

# HAZELHURST CSA



June/July Newsletter 2014

I was hoping to start this newsletter with a comment about summer and sunnier days being here at last but we've just had the wettest May on record and it's still looking rather damp. Let's hope things improve soon to make things easier on the land. The sun is a great way to encourage more volunteers to come out to lend a hand as the Moss Valley is particularly wonderful in the summer. Huw and the other Sheffield Organic Growers (SOGs) would welcome help preparing and maintaining the site, planting seeds and harvesting crops. The regular volunteer days are currently Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am. So come along! Wear suitable clothes and footwear and bring drinks and lunch. We can provide some hot drinks and will try and support you getting to the land. For more information or if you need a lift please ring Naomi on 07857 869 740 or email [Naomi@hazelhurst.coop](mailto:Naomi@hazelhurst.coop)

We continue to work closely with Huw and the other growers working at Big Pond Field. This year so far, Huw has supplied us with rhubarb, salad bags, kale and garlic. We should have radishes in the next couple of weeks and hope that in the coming months the majority of the veg in the bags will come from SOGs.

Whatever SOGs can't supply we get from Organic Pantry at St Helen's Farm in Tadcaster. This is a family run organic farming enterprise. We always source the veg from as closely as possible and aim to only include UK seasonal produce.

We continue to deliver Cook and Eat sessions at Gleadless Valley Food Bank. There is a core group of local women who regularly attend. It can be chaotic and messy and there is lots of experimentation but it's fun and we all learn lots and feed many. We've done pizzas, pasta bakes, frittata, quiche, lentil cottage pie and lasagnes; all using seasonal organic vegetables supplied by Hazelhurst. This week we're going to cook tomato sauce with Huw's garlic and some Yorkshire tomatoes. There is usually enough food to have for lunch, share with food bank users and take home for children to have for tea.

Newfield School contacted us to request Hazelhurst's support in enabling a group of Y8 students to visit Big Pond Field this month as part of the Lord Mayor Award scheme. The young people are required to take part in volunteering and acquire some new skills. Huw from SOGs and Heather from Hazelhurst ran the first session this week. Activities included renewing the mulch mats around the fruit trees and some hedgerow foraging.

We are able to invite some new veg bag customers. If you, or anyone you know is interested in having a weekly veg bag, email [vegbox@hazelhurst.coop](mailto:vegbox@hazelhurst.coop).

Each bag will contain potatoes, onions, carrots plus other seasonal vegetables and fruit including broad beans, celeriac, purple sprouting broccoli, kale, cauliflowers, salad leaves, tomatoes, courgettes, french beans, beetroot, apples, gooseberries, redcurrants and rhubarb.

Vegbag sizes and prices:

Large £14 (~ 10 types of vegetables)

Standard £12 (~ 8 types of vegetables)

Small £8.50 (~ 6 types of vegetables)

### **SOGs Events at Big Pond Field – Summer 2014**

**Saturday 12th July** Sheffield Organic Growers Farm Fair. A fun day out for anyone interested in art, gardening and farming. Art displayed around the site, pick your own soft fruit, children's activities, cream teas, performances. 11am - 5pm.

**Saturday 26th July** Pick-Your-Own soft fruit 11am - 4pm. Gooseberries, blackcurrants and redcurrants.

**Saturday 2nd August** Pick-Your-Own soft fruit 11am - 4pm. Blackcurrants, redcurrants and whitecurrants

### **Our Global Links**

Hazelhurst CSA has links with food growing projects in other parts of the world. These include Savisthri in Sri Lanka, BHASO in Zimbabwe and R-Urban in Paris. We share news and information on the effects of climate change, farming and food growing methods and the projects we are involved in. We would like to use our global food growing network to share our knowledge, skills and ideas with each other.

We thought a good topic to get us started would be **seed-saving**. This is the practice of saving seeds and other reproductive materials from vegetables, grains, herbs and flowers to use from year to year. In the UK seed saving is used to create new varieties of plant that are well adapted to the local conditions, save money and preserve traditional varieties, as well as the opportunity to learn new skills and connect with the food we eat.

We have asked the projects about seed-saving in their part of the world and asked them to write a short piece about their experiences of seed-saving and send it us. We will share their responses in our next newsletter.

### **Other News**

#### **Reversing Climate Change Achievable by Farming Organically**

The Rodale Institute are the independent non-profit agricultural research institute widely recognised as the birthplace of the organic movement in the United States. They have announced the launch of a global campaign to generate public awareness of soil's ability to reverse climate change, but only when the health of the soil is maintained through organic regenerative agriculture. The campaign will call for the restructuring of our global food system with the goal of reversing climate change through photosynthesis and biology. You can find out more here

<http://rodaleinstitute.org/reversing-climate-change-achievable-by-farming-organically/>

A central graphic of a green globe with wind turbines and a rainbow. The globe is the background for the main text.

# TRANSITION NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

**How local action  
can change our world**

**12th - 13th July  
2014**

**All day conference  
optional field trips on Sunday  
electrifying workshops  
inspiring talk by Rob Hopkins  
evening social, local beer,  
music and much, much more...**



Location: University of Cumbria, Lancaster  
£20, £10 concessions

Low cost accommodation available

Book here: <http://bit.ly/R2uCAo>

More information here: <http://bit.ly/1i5Oitp>

# "DO CORPORATIONS RULE THE WORLD? – what happened to democracy?"

A feast of the practical alternatives being developed, by people and by governments around the world, to put people before profit

with seasoned top campaigner

## NICK DEARDEN

*new director of World Development Movement*

### Thursday, 19th June

Quaker Meeting House  
St. James Street, Sheffield, S1 2EW

Prompt 7.15pm. start. Tea/coffee from 6.45pm.  
All welcome. No charge (donations to costs requested).

#### World Development Movement in Sheffield

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# ARE WE GOING TO BE FRACKED?

FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE

MAIN SPEAKER

**DAVID BURLEY**

FROM FRACK FREE SOUTH YORKSHIRE

"Unconventional gas poses a threat to our environment, drinking water, land and our health, at a time when we need to reduce our use of fossil fuels.

Benefits will be minor but the costs will be major. 77% of the British public wants to reduce our use of fossil fuels, but our government is ignoring us. What does it all mean and what can be done?"

ALSO

**CHRIS BROOME**

FROM THE SHEFFIELD CAMPAIGN AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF FRACKING ON CLIMATE CHANGE

"Fracking will be a disaster for our local environment and an even bigger disaster for our climate. Politicians assure us it help meet climate or "emissions" targets but the International Energy Agency warn it will push global warming way beyond safe limits"

FRACK FREE (S. YORKS) /  
SHEFFIELD CLIMATE ALLIANCE

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**TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2014**

**6.30 FOR 7 PM START**

**QUAKER MEETING HOUSE  
10 ST JAMES STREET, S1 2EW**