



## Thank you message

Brixham Town Council thanks everyone that took the time to venture out in the rain on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November for the first town Christmas market and then the lights switch on. The morning was lovely and sunny and the market was really busy, the white lights of the stall made the atmosphere really festive. It was a big success and was over subscribed by potential stall holders so that we had to turn some away.

Despite the rain, a significant number of people attending the switch on event. Heart FM led the proceedings on the stage and Brixham College Big Band set the mood and the standard with the first performance of the evening. The schools entertained the crowds with their excellent singing. The students, children, teachers, parents and guardians are justified in being very proud of their performance.

Thanks also go to the Torbay Steam Fair Committee who brought an extra air of excitement to the event as Father Christmas arrived on an illuminated Miniature Steam Engine they provided. The Rotary Club aided Father Christmas meet the queue of children that formed after the lights went on. They even overcame a breakdown to reach Brixham in time.

The whole day was a huge success. The town lights were switched on after a count down and the 'Fairmile' also switched on her lights which were wonderful. The extra lights around town added to and enhanced the whole display. The lights on South Quay Wall looked fantastic and congratulations go to Evie Marshall, Laura Prior and Harriet Eaton for their winning displays at Southern Quay. The winner of the Brixham Christmas Quiz was Cathy Craig who did brilliantly getting 39.5 out of 45. Well done Cathy, the answers to the quiz are on page 6.

Finally a big thank you goes to all the groups that helped with the Winter Sparkle Fayre and put on events. The week went very well; all the events were well supported and helped get the town into the Christmas spirit.

*We look forward to the 2010 Christmas lights.*

## New Civic Award

Know of an unsung hero? Nominate them for the new Civic Award introduced by Brixham Town Council. The first Civic Award, to be presented this May at the Annual Parish Meeting, is for any person who has furthered the welfare and / or improved the quality of life of Brixham people. The individual nominated for this award need not live in Brixham as long as the activity has benefited the residents of Brixham.

If you or your organisation knows of an individual whom you would wish to nominate, you must be able to demonstrate what contribution the person has made to the people of Brixham.

Nominations must be received by the 31st March 2010 and forms are available from the Town Council office in Brixham Town Hall. (contact details on the back page). The forms must be completed by both a Proposer and a Seconder and be returned to Ki Barnes, Town Clerk by Friday 26th March 2010. The nominations will then be considered by a panel before the winner is announced.

**Stop press: Fishstock is back!** Fishstock 2010 will be on the New Fish Quay, September 11th



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## FISH are creating a 'Storm' in Brixham

A launch event for the proposed Brixham fishermen's statue 'The Storm' was held at the Berry Head Hotel, Brixham on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.00pm. The evening was opened by Mr Vic Ellery and Chairman of Torbay Council Martyn Hodge.

Elizabeth Hadley talked through the complicated process involved in creating a bronze sculpture. On display was a wax model of the statue which is based upon an etching by the celebrated Brixham artist Arthur Briscoe. All attending were impressed with the tableau vivant which was a life size replication of the proposed statue. Two students from Brixham College stood in the pose of two fishermen struggling with the wheel of a fishing vessel in a storm.

Miriam Pynn told the enthralled audience 'as an ex trawler owner, fisherman's wife and fisherman's mother I believe this statue is essential for Brixham to show its pride in its heritage'. Miriam thanked the Brixham community for supporting the evening and said 'this evening was to prepare Brixham for its next big project, 'The Storm'. After all why hasn't Brixham already got such a statue like other fishing ports? Brixham needs this icon as it is the mother of deep sea fishing and once in place it will be on every postcard and in every photograph of Brixham.'

Mr Eddie Bence of the Berry Head Hotel ran an

auction with two nights at The Hannafore Point Hotel, Looe for sale and immediately raised one hundred and seventy pounds. The evening's raffle raised a further two hundred pounds and donations made on the night realised a further two hundred pounds.

