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Events



SPREADING THE WORD - Nick Mary Pam and Paul have just been at the Sustainable Development Commission - the government's independent advisory body - wowing a distinguished audience about our [Breakthrough project](#). [Read the coverage](#). Yes that's our IET volunteers meeting the Prince and Jonathan Porritt.

PICKING, GROWING, COOKING UP FUNDRAISING. Lots ready to pick around town: swiss chard, salad leaves, strawberries, spinach, peas. [Check out our map](#). If you can help, do some watering - or see us at 11 am every Monday at Ferney Lee old peoples home. Or to get flour not dirt on your hands - Mary's looking for new members of her crack fund raising team. 'It's fun, fundraising baking cakes and making things,' she says: contact her via the phone or email at the bottom.

SCHOOLS/PARENTS GET-TOGETHER - We'll be meeting at the Golden Lion on Monday July 13th at 7:30 pm. We want to launch a big push for the Harvest Festival in September, so do come if you can. [Check out schools' progress on the latest blogs](#). Tod High students have been eating for lunch the leaves they've grown themselves in their polytunnel. And Shade's gardening club partners parents, teachers, students and other school staff in digging and growing so younger children see the links between growing and eating.



HEALTH CENTRE PROVIDES INCREDIBLE OFFICE AND GETS

INCREDIBLE FRUIT - Assura the owner of Tod Health Centre are [letting us have office and training space](#) in one of the houses at the front. We'll be making this ready in the coming weeks. Meanwhile one good turn deserves another - we've started [planting fruit trees in their car parks](#). No, just kidding: you Incredible fans will remember we sorted the planting long ago. And the apothecary garden's under way too, go and have a nose.



News

TOD SHOW TIME - A TIME FOR FARMERS - In our pictures of the Show, have a look at the [brilliant schools' displays](#) (and the [strange creatures](#) who were there). The show is a great time for farmers and town to come together. A few days' later we checked out what was happening in the uplands and [came upon some organic cheese-making](#). And earlier in the month [Open Farm Sunday](#) down in Walsden helped raise awareness of where the food we all eat comes from.

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE PENNINE HOUSING ROADSHOW - [Read about Pennine's Incredible Edible initiative](#). We've been on the road again, to the

Longfield estate. [Find out about Crazy Tomato and Crooked Tomato here.](#)

ODD TOD BODS WIN PRIZES - Not again? Yes, again. Helena and Lynn went along to Yorkshire's Market Towns awards day in Thirsk - and [came home winners](#) of the Environment and Culture category, and representatives of Yorkshire at the national do in October! Plus [B & Q gave us five grands' worth of handy wood to make planters with](#) in their environment scheme.



**GROWING
PURPLE
RUSSIANS**

AND HUMMINGBIRDS - No, we're kidding about the hummingbirds, that's the name of [the latest cake in our recipes](#). But we really have been growing (pictured left) [purple Russians](#) - and [Bordeaux spinach](#) - and [friendship along with the veg](#).

FROM LEEK HALIFAX IRELAND AND PARAGUAY - They came to visit. Well, the Paraguayans only linked to us [virtually](#), but the people from [Halifax](#) (did they snaffle the first strawberry at Ferney Lee Old People's Home? or was that an Irish visitor?) and from [Transition Town Leek](#), seemed to enjoy their dirty-fingernails trips to see us.

Web highlights

On the [website](#) you may already have checked out our [new Picture gallery](#) - where you can browse our whole picture collection, or search by category and zoom into close-ups.

Our news and blogs have regular new items. Besides our popular [map of Incredible growing sites](#) in Todmorden, we're now backing our Every Egg matters campaign with a [Google map of local egg producers](#). Thanks to our map whizz Estelle and eggsperts Beryl and Pauline!

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