

Ilsington Community Project Newsletter No.8 - April 2011



A warm welcome to our Spring Newsletter, and what a fabulous few weeks of sunshine we have had.

Unfortunately the wondrous weather has not brought the most positive of news with it. As a direct consequence of the Government spending cuts we have been advised that RDPE funding for projects such as ours has been severely curtailed. Our application is still being appraised and there is a chance that we will be successful but the change over from the RDPE, being administered by the Rural Development Agency (which will soon cease to exist), to DEFRA will inevitably create delays and it could be 6 months or more before we hear anything. Needless to say, this was not the outcome we were hoping for but all feel we have gone so far towards our goal that we will simply have to look down different avenues to achieve our aim.

We have been informed that we are eligible for a new initiative, the Big Lottery Community Building Programme, which we intend to apply for in the first instance. To use the jargon, we are regarded as 'Investment Ready', thanks to all the hard work that went in to the RDPE bid. Fortunately, we will be able to use the majority of our comprehensive business plan and hope to send the preliminary application in the next few weeks. Whilst very disappointed that this will obviously not be as straightforward (and quick!) as we had hoped, we are ever optimistic that we will be successful in securing the capital needed to fund the development of the shop and meeting room at the Village hall. Confirmation, if such were needed, of the strength of community support is that we have managed to raise the £10,000 required as proof of local commitment to the project. As always we feel very fortunate to have such support and hope that you will continue to help us drive this great project forward.

We have a provisional date for The Ilsington Village Shop Association Ltd. Annual General Meeting of 25th May 2011, 7.30pm at the Village Hall and we would love to see you there. You must be a shareholder to attend but it will be possible to purchase shares on the evening if you are not yet a member and you will then be eligible to attend. You can, of course, purchase your shares in advance by filling in the attached form. Further details will follow.

So for now it is onwards and upwards to the next stage and thank you again for all your support.

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.

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, Secretary, 17 Town Meadow, Ilsington, Newton Abbot TQ13 9RY.