Photographs have been taken by Julia Finzel for the FISH calendar due to be released for sale in 2010 when Brixham will see its fishermen as never before! The evening was rounded off by the singing voice of Margaret Duffy. The students then got into pose once more as the living version of the statue and received a huge round of applause.



Photograph: Julia Finzel

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## Brixham 21 Update

**We've Moved** out of the office in the harbour building, to make way for its demolition, and replacement as the fish market redevelopment continues. New office accommodation has been provided for us in a Portakabin on New Quay, adjacent to the entrance to the inner harbour area. Our office is usually open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm, when it is staffed by a team of volunteers, who are happy to respond to questions concerning the progress of the regeneration programme. Office manager Dave Hodgetts is always willing to open at other times by arrangement. Dave can be contacted on 07887 642822. The office fulfils many functions, not least of which is that it is used for meetings of the board and all B21 sub-committees. Its main purpose, however, is to maintain a point of contact between the town and its regeneration partnership. Where information is not readily to hand, questions or comments will be put to colleagues within B21, the TDA or Torbay Council.

**Minutes** of all B21 meetings are held in the office and these are freely accessible during opening hours. Other documents and leaflets relating to the regeneration of Brixham are also held at the office.

**Phase Two** of the fishmarket building is progressing well. Work remains on schedule for completion in August next year, and the procedure for selecting a tenant for the integral restaurant is underway.

**Tesco** remain strongly committed to the town centre redevelopment scheme, but this has been delayed by the need to ensure compliance with European Union regulations relating to the sale of public land. The target start date of autumn 2010 remains unchanged, however, and everything possible is being done to resolve the outstanding problems.

**Improving the traffic flow** through the crucial Bolton Cross junction to minimise traffic disruption during and after the next phases of regeneration is under consideration. Reconciling the demands for car parking, bus and coach facilities, commercial traffic, taxis and pedestrians in Brixham whose road layout evolved during the age of horse drawn vehicles, is not a straightforward task. Some compromise will be necessary, and no doubt some proposals will be controversial. As Brixham residents know well, however, regeneration and controversy do have a tendency to go together.

## Town Council Quality Status

Brixham Town Council is delighted to announce that it has been accredited with the prestigious Quality Status award by the National Association of Local Councils, which shows that the residents of Brixham get a democratic and high standard of service from its councillors and officers.

Chairman Chris Bedford said: "This recognition is more difficult to achieve for larger parishes such as Brixham, as they have to comply with a wider range of checks and balances than those applying to smaller councils. The achievement is the result of an enormous amount of hard work by our Town Clerk and her staff and I thank and congratulate them for this."

There are around 8,000 Parish or Town councils in England. Only about 500 of them hold quality status. Quality Status is a kite mark for local councils. It is an indication of a well run council. It shows that a Town or Parish council has a qualified clerk, keeps accurate accounts, is involved in the community and communicates effectively with the public.

Town Clerk, Ki Barnes, said: "The Quality Status is not a simple award to achieve. The current tests surpass the statutory duties of Parish and Town councils and signify the criteria that an effective, properly managed local council should achieve. The portfolio of evidence took a year to compile as we had to meet all the criteria over a period of eighteen months". Brixham Town Council is delighted to have achieved Quality Status within three years of its creation.

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## The Riviera Singers

are a traditional ladies choir with a membership of around 30 ladies under the direction of Musical Director, Jean Giles, accompanied by Audrey Taylor. Our choir has its roots in Brixham and has been in existence for over 30 years. Originally known as the Brixham Ladies Choir, we adopted the more modern title of The Riviera Singers in the early 1990s in recognition of the fact that our membership extends around Torbay and beyond.

The Riviera Singers meet every Wednesday in Fore Street Methodist Church at 7.30pm and any ladies who would like to join would be most welcome. For any details about joining contact our secretary Lyn Goodwill on 857331.

