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## News from the news

### Resilience and creativity are at the heart of permaculture

So SLP has become an anarchist publishing and marketing organisation. What a surprise! Not only that, after years of working with its natural contraction I thought it best that I take the bigger picture to heart and focus on those characteristics that will further the group and prepare for a possible expansion in the future; one more akin to earning a proper livelihood making use of available resources that come freely. This is the basis of my latest books *The Carob Pod: An Anthropological Guide to Permaculture* and *Patriarchy: The Law of the Land*. Even though many may not bite the spiritual cake there is a lovely international influence coming in here which puts the British picture into its proper context. Along with these latest publications, the second volume of which will be printed in **journal** format in 7 editions released 3 times a year, and colourful excerpts from that other book I wrote about the trip to Palestine, I am pushing to get the **market** properly running which includes Catalonian olive oil, raw carob pods, Zaytoun products, and any other home-grown stuffs that permaculturists want to advertise. This may include preserves, honey, seasonal fruit, fruit trees and shrubs, gifts, and other products. One will get 3 months free advertising (in exchange for 3 first-class stamps) and SLP will get a 10% cut to cover administration fees. The **market** is basic, and so is the website, but without any capital I can't do much more with them.

*Knowing the end of one cycle and the beginning of another; that is what makes for success*

### Come to Catalonia



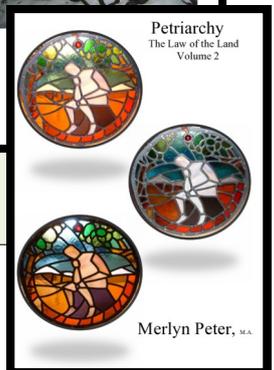
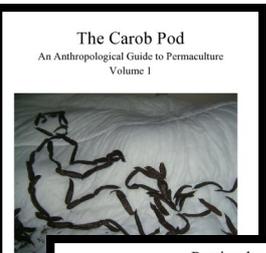
### Big Tree Plant

Free trees for Lewisham projects

Dear volunteer groups, public bodies and potential business partnerships, WE have been fortunate to receive funding through the Big Tree Plant scheme which aims to encourage and support community groups to plant trees in neighbourhoods where people live and work. This can include parks, streets, recreational grounds, roof tops, wildlife centers, allotments, water restoration projects, church yards, new public building developments like schools and colleges, libraries, cycle lanes, sports centers, youth centers and hospitals; and private developments like shared housing, shopping malls, art installations and exhibition centers. Fundamentally, all locations must be accessible to the public and require the perpetual maintenance of the trees by one group or another, and may include public authorities, private contractors, and volunteer organizations like afterschool clubs, resident and parent associations, mental and disability organizations, and environmental groups. The scheme has donated 4 million pounds towards the planting of at least 1 million trees throughout the neighbourhoods of Britain, but of course we welcome extra financial support or match funding. Our particular allocation lies within the vicinity of Lewisham Borough in alignment with Pepys Community Forum's own ethical approach. PCF runs projects such as the John Evelyn Community Garden, and the Refugee, Education, Employment and Training Agency (Reeta), both organizations that could only have achieved success with the collaboration of public and private groups

Volunteer opportunities for one or two individuals to help work the land in a beautiful part of Spain. Access to the sea and neighbouring towns, and a shared caravan. Self-catering but many benefits include trips to regional mountainous and valley beauty spots, as well as direct rail services to Valencia, Tarragona and Barcelona. Cycling is a must in this country. The project is the beginnings of an eco-settlement illustrated in the above books. The first phase building the large cistern will progress in May/June. Other learning experiences include dry-stone walling, walking and mountaineering, olive and carob cultivation, and vegetable production. Only companions are sort and must be of a spiritual disposition. Please contact the editor for further details or see our website.

The first and second volumes of a 3-part series available at the Market. See also the new journal format.



and volunteer participation. We would like to continue this pattern and hope to extend this scheme indefinitely; our current funding will take us into 2015.

WE urge your immediate approval and collaboration. Much of the ground work occurs during the winter especially with the planting up of hedges consisting of blackthorn and hawthorn. Our remit is for the planting of 480 trees per year (ending March) and requires their implementation in small groups. This cannot be more so apparent than in urban environments where old orchards have given way to concrete, steel and tarmac. The recent wet weather of spring 2012 is proof of this, having decimated the apple and pear crop in Britain, and this year looks to follow a similar pattern. Since much

### Membership offers (see back page)

- ◆ **Free DVD**
- ◆ Regular email bulletins on courses and events around the UK
- ◆ A collectable design portfolio
- ◆ 10% discount on courses run by SLP and associated partners
- ◆ Discounted books and library resources
- ◆ Volunteer and paid opportunities at festivals and other events
- ◆ Workdays and private tuition
- ◆ 3 newsletters per year
- ◆ Reduced prices on plants, and freebies

of our work entails helping the needy we will prioritize applications for trees by groups who fulfill the following criteria:

