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Public Meeting on Renewable Energy

Tickets are going fast for a public meeting on renewable energy to be held from 2pm to 6pm on Saturday 16 May 2009, at The Wickens Suite, Newbury Rugby Club, Monks Lane, Newbury.

The meeting has grown out of the interest generated by Newbury Town Council's community consultation in Autumn 2008 on the possibility of constructing two wind turbines on Monks Lane.

Local and national experts have been invited to speak at the event, which will be opened by the local MP Richard Benyon. There will be opportunities for ideas and opinions to be expressed / discussed and for questions to be answered. There will also be various relevant exhibitors and light refreshments.

As at end April, there are still a few spaces left, so if you are a Newbury resident and wish to attend this free event, please let Newbury Town Council know as soon as possible how many tickets you would like. From 1 May 2009, the few remaining tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Requests can be made by telephone (01635 35486), by e-mail (towncouncil@newbury.gov.uk), or in person at Newbury Town Hall. Tickets will be dispatched as soon as possible from Tuesday 5 May onwards.

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The Town Council would also like to draw people's attention to the screening at The Newbury Corn Exchange of the newly released British Film, "The Age of Stupid" on 9 and 10 May 2009 (Screen One). This film is described on the website www.ageofstupid.net as a docu-drama, starring Pete Postlethwaite as a man living alone in the devastated world of 2055, looking back at "archive" footage from the current decade and asking: why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance? It looks like it's sold out on the 10th, but there are a few seats remaining on the 9th May.

Cllr Martha Vickers, Chairman of the Sustainable Newbury group said "We are looking forward to a lively debate on the day and the hope that everyone leaves the event having learnt a bit more about renewable energy and the ever more important part that it will play in all our futures".

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