If any one would like us to give a concert for their charity we would be happy to do so, contact Chris Davies on 883886.

## Town Council Planning Committee

The Committee has been considering the Landscope Holiday Village planning application. The revised application is for an increase of 101 chalets which would result in approximately doubling the chalets on site. As the applicant has to submit more environmental data, planners asked that some indication be given on how the application would be received assuming the environmental criteria were met.

On this basis, the Planning Committee considered the principle of the intensification of the holiday use of the land at Landscope and resolved that this was not supported since such intensification would be contrary to TU9 5.82 and 5.83 of the Adopted Torbay Local Plan 1995-2011. The Planning Committee expressed concern that it was asked to consider this application in such a convoluted manner, before all the relevant information was available. The application was then considered in a similar manner by Torbay's Development Management Committee and a motion to refuse the application, proposed and seconded by Councillors Morey and Manning, was narrowly lost. A motion for deferment of the application was then carried.

It is important that proposed developments in the Berry Head area are given full consideration to ensure they will not compromise its outstanding natural features. Two pressures are evident, residential housing and tourism. Two holiday camps in this area have been identified as prime targets for housing as intimated in Torbay's draft core strategy. Increased housing is seen as one way to address the housing waiting list in Torbay, currently around 6,000, as well as meeting government housing targets. In large developments, 30% of homes must be built as affordable properties, but this does not guarantee that they are for Brixham or Torbay residents. Further development of tourism has seen a planning application (now withdrawn) for eco-chalets on the ex MOD land and for the intensification of the use of holiday land at Landscope Holiday Village. Extra tourism brings an increased footfall in the town centre providing additional income to the traders.

Beside the potential effect of residential housing and tourism development on the AONB and the listed sites (SSSI, NNR etc) of the Berry Head area, other factors also need to be considered. Would the current access routes, the Rea Barn, Burton St, Greenover Rd, Monksbridge axis and the main road from Monksbridge to Windy Corner be adequate to cope with the additional traffic from any future developments? Should residential development, if allowed, be restricted to brownfield sites or should it also be allowed to extend to greenfield sites?

*Councillor Brian Harland*

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Community Partnership  
Town & Community

Calendar of meetings for 2010 to be held at 7.00pm in Brixham Rugby Club  
22nd February, 19th April (AGM), 12th July, 4th October & 6th December.

At the October 2009 meeting of the partnership the Chairman, Dave Hodgetts, introduced Vicky Booty who works for the Environmental Health Department at Torbay Council responsible for Dog Fouling control. Vicky Booty reported that a campaign was launched earlier this year, the concept of which is to encourage people to telephone the Council with intelligence relating to persistent offenders. She said that there are only two dog wardens in the whole Bay and to be effective they need specific information that they can follow up.

Ms. Booty said the campaign had reduced fouling in certain parts of Torbay, particularly in Paignton and that reports still coming in will give more information.

The Department is also carrying out targeted work; with "Dog Watch" signs, and post cards being delivered to households with posters that can be put up in windows. It was reported that since April the Dog Wardens have issued 27 Fixed Penalty Notices in the Bay and carried out three successful prosecutions, with one case pending.

The partnership was informed that provided the bags are properly sealed, normal rubbish bins can be used for dog mess.

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### News from BOADS

Brixham Operatic Society thanks everyone for their marvellous response to the musical "Oliver!" at Brixham Theatre in October. The show broke all previous box office records with over 90% capacity audience for all five performances.

The panto 'Mother Goose' plays at the theatre during half-term week, Wed to Sat, February 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm with a 2.30pm matinee on Saturday. All seats can now be booked on 857654: adults £9, seniors £8, and under 16s £6. Concessions for block bookings & a special family ticket at £27 for 2 adults and 2 children. The theatre box office is open from Monday February 1<sup>st</sup>: Mondays to Fridays from 10am to 1pm (Telephone 07974 486186)

In these difficult times many of us might echo the sentiments of Tevye who sings "If I Were A Rich Man," in the musical, "Fiddler On The Roof." "Fiddler on the Roof" is BOADS' choice for their annual musical at Brixham Theatre from October 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. The Society thanks everyone for their support that enables "live" theatre to continue in Brixham.  
PETER BOND.

