

Marsden and Slaithwaite Transition Towns (MASTT)

Events 2009—Summer 2010

MASTT is a community-led group that organises events and projects within Marsden and Slaithwaite. We are attempting to act as a community to build resilience through various activities and projects that develop skills and increases awareness of environmental issues.

	<p>Calendar: Seedy Sunday; and other gardening related delights;</p>
21 st and 22 nd Nov	<p>An introduction to Permaculture - Parochial Hall, Marsden A fantastic chance to learn how to design your own garden, back yard or allotment the permaculture way. A two day course to explore how we can design and create spaces that maximise the food we get from them while creating beautiful, healthy and productive places to work, rest and play. Tutored by Andy Goldring, and Suzi High from the Permaculture Association Contact Suzi for more information or to book a place: suzi_cherrytree@yahoo.com 0777 6253743</p>
29 th Nov	<p>Technology walk – Meet at paddock Farm, 10.30 am Starting at Paddock Farm and finishing at the Rose and Cown. Strollers will be introduced to the basics of solar water heating, biomass boilers, wind turbines, ground source heat pumps and a bit of chicken rearing thrown in for good measure.</p>
25 Jan 2010	<p>Farm for a future showing – 7.00 (venue tbc) Wildlife film maker Rebecca Hosking investigates how to transform her family's farm in Devon into a low energy farm for the future, and discovers that nature holds the key. Realising that all food production in the UK is completely dependent on abundant cheap fossil fuel, particularly oil, she sets out to discover just how secure this oil supply is. Alarmed by the answers, she explores ways of farming without using fossil fuel. With the help of pioneering farmers and growers, Rebecca learns that it is actually nature that holds the key to farming in a low-energy future. Showing followed by MASTT's regular Collective Genius</p>
28 Feb	<p>Seedy Sunday – Parochial Hall, Marsden, 11.00 -1.00 MASTT's annual swap of all things seedy. Bring seeds or seedlings to swap with others and multiply what you'll be growing in 2010. Local growers will be on hand to give advice and encouragement over a cup of tea – what a perfect start to your Sunday!</p>
28 March	<p>Seedy Sunday - Paddock Farm, 10-12 After the Seed swap it's time to get your hands dirty! These three green gatherings will follow the spring to summer growing season showing you how to plant seeds, look after young plants and make sure the vegetables survive to provide a great harvest. Established gardeners are also very welcome to drop by to swap seeds, plants and join in the garden chat over coffee and home made cakes. This first session will look at planting and bringing on seeds, getting potatoes started, designing beds, rotations and planting systems - from window box to large garden scales.</p>
9 May	<p>Seedy Sunday - Paddock Farm, 10-12 The second session will focus on planting beans, leaks, tomatoes, peas and salad crops and getting the best out of a greenhouse. Potatoes will be earthed up and compared to tub, tyre and under cardboard plantings. Organic slug control is also likely to be on the agenda.</p>
13 June	<p>Seedy Sunday - Paddock Farm, 10-12 Finally, in June, we'll check on our now well growing crops and discuss their maintenance. We show how to construct structures for climbers (using local cut hazel and willow). Mulching and watering systems will be demonstrated and we'll look forward to the sowing of seed for winter cropping.</p>