



Falmouth LETS Newsletter

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LETS Party

at

Mavericks Café

Old Brewery Yard, High St,
Falmouth

Monday 20th September,
7.30

Come and meet your fellow
members and trade your goods
and services.

Hope to see you there!

Boat Trip and Barbecue

Saturday 11th September

Two pickup points -
From Truro - exploring the
river to Turnaware Bar.
From Mylor - crossing the
river to Turnaware for a
lunchtime barbecue

More information
from Nigel (495)



LETS Communicate!

LETS is not just a trading system. Since the Falmouth group started in November '93 many of us have experienced a great revitalisation of our social lives as well, meeting lively creative new friends, and getting involved with other exciting new projects. This is probably in direct proportion to involvement in the group - the more you put in, the more you get back in return.

It is also far easier to trade with someone that you have met, so please get involved in the social events.

Helford River Trip

At the end of June about 20 of us enjoyed some fine weather for a trip on the Helford River. Adults and children alike enjoyed a trip in an open boat, barbecues on the beach, and convivial company.

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us in September for our trip on the Fal.

If you have any ideas or would like to organise a social event that can be shared with other members, please let us know. Admin group contact details are on page 4 of the directory.

Eco Warriors Wanted

I am willing to give vast quantities of Palms to anyone who can help stop the development of over 120 houses on the green fields overlooking Swanpool Lake Reserve.(SSI) I expect the Town Council to reject the scheme, but the developer seems determined to proceed. As warden of the Nature Reserve I am deeply concerned about the effects of the development on wildlife and the environment..

All offers of help in any way would be welcome.

Allan Lester, Swanpool



Falmouth & District Allotment Holders Association

Fancy working your own allotment?

Growing your own food?

Saving money by growing your own
quality/organic fruit and veggies?

Make good use of your time and get plenty of fresh air and
exercise?

Advice available if you need it.

No experience necessary,
just a little hard work and patience.

Contact Henry Purbrick on 01326 377116

Falmouth Green Centre

is the venue for two exciting WEA courses this Autumn

An Introduction to Permaculture

On the weekend of 25 & 26 September

This course will show how Permaculture can help us grow food, build houses, and create sustainable communities whilst minimising environmental impact!

Cost £25 full fee and £5 Benefit rate

Dowsing

On Sundays 3 and 24 October

People dowse for water, energy lines, hidden objects, even allergies - discover your own natural ability to dowse

Cost £19 full fee and £5 Benefit rate

For more information on either course and to enrol please ring Andrea Stevens on 01326 250592

A partnership between Community Energy Plus and the Falmouth Green Centre, the Solar Club aims to encourage and assist householders to generate some of their energy requirements from renewable sources.



This will help to reduce pollution and other environmental damage which results from the use of fossil fuels such as coal, gas and oil all of which are used to generate electricity.

The partnership has secured financial assistance from the Department of the Environment and has negotiated bulk purchase discounts from suppliers in order to reduce costs to members of the club.

The Solar Club provides training and technical support to enable members to install systems on a DIY basis. Upon completion the installation is given a commissioning check to ensure safety and effectiveness.

More information about Solar Club can be obtained from Community Energy Plus on 0800 512012, 01326 316496 or Falmouth Green Centre

Members Updates

Member 578

Offered

Office services
Accountancy
Consultancy

Wanted

Gardening
D.I.Y decorating

Member 579

Offered

Jigsaw exchange
Plant exchange
Teaching human anatomy and physiology
Hair transplants
Local sailing
New Orleans trombone

Wanted

Window cleaning
Pamphlet delivery
Duplicating/typing
Roof lining/skylight fitting
Diving buddy
Helm/crew for sailing keelboat
Brass polishing
Advice on creaking floorboards

Member 580

Offered

Transport

Wanted

1 off - general help with gardening

Member 581

Offered

Word-processing - CVs etc
Help with decorating
Cooking
Stall holder
Dog walker
Drawing painting skills - community painting, exp. as education assistant for Landlife.
Swimming instructor - supervisor
Child minder
Cat sitter
Party organiser
Children's activities
Reading for those with failing eyesight

Wanted

Help with, & preparation for decorating
Gardening, & rubbish clearing
Carpet fitting
D.I.Y
Transport, (poss. trips etc.)
Cat sitting (Holidays)
Clothes shopping & gifts advisor
Drawing class
Child minding
Meditation group
Singing

LETS Workshop for Beacon Regeneration Forum

During June, Lorely and Kate were invited to introduce Falmouth LETS to the Beacon Regeneration Forum with the intention of setting up a workshop for interested members in the Beacon / Penwerris area. The Falmouth Tavern was the venue on the 13th July, and the workshop attended by 11, one of them being our latest member eager for more information (on realising the full potential of the system she vastly increased her initial list of offers and wants).

The Penwerris Ward is an ideal area for a full LETS group of its own and the Residents Associations and local school have already shown an interest. On a practical level, until there are enough active members to run their own local system, our admin group are happy to administer their transactions through Falmouth LETS. It has been a long slog but at least the enormous value of local economic initiatives is being appreciated by regeneration groups in Cornwall.

Falmouth Community Development Trust

or
how to make Falmouth the place we always dreamed of

Development Trusts are the latest, sensible, regeneration tool. Drawing together interested people, businesses, voluntary groups and local authorities, a solid base is created to access funds and resources to create changes based on local wishes rather than perceptions of external agencies. The working group is meeting regularly to introduce the potential of Development Trusts; to find active motivated members and put together the wish list for Falmouth. There are some concrete ideas already; all we need is energy and commitment to make it happen. If you see yourself as a community entrepreneur then get in touch asap.. the tide has turned and if you want to ride the Falmouth wave, the board is waiting.

LETS make it happen and have fun doing it.

Contacts: Lorely 307, Kate 303

All members Palms Account balances have recently been brought right up to date and are available from Henry (517)

Next SW Regional LETS Meeting on Sunday September 5th in Bovey Tracey - contact Rob (328)

The next newsletter will be published when we have enough material, so please send items for publication in the next newsletter to Nigel (495)