### Community Partnership Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that more consultation exercises are being undertaken with the community and he had attended several meetings as follows:

(i) Torbay Strategic Partnership with other Community and interested groups to discuss how the Council and the Health Authority work.

(ii) A meeting with Torbay Council about understanding our communities. (iii) A Town Council meeting on Torbay Council Budget. The results of that are awaited.

(iv) A meeting with the Town Council where Steve Turner of Torbay Council Strategic Planning talked about the Local Development Framework.

The Chairman reported on Seafest at Brixham which went well despite the lack of publicity.

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## Christmas Quiz answers

- 1. In 'The 12 days Of Christmas', what do French Hens represent?** A: Faith Hope & Charity
- 2. What links Brixham to Hamilton, Canada?** A: The anchor of Brixham fishing vessel 'Wave'.
- 3. What is the name of Aladdin's mother?** A: Widow twanky
- 4. Where is this in Brixham? (photo)** A: British Legion Brixham Branch Headquarters, St Mary's
- 5. What does the word Bethlehem mean?** A: House of meat (Arabic) or House of bread (Hebraic)
- 6. What date was 3 Prings Court built?** A: 1783
- 7. Which pantomime character marries Alice Fitzwarren?** A: Dick Whittington
- 8. Where in Brixham? (photo)** A: St Mary's Church yard gate, looking towards the square.
- 9. What is the motto on the old civic crest of Brixham?** A: Je Meintiendray.
- 10. Who is the sweetheart of Harlequin in English pantomime?** A: Columbine
- 11. What do a B'm Dentists, Town Hall, hotel, coastguard cottage, block of apartments & houses called Cleveland & Lauriston have in common?** A: They all have a commemorative Blue Plaque.
- 12. When did 'etch a sketch' appear?** A: 1960
- 13. Who wrote poem?** A: Menella Bute Smedley, (1819-1877) The Wives of Brixham
- 14. R L May invented which Xmas character in 1939?** A: Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
- 15. Who designed and built Parkham Wood House?** A: Architect Mervyn Seal & Built by Michael Kent
- 16. What role did Barbara Windsor play in B'm in 1980?** A: Saucy Nancy in Worzel Gummage.
- 17. Who ate the Gingerbread House?** Hansel & Gretel
- 18. Name Chairman of Torbay Council?** A: Councillor Martyn Hodge
- 19. When was B'm Orpheous choir formed?** A: 1954
- 20. What is the other name for the Holly?** A: Ilex
- 23. How many other Brixham's are there in the world?** A: One Brixham Maine USA
- 24. Who is Capt'n Blood & guts?** A: Nigel James
- 25. Where is this in Brixham? (photo)** A: Rear of Conservative Club by PO sorting office.
- 26. What connects William Hodges, the official artist on Cook's second voyage (1772-1775) to B'm?** Lived in Brixham from 1795, died in Brixham 6<sup>th</sup> March and was buried in St Mary's March 13<sup>th</sup> 1797.

