

Presenting a series of events examining how oil depletion will affect the future of communities in and around Framlingham, partly through the experience of other parts of the world

FILM SHOWING: *The End of Suburbia*, Tuesday 19 January at 7.30pm in St Michaels Rooms with discussion afterwards

Since World War II North Americans have invested much of their newfound wealth in suburbia. It has promised a sense of space, affordability, family life and upward mobility. Suburbia, and all it promises, has become the American Dream. Scientists and policy makers argue in this documentary that the inevitable decline of fossil fuels are upon us now. The consequences of inaction in the face of this global crisis are enormous. As energy prices skyrocket in the coming years, how will the populations of suburbia react to the collapse of their dream? Are today's suburbs destined to become the slums of tomorrow? And what can be done NOW, individually and collectively, to adapt to this change?

FILM SHOWING: *The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil*, Tuesday 16 February at 7.30pm in St Michael's Rooms with discussion afterwards

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, Cuba's economy went into a tailspin. With imports of oil cut by more than half – and food by 80 percent – people were desperate. This film tells of the hardships and struggles as well as the community and creativity of the Cuban people during this difficult time. Cubans share how they made the transition from a highly mechanized, industrial agricultural system to one using organic methods of farming and local, urban gardens. It is an unusual look into the Cuban culture during this economic crisis, which they call "The Special Period." Cuba, the only country that has faced such a crisis – the massive reduction of fossil fuels – is an example of options and hope.

Plus Special General Meeting @ 7pm on 16 February to approve revised constitution which will enable formal membership of the global Transition movement.

ALL DAY EVENT: *Future Visions: the world beyond oil*. Saturday 27 March 2010 at Thomas Mills High School

(still in the planning stage, see our web site for latest details)

Speakers to include **David Strahan**; an award-winning investigative journalist and documentary film-maker who specializes in business and energy. For a decade he reported and produced extensively for the BBC's Money Programme and Horizon strands. He is also the author of *The Last Oil Shock: A Survival Guide to the Imminent Extinction of Petroleum Man*. He is a trustee of the Oil Depletion Analysis Centre, and in 2008 he was elected a Fellow of the RSA.

Don't forget Greener Drinks: At The Station pub from 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month. We will have a copy of *The Transition Handbook* on the table.

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