment to sustain its ecological facets for the future as well as ensuring that we work to develop habits e.g. recycling, reusing which ensure that our personal carbon footprint is minimised.

At school we have an Eco Council and we are working towards gaining the Green Hub School Award. This hopefully will contribute towards gaining Eco-Schools Green Flag status. The school will contribute towards the village Eco Centre and Sustainable Blewbury are the community element of school initiatives. Hence the two organisations are mutually supportive.

We also hope to have solar panels installed during the summer holidays through our participation in the Low Carbon Schools' Solar Scheme.

Programme for Today

- 11.00 am Green May Fair opens.

Refreshments

- 11.00 am – 3.30 pm PTA Bar – Beer, soft drinks, ice creams
- 11.00 am – 3.30 pm Teas – tea, coffee, soft drinks, cake
- 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm Home-made soup and rolls
- 11.30 am – 2.30 pm Barbeque

Entertainment

All the timings that follow are approximate

- 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Didcot Junction folk group
- 12.45 pm – 1.15 pm Classes 4 – 6 Recycled Fashion show
- 1.15 pm – 1.45 pm Blewbury Learner Band
- 1.45 pm – 2.30 pm Blewbury School: Country Dancing & Choir
Prizes for school competitions awarded after choir sing

- 2.30 pm – 3.00 pm Blewbury Learner Band
*Gaps between performances will give you time to explore the Fair
and to try out a brass instrument, courtesy of the band*
- 3.00 pm Raffle draw
- 3.30 pm Fair closes

BLEWBURY BRASS BAND SPRING CONCERT

The concert will be held at Blewbury Village Hall on Saturday 17th May 2014 at 7.30pm and will feature both the main and learner brass bands. Our programme will include music to suit all tastes from traditional brass band pieces to the latest film and pop hits. Also, there will be solo items featuring our very best players. Tickets are available on the door priced only £5 (£1 children). For more information, please contact Martin Holliss treasurer@blewburybrassband.org.uk

Stall holders and events in alphabetical order

Bar and Barbecue – Parent Teacher Association

The Blewbury School PTA consists of teaching staff and parents. Not only do we provide fun and exciting social events, but also raise funds to help give the children those extras to help with their overall learning experience.

Beltaine – Story tellers

Sarah and Peter weave words around you in story, poetry and song. For children and adults at schools, parties, festivals, green occasions.

Beltaine.stories@gmail.com; 01865 422496, 07729864091

Blewbury Brass Band

We are a friendly village band with a tradition of musical involvement with the local communities that stretches back a century. The Senior and the Learner Bands rehearse on Wednesday evenings and can be heard playing at local fetes, parks and community events. Our Learner Band is a great opportunity for people who already play a brass instrument to play with other learners, whatever their age.

<http://www.blewburybrassband.org/>; treasurer@blewburybrassband.org.uk;
07931 376 501

Blewbury Wagon

The first appearance of the completely restored wagon. A piece of our farming heritage from Victorian times. coralr.blewbury@gmail.com or peter@cockrell.plus.com

Didcot Junction Folk Group

Formed at the beginning of this year, the band consists of Keith Holloway on melodeons, Felicity Cormack on violin, and Linda Benton on cello. The three experienced folk musicians play English, Scottish and Irish tunes: great to listen to, and for dancing, especially on a nice summer's day! Guest callers are used for barn dances. Why Didcot Junction? Because the band rehearses in the Didcot area.

Keith Holloway 01235 554722 or

Linda Benton 01235 817891 Linda.Benton@live.co.uk

FairTrade

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. Our stall today is selling certified Fairtrade products.

Look for the FAIRTRADE Mark when you shop!

www.fairtrade.org.uk/ , mail@fairtrade.org.uk, 020 7405 5942



Free Lunch

We are giving away potted up vegetable seedlings to the children with instructions on how to grow them, because we want to encourage healthy eating and an interest in gardening. Many thanks to BVGA (Allotments), Blewbury Garden Market and SB members for providing plants. (There are still a few remaining allotment plots, if interested please contact Tony Salter (afsalter@gmail.com)).

Groundwork Green Schools Bus

The bus visits all the junior schools in Oxfordshire as well as community events like this, offering fun practical waste and energy based activities for children and tips for parents. www.groundworkgreenschools.org.uk/ . 07889 755674

Local Ice-cream

Blewbury Pre-School Playgroup is a non-profit making organisation based at the old village school in Blewbury, opposite the church. Our lovely team of professional staff look after pre-school children in a happy and caring environment, and follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The pre-school is run by a voluntary committee and approved by Ofsted. 01235 851786.

