



!! Much Rejoicing and Many Congratulations!

Welcome to our November Newsletter which comes complete with the fantastic news that we have finally managed to secure the funding for the Project - celebrations all round and so many thanks to all those of you who have supported the scheme - there is little doubt that the strong show of community involvement was a factor in making our bid successful where so many others were not so lucky. Well done Erica, Alan and Rob for persuading Dartmoor National Park to complete the final piece of the funding jigsaw, under the Dartmoor Sustainable Development Fund (£11,000). The lion's share of the funding package has come from DEFRA (The Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs). It is now up to us to demonstrate that we really are a BIG community and support the Shop and Meeting room developments.

Now the work really starts! After putting the plans out to tender, we have appointed a well known and highly thought of local firm, Bovey Construction for the build and are hoping for a mid-January start date. If all goes to plan we hope to be open by June 2012. There will obviously be some disruption to the normal goings on at our very busy Village Hall but do rest assured that all efforts will be made to keep this as minimal as possible. Regular hall users will be informed well in advance of any changes but if you are concerned about how the hall's programme of activities will be affected, please do contact either Helen Meyer (01364-661286) or Rob Parkinson (01364-661371) for more detailed information.

With a definite end in sight we would like to update our list of people interested in helping in running the shop. There will be a more comprehensive list of "jobs" available as we approach opening but suffice to say there will be all sorts of interesting and varied opportunities - some for a few hours a week, monthly or even just once a year. If you would like to know more about the volunteering opportunities - please fill in your name and address on the form overleaf.

We have been fortunate enough to get funding for the entire building cost but fund raising is still needed for some of the set up and initial running costs of the shop during the first 18 months of operation. If you have not already done so, please do buy some shares, they only cost £5 and having a share gives you a say in how your shop is run. You can also support the project by buying roof slates - they cost £2.00 each and just think of the huge sense of satisfaction you'll get when you can look over our gleaming new slate roof and know that you funded a few (or more than a few should you feel like some serious splashing out!) of those vital slates!

Please complete the form below should you wish to buy some shares, slates or simply make a donation. Alternatively, all options will be available at the next Community Market in the Village Hall on Saturday, December 3 from 1:00 to 4:00.

Which leads me neatly on to listing all the wonderful things on offer at the next Market. Apart from the usual selection of local meat, vegetables, eggs, cakes, jams and crafts there will be a craft corner for children to make some lovely Christmas things, a Mince Pie competition (bring your best homemade mince pie effort with you to take part), the local school choir will be performing and there will be some wonderful seasonal products available such as delicious homemade mince meat, roast chestnuts, bunches of fresh holly, as well as roast turkey and homemade redcurrant jelly rolls plus our usual bacon sandwiches, tea, coffee and homemade cakes - what better way to start the festive season!

Thank you again for all your support - just look how far it has taken us!

Ilsington Village Shop - Share, Slate, Donation and Volunteer Form

Name:	
Telephone:	
E-mail address:	
Postal Address:	
I am Interested in Volunteering <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please state any preferred days, times and skills that you would like to offer:-	
Shares Required @ £5 each	£
Slates Required @ £2 each	£
Donation:	£
Total Enclosed	£

**Further enquiries to Alan Hobbs 01364 661576 or Sue Norris 01364 661128
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