



Winter's here,
the sap is rising,
the buds are
growing, and Spring is
around the corner.

Transition Towns Weymouth and Portland supports and has supported practical and educational projects including:- allotments and other fruit and vegetable growing- energy conservation- cycling and sustainable transport- educational events about climate change and other environmental topics, - special work with schools and young people; and- many other relevant things.

New and Old News Features:

The tradition of **wassailing** falls into two distinct categories: The house-visiting [wassail](#) and the orchard-visiting wassail. The house-visiting wassail is the practice of people going door-to-door, singing and offering a drink from the [wassail bowl](#) in exchange for gifts. This practice still exists, but has largely been displaced by [caroling](#).^[2] The orchard-visiting wassail refers to the ancient custom of visiting [orchards](#) in [cider](#)-producing regions of [England](#),

reciting [incantations](#) and singing to the trees to promote a good harvest for the coming year.^[3]

other non-project activity.

Please help us by making a regular monthly donation.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017

Forthcoming events :

Permaculture Course - Pruning and Spring activities

Saturday 11th February 2017, at Foyle Bank, £15, Contact Agatha Rodgers on 01305 823717 or agathamanoche@hotmail.com. to check space availability

Film night - Rejoice Rejoice we have no choice', Saturday

18th February 7 to 7.15pm (t.b.c.), 4th Transition 1.0 – Review by Stephen Cook of Transition Denver. All film nights are at St Nicholas Church Hall, Buxton Rd, DT4 9PJ,

Discussion afterwards. This is a FREE event though **Donations** are invited & greatly welcomed. *Refreshments will be available in the interval.*

Contact Jon Orrell on jonorrell@btinternet.com or 01305 772152.

Thursday 16 February 2017, monthly steering meeting, at 7.30.p.m. at 1A Park Estate Road, Easton, Portland, DT5 2BE, hostess Agatha Rodgers, 01305 823717, agathamanouche@hotmail.com. Monthly meetings are normally held in members' houses on the 3rd Thursday. All members welcome but if you have not attended before it is a courtesy to inform the host or hostess. **This is not public is it?**

27th March 2017 Heart and Soul: The Idea behind Transition Towns is that we have to change our way of life if there is to be a sustainable future. We cannot rely on government to do the right thing, and individuals acting alone could not cope. We have to join together to seek our salvation, but it's all a bit scary. The Heart and Soul Group exists to enable people to share their thoughts and feelings. If you would like to join this group, contact Agatha Rodgers on 01305 823717 or agathamanouche@hotmail.com.

Most of our projects are supported by grants that are dedicated to those particular activities. We need modest unrestricted funds to

support our membership administration, publicity, researching new projects and

Finally a message from our treasurer Brian, '*we do need funds*'!

“Now we are a Charity we are able to reclaim Gift Aid from donations made by taxpayers, which adds 25p to each £1.00 donated. We've set up a simple online automatic way to do this using a debit or credit card through a website called BT MyDonate. You can find our donation page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/donation/start.html?charity=147967>

Regarding Donations We hope many of our members will be willing to make modest but recurring donations in this convenient way. We charge no membership subscriptions, but we do have general expenses like basic administration, with publicising our existence through leaflets etc and with researching new projects. While we have attracted generous project funding, the money received invariably has to be spent just on the projects, following the funding stipulations which do not include incurring general expenses. If those

members who can afford it would consider making a modest monthly donation in lieu of a membership subscription, then we would have an assured source of funds for these general expenses. You can of course make a single, non-recurring donation.”

These reminders and our newsletters are sent to all contacts. Members in addition receive agenda and Membership is free and carries no financial liability if we wind up. For all membership questions and for copies of newsletters contact David Smith on 01305 815965 or david.smith@aic.co.uk.

Officers: Chair: Jon Orrell, jonorrell@btinternet.com or 01305 772152; Secretary: vacant; Treasurer: Brian Heatley, [HYPERLINK "mailto:brianheatley@me.com"](mailto:brianheatley@me.com) brianheatley@me.com, 01305 816514. Membership:

Moonlit Apples John Drinkwater

At the top of the house the apples are laid in rows,
And the skylight lets the moonlight in, and those
Apples are deep – sea apples of green. There goes
A cloud on the moon in the Autumn night.

A mouse in the wainscot scratches, and scratches, and then
There is no sound at the top of the house of men
Or mice; and the cloud is brown and the moon again
Dapples the apples with deep – sea light.

They are lying in rows there, under the gloomy beams
On the sagging floor; they gather the silver streams
Out of the moon, those moonlit apples of dreams,
And quiet is the steep stair under.

In the corridors under there is nothing but sleep
And stiller then ever on orchard boughs they keep
Tryst with the moon, and deep is the silence, deep
On moon – washed apples of wonder.