Low Carbon Hub – Community Energy Projects

Twenty schools across Oxfordshire (including Blewbury) signed up for the Low Carbon Hub solar energy scheme for schools for 2014. The scheme provides cheaper, green electricity for the schools for 20 years, an income to support other community energy projects, as well as an ethical investment opportunity for the wider community.

<http://www.lowcarbonhub.org/> info@lowcarbonhub.org, 01865 246099

Lunch: Home made soup & freshly baked rolls

The delicious home made soup has been made by members of Sustainable Blewbury, and the Blewbury Bakers who supply the BGM are making the rolls in the school kitchen. Children with clean hands can try kneading and shaping bread dough.

Master Composters & Cultivate

Oxfordshire Master Composters: The mission of the Master Composters is to reduce the amount of biodegradable waste going to landfill by spreading the magic of composting to new devotees and helping existing composters do it better. Unfortunately the Master Composters have no mystical powers.

<http://www.oxfordshirewaste.gov.uk/cms/content/oxfordshire-master-composters>

Cultivate

Based at the Earth Trust in Little Wittenham, Cultivate is a cooperative social enterprise owned by the community, running a 10-acre market garden and a mobile greengrocery named 'The VegVan' which currently does its rounds in Oxford city. We offer regular volunteering opportunities at the farm - see our web site www.cultivateoxford.org for more details.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

– have *your say* on the future of our village Blewbury has an opportunity to create a Neighbourhood Plan. This will allow us to influence planning decisions and development in Blewbury, and is a new way for communities to have an influence on the future of the places where they live and work. Find out what *you* can do here. <http://blewburyneighbourhoodplan.org>

Raffle

The raffle is to help SB cover the cost of putting on this free event. Any money left over will be used to help fund our current projects. Prizes include a trip in a microlight plane, a guided tour round Blewbury Manor Garden followed by tea for a max of 6 people in the Manor Barn, a selection of bee friendly plants, lunch or tea for two at Style Acre, a selection of FairTrade sweets and preserves. Tickets from the SB Bee group stall, drawn at 3.00 pm.

Sustainable Blewbury Displays & Activities

Our main display features the recent International Panel on Climate Change Report which provides the backdrop for our focus on Climate Change and Low Carbon Living. www.sustainable-blewbury.org.uk Also featured:

SB: Blewbury Bee Group. Newly formed group promoting awareness of bees and other pollinators. We are working with Friends of the Earth and other groups, acting locally towards restoring and maintaining populations. (www.foe.co.uk). Gwen Hibbs (gwen50music@sky.com).

SB: Downland Project. The exhibition shows recent activities managing the Chalk Pit and Rubble Pit Lane aimed at improving habitats and biodiversity. Some of the plants used in creating the wildflower strip on Ticklers Folly field are on display. Peter Cockrell (peter@cockrell.plus.com).

SB: Ecocentre. We are working with the Village Hall Development Committee to establish the site as an Ecocentre. This activity also links with the parallel Green Flag scheme being worked at by Blewbury School. Mike Edmunds (wme@btopenworld.com).

SB: Blewbury Energy Initiative (BEI) We have carried out free Thermal Imaging programme every winter for 5 years and will do more next winter. Our web site (www.blewbury.co.uk/energy) is updated regularly with the latest information on climate change, methods of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and effective cost savings. Eric Eisenhandler (e.eisenhandler@qmul.ac.uk)

SB: Blewbury Garden Market (BGM). Our market starts off its 5th year at the Fair, acting as a focus for local food producers; next week it moves back to its regular spot at Blewbury garage (Saturdays 9.30-11.30). We welcome newcomers to the Market as producers and as customers. Angela Hoy (angela.hoy@sky.com).

SB: Hedgerows and hedge laying. A new project to bring back in hand the management of the hedges in and around Blewbury and enhance biodiversity - to promote traditional hedge management techniques. Alex Musson (alex.musson@btinternet.com).

SB: Permaculture project. A wide range of plant species, especially unusual fruit has now been planted on our Woodway Road site. All welcome to come and view. Eric Eisenhandler (e.eisenhandler@qmul.ac.uk).

