

# Double Glaze Matters

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## Montmorency Community Group

### *DIY Double Glazing Hands On Course*

*Sun May 27th*

*Briar Hill Primary  
School  
Contact me for more  
info*

I wanted to talk to you about a Community group that I joined recently. It is probably of more interest to those that live in the area, but the idea may enthuse others to start up a similar group.

The concept is based on the Transition Towns program. For background you can go to:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transition\\_Towns](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transition_Towns)

The idea is to build sustainable communities. Our group focuses on educating people in Energy Efficiency, building community spirit and promoting local activities.

The group has two main activities this weekend. On Saturday 31st they have an Earth Hour Activity. We will be meeting at Petrie Park in Montmorency at 7:30 for a communal dinner. Bring

something to share. At 8:00 we will have a community singalong with a local choir. We have arranged for the lighting to be switched off and will be using candles. So bring some food, some candles and get to meet your neighbors. More info

[www.diydoubleglaze.com.au/EarthHour.jpg](http://www.diydoubleglaze.com.au/EarthHour.jpg)

On Sunday 1st April we have our monthly Food Swap at the Montmorency primary School from 10:00 To 11:30 People who have excess home grown produce can come and swap it. This month we are also cooking pizza using (as far as possible) home grown produce. So come and have some pizza, and if you have produce to swap, bring it along as well.

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There are always one or two clowns who are  
Climate change skeptics



**Franciscus Henri's contribution**

## Montmorency Community Group (continued)

Although I am a new member to the group, I am impressed that everyone is very friendly and actually want to get out and do things, not sit around and wait for things to happen.

They are putting together a website: <http://www.transitionmonty.org/index.html> and have a monthly newsletter: [MarchNewsletter.pdf](#)

They are also putting together a pretty formidable list of activities. Each month they have a food swap plus a special activity. The April activity is a talk by Beyond Zero on their recently produced program for sustainable transport. Sun 29th April, 2.00 pm at Montmorency Primary School.

If you are interested in becoming involved, you can join the group either as a member or just to get their monthly newsletter.

[www.transitionmonty.org](http://www.transitionmonty.org)

If you are interested in forming your own community group, they are more than happy to provide advice.

## Microsoft Support scam— update

I mentioned last month a scam where they call you "from Microsoft Support" to fix problems on your computer. I have been called three times in the last 2 weeks!.

## Door Seals

One of the cheapest ways to reduce energy usage is blocking draughts and one of the worst culprits is the front door.

Assuming the gap is 5 mm around the door, that corresponds to a 10 cm X 20 cm hole in the wall. If the air penetrates at 1 km per hour, that is 480 cubic metres of air per day. If the temperature difference is 5 degrees, that is 2.5 kwh per day. You could put three solar panels on the roof to generate this much heat... or you could just block the draught.

I normally recommend self sticking rubber to go on the door jam. The trouble is that most doors are warped and the gap changes from zero to 5 mm so it doesn't work. Also you normally need to move the door knob striker to get the door to close.

A much better solution is to fit a wooden beading around the door which has a 2 mm slot to house a proper door seal. This can follow the warp in the door and requires no door adjustment. It costs a little more and takes longer to fit, but it works brilliantly. (More info next month)

