

COLE STREET FARM COHOUSING  
COMMUNITY

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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2007

Dear Everyone,

An extra to our recent newsletter just to give you some advance dates for your diary. Also to let you know of opportunities for longer term stays here over the winter and beyond, and to invite you to our Winter Solstice celebration.

STAYING AT THE THRESHOLD CENTRE

Our evolving co-housing community has ensuite bed sitting rooms available to guests, for stays of one week to six months. The rent is £75 per week, which includes bills, except phone. There is an opportunity to join in community meals twice a week, and daily meditation, if you wish. We welcome people interested in exploring co-housing or community, and people who just want a break in the beautiful Dorset countryside.

As well as the bedsitting room, guests can use the sitting and dining rooms in the farmhouse, enjoy the large courtyard garden, and will share the farmhouse kitchen.

We will also have a one bedroom cottage for rent in the near future. Prospective residents are very welcome to come for a weekend at our B&B rates, to see if the place would suit for a longer stay.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2007

November 16-18: Cohousing workshop. Due to a cancellation we have two places available. Contact Caroline without delay if you would like to come.

December 2: Housing Association visitors 2-5pm

Thursday December 20: Winter Solstice Celebration: 6:30pm-9:30pm

Come and join us to celebrate the turn of the year, creating light in the winter darkness. We will be having a bring-and-share meal from 6:30pm, followed by seasonal songs and dances led by local musicians Rasullah and Nickomo from 8pm. Plus a bonfire, good company and more. Please phone to let us know if you are coming, and to get directions.

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Donation £5 for the musicians.

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Cohousing workshops

Dates planned so far –

February 8-10

April 18-20

June 13-15

These popular workshops book well in advance, so contact us as early as

possible for more information and booking form.

#### Gardening weekend 14-16 March

We will have our acre of land for market garden, as well as the area here to prepare for planting. As before, we offer bed and board in exchange for your help and it's not all work! Contact us for more information.

#### Open Afternoon for visitors/enquirers

Sunday 16th March 2-4pm. A chance to have a look around and ask questions about cohousing.

#### PLANNING

Our revised application is in the final stages of preparation and will be submitted in November. Thanks to all those of you who have sent letters of support.

#### PUBLICITY

The Observer article, in a Property supplement, is due out this weekend. Amanda is taking part in an ongoing programme on Radio Solent on Sunday afternoons, 12-2.

#### GREEN SENIORS

There are thousands of people aged over 65 who care about the natural environment. Green Seniors is an active online community recently endorsed by the United Nations Environment Programme. It links senior society members together with a view to sharing the vast knowledge and experience they have in a variety of areas. Skills like growing your own food, composting, cooking using fresh ingredients, understanding the cycles of nature, cleaning without using chemicals, 'making do and mend' rather than wasteful consumerism, etc. The founders have created a unique button badge with the motto "I'm a Green Senior" for all who wish to join. Rather than sending them out individually, they are looking for 'green' people to distribute them locally. If you are interested, send an email with your name and address and how many badges you would like.

Email: [keith@greenseniors.org](mailto:keith@greenseniors.org) Website : [www.greenseniors.org](http://www.greenseniors.org)

Best wishes from us all,

Alan, Amanda and Peter (and Monty!), Caroline, Gay, Jane, Michael, Nancy and Vita.