

PRESS RELEASE



WOOD 4 ENERGY

10.00 – 4.00

Saturday 29 – Sunday 30 September

Are you one of the people who have vowed to reduce your carbon footprint? Have you toyed with the idea of moving partially or fully to some form of wood fuelled heating, cooking or boiler? Would you like to know more about the mysteries of pellets as a fuel or other types of biofuel? Are you building a new house and looking towards alternative and sustainable ways of heating it? If so, come along to the Wood 4 Energy weekend to be held during the last weekend in September at the South West Burning Centre, Winkleigh.

Over the two days experts will be on hand to give general advice about all types of heating and range cooking, to help explore the best solutions to individual problems or situations.

As well as staff from **South West Woodburning Centre, Flue and Chimney Specialists** and **Solid Fuel Appliance Spares**, other companies join the event to bring a broad base of green heating options.

Treco Green Heat will be giving advice on accumulator tanks – a new type of hot water storage tank which can retain heat for prolonged periods and therefore requires far fewer periods of combustion. Treco are also experts in wood pellet stoves, a technology relatively new to the market, but one which is growing in popularity. The pellets are cylinder shaped pencils, approximately 2 cm long, made from processed wood. Their size makes them flexible, both to store and use. This permits functions such as automatic feeding of the boiler, whereas traditional logs need to be added manually.

Aga's debut pellet room heater will be on show at Winkleigh, for its first public viewing.

While wood as a fuel is the main focus of attention over the weekend, the green theme will also be continued by experts from **Alvesta** who can give detailed advice on the practicalities of choosing and using solar energy, ground source heat pumps and under-floor heating.

This technology is especially popular with people planning new build homes, but also offers great potential to be utilised alongside existing energy systems. As

opposed to the negative publicity some national companies have attracted for their 'hard sell' tactics and inflated prices, the Wood 4 energy weekend offers the public the opportunity to speak to the staff of an established local company, who can give all the facts, with none of the pressure. To find out more go to www.alvestaltd.com

And as always, there will be cookery demonstrations using ranges burning various fuels. For even the seasoned owner, these sessions give vital information on the efficient use of the ranges - be they Aga, Rayburn, Esse or Stanley - and invaluable tips and winks to get the very best from these appliances. During the weekend the public will be treated to samples of delicious autumn fare being cooked, proving the old maxim that the proof of the pudding is in the eating!

Rebecca Dayment, Showroom Manager of South West Woodburning Centre has organised the event. Rebecca says:

“ Over the last 18 months or so we have seen a significant surge in the number enquiries and sales of wood burning stoves and range cookers. Some people already know a bit about the new technologies, but are keen to get more detailed information about how it could work for them and what sort of costs would be involved.

We have a green ethos as an organisation and so are keen to work with other companies who can offer the public other environmentally sensitive products.

We hope that as well as offering a family day out, people will be able to gather a lot of valuable information in a single visit. “

WHY WOOD IS GOOD:

- 1 **Carbon Neutral**, wood can be burnt as a fuel without adding to the world's carbon dioxide levels.
- 2 **The South West produces a significant amount of timber**, being a largely rural area. This means road miles can be kept low and jobs can be made and retained in the timber industry.
- 3 **Wood's green credentials are unquestionable**. Wood is the cleanest, safest fuel there is, carrying none of the risks of oil or nuclear fuel. It has a low sulphur and little nitrogen content.
- 4 **Environmentally beneficial**. Forests and wood are good for the environment, offering habitat for animals, a beautiful, tranquil resource for humans and a source of countryside employment.
- 5 **Ash**. Wood produces ash, which makes an excellent fertiliser.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

- With more than 130 appliances on view in the showroom at Winkleigh, prospective customers have every opportunity to see a wide range of cookers and stoves, rather than just choose from a brochure.
- The **South West Woodburning Centre** group also includes:

- **Flue and Chimney Specialists.** They can offer a comprehensive flue and chimney service, and using AutoCAD (Computer Aided Design), to design whole domestic or commercial systems.
- **Solid Fuel Appliances** offer a wide range of spare parts for stoves, boilers and cookers, at their comprehensively well-stocked warehouse, which is the largest in the South West.

Both are also based at Winkleigh.

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