SB: CAG. Our parent organisation. The CAG project provides support and funding for over 50 Community Action Group's events and projects across Oxfordshire, at the forefront of community led climate change action. Peter Lefort (Peter.Lefort@resourcefutures.co.uk)

School: Choir

The school choir is open to children from Year 1 to Year 6 and meets after school on Mondays. There are no auditions – everybody is welcome! We sing a wide variety of music and perform frequently throughout the year. www.worldbeatmusic.co.uk; richard@worldbeatmusic.co.uk

School: Country dancing

Join Ms Mills and the children of Blewbury School for a selection of traditional English country dances. All the dances will be called, so no prior knowledge required. Come along and have a go!

School: Face Painting

Miss Costello will be wielding sponges and paintbrushes to transform children (and adults!) into woodland creatures, forest fairies, wild animals and a host of other designs.

School: Recycled Fashion Show

Key Stage Two have been working hard to transform materials, which would otherwise be thrown away, into wearable works of art! The clothes are on display today and some will be modelled during the fashion show this afternoon.

School: Wood Craft Workshop

Join in the wood based fun with Ms Mills and Mrs Galbraith, creating wooden structures, making dream catchers and even baking cupcakes!

Sims Solar

Based locally in Wallingford, Sims Solar are an independent company specialising in the design, supply, installation and maintenance of solar photovoltaic (PV) and solar thermal systems within the Thames Valley.

<http://www.simssolar.co.uk/>; enquiries@simssolar.co.uk; 01491 836065

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

SCAS NHS FT Governors exist for a number of statutory purposes - we represent the public in holding the Board to account. One of our main duties is to interact with the community, gain their views, answer questions and recruit new members. Mike Shread is a Publicly Elected Governor of the Foundation Trust, and he is hoping to do just this. 01235 851410

Teas

FairTrade tea or freshly brewed coffee, and home made cakes are being served from the school kitchen throughout the event by members of Sustainable Blewbury.

Village Hall Refurbishment Project

A project team has been appointed to deliver a village hall fit for the 21st Century and of which the village can be proud. Come to their exhibition for the latest news and to ask them about the plans, the timescale of the project, funding etc.

www.blewbury.co.uk/hallrefurb/Welcome.html

Upcycling

Liz is a talented amateur stitcher who enjoys playing with fabrics and recycling them into new items.

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Sustainable Blewbury Mini-Festival Event: Manor Barn, 7.30 June 19th

Sustainable Blewbury is hosting an event on Community Energy Schemes (speaker Dr Chris Jardine). This event will feature Blewbury School's Solar Scheme and the "launch" of the Village Hall Ecocentre project.



Sustainable Blewbury

<http://www.sustainable-blewbury.org.uk>



Sustainable Blewbury is organised around five main themes:

- *Energy – to decrease use of fossil fuels and encourage renewable*
- *Travel and transport – to reduce dependence on cars and wasteful transport*
- *Food and farming – to promote local production and fair trade*
- *Natural environment and heritage - to enhance and protect biodiversity and habitats in and around the village*
- *Reduce, reuse and recycle – to reduce waste, increase reuse, and recycle as much as possible*

Current projects and their conveners

- Blewbury Energy Initiative (Ian Bacon)
- Thermal imaging (Hugh Osborn)
- Public transport, footpaths, cycle paths (Mike Marshall)
- Downland project (Peter Cockrell)
- Village trees survey (Anita Rendel)
- Dark skies and tranquility (Mike Marshall)
- Bulletin SwapShop (Lydia Inglis)
- Blewbury Garden Market (Angela Hoy)
- Permaculture (Eric Eisenhandler)
- Healthy Living (Abi Barclay-Watt)
- Woodlands and Hedgerows (John Ogden)
- Village EcoCentre Project (Mike Edmunds)
- Blewbury Bee Group (Gwen Hibbs)
- Transition Together (Jo Lakeland)

How you can help

We want to involve more people, so if you would like to become involved in any of the above (or suggest new activities) do ask at our display at this Green May Fair, or contact Mike Edmunds (01235 850337 or wme@btinternet.com)

Community Action Groups (CAG)

Sustainable Blewbury is one of a network of over **50 CAGs** across Oxfordshire at the forefront of community led climate change action, organising events and projects to take action on issues including waste, transport, food, energy and biodiversity. The network runs over **365** events per year, attended by over **60,000** local residents.