- 27. When was B'm Environmental Laboratory (Astra Zenica) first established and why?** A: BEL was established in 1948 as a testing facility for ICI Paints
- 28. In Jack and the Beanstalk, what does Jack get in exchange for his mother's cow?** A: Magic Beans
- 29. Who bought the first Torbay Lifeboat?** A: Exeter
- 30. How many pirates were recorded at the world record attempt in B'm in May 2009?** A: 1469
- 31. Which Christmas tradition was banned in the Soviet Union until 1935 ?** A: Christmas Trees
- 32. What does BCSL stand for?** A: Brixham Co - operative Society Ltd
- 33. Name two former B'm boat building yards** A: Uphams, (now Dolphin Court), R. Jackman & Sons (Breakwater Beach)
- 34. In the song 'The 12 Days of Christmas' how many gifts in total did my true love give to me?** A: 364
- 35. In what year was the Brixham Torbay railway sold to the Great Western Railway?** A: 1883
- 36. Where in Brixham? (photo)** A: Northcliffe hotel site, N Furzeham Rd
- 37. Which Christmas tradition probably stems from a Engelbert Humperdinck opera?** A: The witches house made of gingerbread. (From the opera Hansel & Gretel)
- 38. Where was Brixham Pottery based?** A: 24 "Pound Cottage" & 26 Milton Street.
- 39. Where is Maritime Gallery?** A: Heritage Museum.
- 40. In which pantomime does Maid Marian appear?** A: Babes In The Wood
- 41. What connects question 13 and 29?** A: 13 is about the Jan 1866 storm & 29 came about because of it.
- 42. Where is this in Brixham?** A: Smugglers Hotel
- 43. What happened in Brixham at mid day on the 28th of April 1967?** A: flying saucer (UFO) was seen.
- 44. There were 8 what in 'The 12 Days Of Christmas'?** A: Maids-a-milking
- 45. What age was Leonard Pillar while part of the 1915 rescue of seamen by trawler 'Provident'?** A: 9

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## Brixham Events 2009

### January

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sun 16<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>

**William Pillar Blue Plaque** unveiling. The Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. 11am  
Free Men's Breakfast with Darryn Roberts. Brixham Baptist Church 8.00am 851905  
**Oils, Seascapes.** Brixham Society of Arts. Eden Park Primary School. 7.30pm 858086

### February

Sun 7<sup>th</sup>  
  
Sun 14<sup>th</sup>  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Sat 20<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>

Questions people ask Jesus; Is it right to get divorced? Brixham Baptist Church.  
10.30am. Rev Phil Marsden. 851905  
**St Valentines Day service.** Brixham Baptist Church. 10.30am. 851905  
Mother Goose Pantomime. BOADS. 857654 & 07974 406186.  
**Oils & Seascapes.** Brixham Society of Arts, Eden Park School. 7.30pm. 858086  
Community Partnership meeting, Brixham Rugby Club, 7pm 859678

### March

Sun 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup>  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Sun 21<sup>st</sup>  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

**Questions people ask Jesus.** Is it right to pay taxes? Brixham Baptist Church. 10.30am.  
Free Men's Breakfast with John Anderson. Brixham Baptist Church 8.00am 851905  
**Brixham Spring Clean**  
AGM. Brixham Society of Arts, Eden Park School. 7.30pm. 858086

### April

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sun 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup>

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service.** Brixham Baptist Church. 10.30am 851905  
Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' and united service. Baptist Church. 10.30am 851905  
**Easter Sunday all age celebration.** Brixham Baptist Church. 10.30am 851905  
Community Partnership AGM, Brixham Rugby club, 7pm, 859678

### May

**Pirate World Record reclaim attempt!** Sunday 2nd May 2009 between 1.45 and 2.45pm

**Every Monday night** Samba Jam. 6-7pm Heritage museum. Beginners welcome. £3 per session. 857761.  
**Every Tuesday night** Chess Club. Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, Overgang. 7pm to 10pm. All welcome.  
**Every Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday** Brixham Harriers Running Club, 7pm, Sundays at 10.30am. 850566.