- Reside in Lewisham Borough**
- Have an active interest in maintaining trees**
- Have permission and access to public land**
- Have a long-term vision for the tree's life**
- Will instigate a maintenance program for the trees with or without the collaboration of partner groups**
- Realize the importance of green neighbourhoods**
- Are willing to learn about horticulture and general fruit propagation**

On this last point PCF will use its outreach program to educate and run workshops on tree maintenance, espe-

cially with fruit tree production. Also, the whole process is to encourage the promotion of life itself and should involve the periodic awareness of the cycle of the tree, for instance, incorporating apple days, creating specific commemorative tree planting events, and collecting materials for education and generation of new stock. PCF and associate groups will assist and provide all initial materials and expertise on the subject but realize the importance of putting in place the long-term application of support groups. Please contact us immediately with:

- 1 - The landowner permission, as a written letter on headed paper addressed to PCF.
- 2 - A commitment to 'aftercare' provision for the trees, again in a written form.

**SLP: WHO ARE WE?**

South London Permaculture was formed in 2003 as a voluntary organization. We run as a not-for-profit business enterprise. Although we apply a minimalist attitude to development we have engaged in a number of projects for both adults and children. These include a children's mobile yurt classroom entitled RE-LEAF (learning, entertainment, art, and food), a woodland allotment community project, guerilla gardening, full & introductory permaculture design courses, horticultural courses, teacher training, facilitation, consultancy, and a membership scheme. To register your interest and support us please become a member. Our business address is:  
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**Merlyn Peter (Hon) Chair**

**"Our constitution is rooted in the indigenous understanding of sustainability."**

**Brighton Permaculture Trust**

INTRODUCTION TO PERMACULTURE  
 25-26 MAY 2013, 15-16  
 AUGUST 2013, 2-3 NOVEMBER 2013

PRACTICAL PERMACULTURE GARDENING  
 6-7 APRIL 2013, 5-6 OCTOBER 2013

SELF-BUILDING AN EARTHSHIP  
 7 - 9 JUNE 2013, 18 - 20 OCTOBER 2013

INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOVOLTAICS  
 20 APRIL 2013

MUSHROOM CULTIVATION  
 20-21 APRIL 2013

GREEN ARCHITECTURE DAY  
 27 APRIL 2013

COMMUNITY ORCHARD TRAINING  
 18 MAY 2013, 20 MAY 2013

ECO OPEN HOUSES  
 15-16 AND 22-23 JUNE 2013

FOREST GARDENING  
 29 - 30 JUNE 2013

SCYTHING  
 3 - 4 AUGUST 2013

**2013 Courses, events & further contacts**

**A**N EVENING WITH SATISH KUMAR:  
 "SOIL, SOUL AND SOCIETY"  
 13 JUNE 2013

**A**PPL E DAY AT STANMER PARK  
 22 SEPTEMBER 2013

PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE  
 (BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES)  
 JANUARY - JUNE 2014 (PROVISIONAL)

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 EARTHSHIP BRIGHTON TOURS by Low  
 Carbon Trust  
 www.lowcarbon.co.uk

**Evelyn Community Gardens & SLP**

APPLE DAY  
 5 OCTOBER 2013

FRUIT TREE GRAFTING  
 12TH OCTOBER 2013  
 £10. Free to ECG & SLP volunteers/members

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**Members sign up for:**

**Price**

- Individual Membership £6
- Family membership (2 adults, 2 kids) £8
- Group Membership (3 copies of newsletter) £10
- Membership renewal £2
- SLP Journal (single copy issue no.....) £2
- SLP Journal (subscription—3 copies) £9
- Book - *The Carob Pod: An Anthropological Guide to Permaculture* £9
- Bum Carob Pods, off the tree (1kg sample) £5
- Bum Olive Oil Extra Virgin, organic & cold pressed (250ml sample.) £4
- P & P (For bulky orders above £8) £3.50

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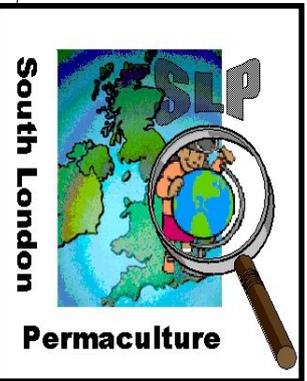
**Free offer**

This is a limited offer only available to new members. Membership applications will receive either a free copy of the journal or a DVD entitled 'The World of Permaculture'. The short documentary highlights 3 projects: Ragman's Lane Farm, Naturewise and Soteriologic Garden. Please indicate in the additional notes box opposite.



**THESIS title: If land economies are the ecological imperative of the rise of the modern environmental movement, may one find an historical precedent in the origins of Christianity? By Merlyn Peter Bounded p165 £9 (members)**

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