

Ilsington Community Project Newsletter No.6 -September 2010



Hello and welcome to our September Ilsington Community Project Newsletter.

Update

The summer holidays were something of a distraction for some of us but a hardworking core of stalwart committee members have been beaver away and the completed plans and other documents are now poised to be sent out to tender. Alan Hobbs and Rob Parkinson had a meeting with our local MP, Mel Stride, to discuss the project. He is very supportive of the project and has agreed to write a letter of endorsement. If the final grants etc. fall into place as planned we are cautiously hopeful that we may be starting building works early next year.

Funding

Fund raising is ever ongoing and we have raised nearly £70,000 to date - a fantastic effort but we still have a way to go so please do buy your shares or slates if you have not already done so (or perhaps add a few new ones to your collection). Hastoe Housing Association has generously donated £300 to provide shop signs so many thanks to them. We continue to raise funds and awareness through our 'Cafe' at the Community Market and we had fun at the Ilsington Flower Show with the Skittle Alley in July. Obviously local support is so important to our grant applications and we are always looking for new ideas for fund raising so would welcome any suggestions or offers of help.

Sustainability

Just to keep you all a bit more informed, it has been agreed within the plans of the new shop and meeting room, to include sustainable features such as photovoltaic's to produce electricity, air source heating and rainwater collection. These things will be of great benefit to keep the running costs of the building to a minimum. We are also planning to help our local producers of fruit, vegetables, eggs, meat etc by selling their produce in the shop. We are certainly trying to engage in all the 'buzz' words - local produce, big society, low carbon footprint and community hub, to name a few.

For further information about the project please contact either Sue Norris on 01364-661128 or Alan Hobbs on 01364-661576. If you would like to make a donation or buy shares or slates, please send a cheque made out to Ilsington Village Shop to Sue at 17 Town Meadow, Ilsington, Newton Abbot TQ13 9RY.

For further progress reports please look at the village website -www.ilsingtonparish.co.uk or the village hall website -www.ilsingtonvillagehall.co.uk The Community Shop and the meeting room will be a huge benefit both for individuals and the village as a whole so I do hope you feel you can help make this happen.

Dates of the next Community Markets are

6th November and 11th December 2010

Ilsington Village Shop - Share Application Form

Name:	
Telephone:	
E-mail address:	
Postal Address:	
Shares Required:	£
Slates Required:	£
Donation:	£
Cheque Enclosed	£

Shares are £5 each. (one vote per person).

Roof Slates are £2 each.

Please make cheques payable to "Ilsington Village Shop" and send to:-
Sue Norris, 17 Town Meadow, Ilsington, Newton Abbot TQ13 9RY.