**Events to be listed in the April Brixham Signal please notify the Town Council office before 01.03.10**



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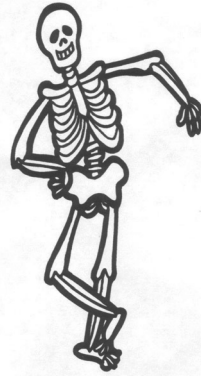
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## Section 6. Access to information

### Where do you access local news and information?

BASRA 20% Bay Monthly 15% Meetings 15%

### Other sources of information

Herald Express 24% Word of Mouth 21%  
Brixham News 18%

### Access to the internet

Home 59% At Work 16% No need 15%

### Would you help with litter picks in the town?

Yes 20% No 79%

### Quarterly newsletter from the Town Council, including other organisations would be of benefit?

Yes 90.3% No 9%

### Comments made regarding access to information

Lack of information 28% Better delivery of information 21% Brixham Signal informative 12%

### Ease of ability to contact elected members representing Brixham?

Parish Councillor	Easy 34%	Hard 6%
Ward Councillor	Easy 22%	Hard 8%
MP	Easy 22%	Hard 10%

### Satisfaction with the level of information provided by local authorities?

<i>Torbay Council</i>	Satisfied 28%
Not Satisfied 48%	Neither 16%
<i>Brixham Town Council</i>	Satisfied 38%
Not Satisfied 10%	Neither 46%

### Use of Library Services

Brixham Library 75% Churston 38%  
Torquay 13%

### Comments on the Library service

Excellent 76% OK 9% More hours 7%

## Section 7. Social Care and Health

### Healthcare provision within Brixham

Good service 33% NHS Dentist needed 27%  
Better hospital services 22%

### Anyone in household needing care/ support

Yes 18% No 81%

### Access to childcare

In Brixham OK 47% Easy 31% V. difficult 21%  
Elsewhere OK 37% Easy 37% V. difficult 12%

### Childcare residents would like to see

After school/holiday clubs 84% Childminding 8%  
Nursery 8%

### Ease to access services

Social Care OK 12% Not used 78%  
NHS Dentist V hard 55% Not Used 19%  
Doctor Surgery Easy 59% OK 29%

### Health service provision

Times available OK 52% Good 34% Bad 6%  
Effectiveness OK 36% Good 55% Bad 1%  
Accessibility OK 41% Good 41% Bad 9%  
Quality of information OK 44% Gd 46% Bad 3%

### Do you think NHS Services are adequate in Brixham?

Yes 58.4% No 24.3%

## Section 8. Employment and the Local Economy Business development that would benefit Brixham

Boat building and repair 14.0% Small business work space 13.2%  
Shops 11.2% Craft workshops 11.1% Leisure facilities 11.0%

Post Office Usage	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Fore St.	5.62%	41.77%	25.66%
Cambridge Rd	7.22%	25.56%	7.22%
St. Mary's	2.29%	14.86%	8.0%

*There is one section still to be reported in the next edition of the 'Brixham Signal'.*

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## A Brixham Seed Swap

A seed swap is being organised in Brixham for early March 2010. Keep a look out in February for the advertising posters.

Seed swaps are growing in popularity as they allow anyone with unneeded or excess vegetable or flower seeds to swap seed with other growers. These can be seeds you have bought or your own collected seed.

Seed swaps offer the opportunity to try for free new crops and flowers. Many regular favourites are exchanged and, if you are lucky, you may even find something a bit more unusual and hard to find.

Many seeds will happily germinate even if a few years old, however, not every seed will germinate. Some modern seeds are engineered to produce unviable seed thus forcing growers to repeatedly buy new seeds and not collect their own.

If you would like to come along remember that many people have only small growing areas, so it's best to make the most of your seeds by dividing them into several smaller packets or recycled envelopes. Pumpkin plants, for example, take up lots of space so we suggest that you only put a few pumpkin seeds in each, then seal and label.

This event is free and open to any locals interested in growing vegetables and flowers. It is a Brixham based initiative coordinated with the Seedy Sisters of Totnes Transition Group and working with Brixham's new established transition group.



Contact Katie on 859651 for more seed swap info.



