

“Wakey! Wakey!”

The UK Peak Energy Tour, Spring 2007

Activity Sheet

“Peak Energy” is coming – what are you going to do?

We all need to change our lives to adapt to the restrictions of our declining oil and gas supplies, but it's also important to get society in general to address the problem too.

The purpose of the *UK Peak Energy Tour* is to raise awareness. But it's important that as many people as possible understand the implications of Peak Energy for the UK – so we need your help!

During the period of the UK tour (April, May and June) we'd like people to give as much time as they can to raise the profile of the Peak Energy issue. Peak Oil and Peak Gas are already a reality for the UK – we've peaked, and now we have to import more oil and gas. What we need to do is get an open public debate not only on the implications of Peak Energy in the UK, but globally.

Our biggest problem at the moment is overcoming the inertia within the media and political establishment – getting them to accept that Peak Energy is coming, and that it requires us to change the way we use energy. We need you to contact the media, elected officials, and your friends, and tell them about the issues.

If you know all about peak oil and gas, turn over. If you don't, go to some of the web sites listed below; or go to the tour web site and click on the “downloads” link to access some general background information from the series of handouts produced for the tour.

For further details about the tour, the events programme, and to read/download the information that we have produced for the tour go to the web site – <http://www.fraw.org.uk/tour/>

see also –

PowerSwitch – <http://www.powerswitch.org.uk/>

Transition Culture – <http://www.transitionculture.org/>

Global Public Media – <http://www.globalpublicmedia.com/>

Association for the Study of Peak Oil – <http://www.peakoil.net/>

The Community Solution – <http://www.communitysolution.org/>

Energy Bulletin – <http://www.energybulletin.net/>

The Oil Drum – <http://www.theoil Drum.com/>

Oil Crash – <http://www.oilcrash.com/>

illustrations by steve – www.stuffit.org/peak www.stuffit.org/books

Some quick ideas

Please remember the object of this exercise is not to get an immediate solution, but instead to get the media/our politicians acquainted with the fact that Peak Oil/Peak Gas are very real in the UK, and will soon be even more problematic for the whole world.

Write to your MP – and ask them what they intend to do about Peak Oil and Peak Gas. Send your letters to <their name> MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Many MPs can also be contacted online – or get other details from www.parliament.uk

In Wales and Scotland, write to your AM/MSP:

<their name> MSP, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP.

<their name> AM, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff CF99 1NA.

If you have web access, then go to <http://www.writetothem.com/> and get the details of all your elected representatives.

Write, email or call your local papers, TV and radio – you can get the contact details from your local library.

Contact leading journalists or the editors of national newspapers and other media outlets – for example:

- ◆ The Guardian/The Observer, 119 Farringdon Road, London, EC1R 3ER (letters for publication can also be emailed to letters@guardian.co.uk or letters@observer.co.uk).
- ◆ The Independent, Independent House, 191 Marsh Wall, London E14 9RS; email letters@independent.co.uk
- ◆ The Editor, *BBC Newsnight*, Room G680, Television Centre, Wood Lane, London W12 7RJ.

Contact BBC news programmes and ask them to start producing news reports on energy depletion/descent –

- ◆ *Today Programme*, BBC Radio 4, Room G630, Stage 6, Television Centre, Wood Lane, London W12 7RJ; today@bbc.co.uk; text messages 84844.
- ◆ *The World at One*, wato@bbc.co.uk
- ◆ *PM*, pm@bbc.co.uk; text messages 84844; listener line 08703 666676; or PM letters, BBC News Centre, London W12 3RJ
- ◆ *BBC Panorama*, Room 1118, BBC White City, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TS

Screen a DVD for your friends – we recommend: *The End of Suburbia** (*Escape from Suburbia*, its sequel, will be released later in 2007); *The Power of Community**; and *An Inconvenient Truth*.

(*you can order these DVDs, and many books on peak oil/energy descent, via the Green Shopping Catalogue, www.green-shopping.co.uk)