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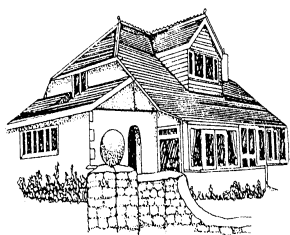
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## Transition Brixham

A group called **Transition Brixham**, comprised of residents, young people and town councillors, are looking at how Brixham can become a Transition Town. The global initiative, Transition Network ([www.transitionnetwork.org](http://www.transitionnetwork.org)), started in Totnes in 2006 and is aimed at encouraging towns and cities to look at ways climate change and Peak Oil will affect them in the coming years and how they can prepare for the changes and deal with them effectively.

The Steering group for Transition Brixham was formed in July 2009 and initial ideas have focused around four 'action groups': transport, food, young people and fishing. The Transport group is considering initiatives to encourage locals to use public transport more or walk or cycle, rather than use cars. Another main initiative that people can get involved in is community supported agriculture food scheme. The group are open to ideas on what this is and how best to implement it. Other schemes include the planting of fruit and nut trees around local parks and open ground, working with local allotment groups to grow food for the community and working with local retailers and farmers.

Any ideas are welcome, as are people of all ages to join the group.

Co-Chairman Alastair Fuad-Luke said, "Transition Towns are an exciting global initiative which is rapidly growing worldwide. It is great setting up a new initiative in Brixham and to be able to tap into the expertise of the internationally focused Transition Network based in Dartington". For more information please contact Co-chairs Alastair Fuad-Luke, 883683, or Julie Richardson, 849390.



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## Green Waste recycling

Garden Waste collection is held at the Brixham College on the first Sunday of the Month, excluding December & January, 9am to 1pm. No plastic bags, rubble, soil or branches over 10cm (4”) are accepted.

## Centenary Birthday?

If you know anyone in Brixham who is going to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday – or more – and you would like the Chairman of Brixham Town Council to attend the celebrations please let the Town Council Office know the details.

## Toilet Working Group

The matter of public toilet provision in Brixham, and the state of the present toilets, has for a long time been a sore point with the people of the town and our visitors.

Recently it has been brought to a head by the demolition of those at Breakwater Beach. Brixham councillors, through the Planning Committee, have once again set up a Toilets Working Group and recommended a thorough review of the town’s toilets including those that have been closed. For this a meeting between the Working Group and relevant Torbay Council officers is being arranged. Once we have done this a public consultation may be held where you can put your views on what could be done to provide local residents and tourists with the means of spending a penny.

For information, Torbay Council has told us that the Breakwater Beach toilets have not been permanently closed. Before next summer, the block will have been replaced. We on the Working Group have some novel ideas as to how to replace them! Watch this space.

*Peter Killick - Chairman Toilets Working Group*

## Town Council Forthcoming Meetings

### January 2010

4th	Community Services Committee	7pm The Lounge, Brixham
14th	Full Council	7pm Main Hall, Brixham College
18th	Planning Committee	4pm LRC, Brixham College
28th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7pm The Lounge, Brixham

### February 2010

15th	Planning Committee	4pm LRC, Brixham College
18th	Full Council	7pm Main Hall, Brixham College
25th	Regeneration Committee	7pm The Lounge, Brixham

### March 2010

4th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7pm The Lounge, Brixham
15th	Planning Committee	4pm LRC, Brixham College
25th	Evaluation Committee	7pm The Lounge, Brixham

### April 2010

1st	Full Council	7pm Main Hall, Brixham College
8th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7pm The Lounge, Brixham
12th	Planning Committee	4pm LRC, Brixham College
26 <sup>th</sup>	Community Services Committee	7pm The Lounge, Brixham

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<b>Torbay Council</b>	01803 201201	<b>Torbay Council out of Hours</b>	01803 550405
<b>South West Water (Emergency)</b>	0800 169 1144	<b>SWEB (Emergency)</b>	0800 365 900
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## Police Contact Details

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**Brixham Police Station**      Rea Barn Close, Brixham, TQ5 9EA  
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