

Hello and Welcome to our Summer Newsletter and an Exciting Invitation!!

After nearly four years of meetings, form filling and fund raising we are nearly there! So many of you have been part of the process, attending the Community Markets, filling in the questionnaires and putting up with no small amount of inconvenience at your Village Hall now, the moment is finally here and everyone is cordially invited to come along and celebrate the Grand Opening of our Community Shop and Meeting Room on Wednesday 18 July from 2.30 onwards. This has been a great community effort and the end result will be a wonderful asset for all to use and enjoy. So please come and join in the celebrations - there will be a special guest to cut the ribbon, refreshments in the Village Hall, entertainment provided by Ilsington Primary School and the long awaited chance to see and use your new shop and meeting room. The shop will be open for business until 7.30pm so even if you cannot make the opening - do come along later and see what we have to offer.

This is your shop and our next hurdle is to make it appeal to and work for as many in the community as possible and for that we would like your help (again!). We will be stocking the shop over the next month and would really welcome ideas and suggestions of what you would like to see on your community shop shelves and, more importantly, what will bring you through the door to do your shopping. Understandably we may not have the space or the budget to carry everything but all suggestions will be welcomed - from the everyday pet food and plain flour to the more exotic spices and olive oil.

Many thanks to those already 'signed up' for volunteering but we could do with some more people to fill in the gaps. There are many exciting opportunities to lend a hand with everything from a regular few hours in the shop to once a month trips to the Cash and Carry - one thing we found again and again in the many community shops we visited over the last few years is how much the volunteers enjoy being involved - if you think you may be able to help or would like some more information, please do contact Sue Norris on 01364-661128.

And finally.... building the shop was just the beginning of the adventure and we now head into the next exciting stage which definitely involves EVERYONE! Please try and support it as much as you can. Build a regular shop into your weekly routine, catch up with friends for a coffee and chat, become a shareholder and have your say. The next few months will be a learning curve for us all - if we are not stocking something you need, let us know - the intention is to try and create as useful, exciting and user friendly a shop as possible so your input does count!





## Stop Press -

The Village shop web site is now up and running give it a try to find out the latest news from the shop including special offers, local walks, recommended recipes etc.

www.ilsingtonvillageshop.co.uk

## Ilsington Village Shop - Shares and Donations

Name:	
Telephone:	
E-mail address:	
Postal Address:	
Shares Required @ £5 each	£
Donation:	£
Total Enclosed	£

Further enquiries to Alan Hobbs 01364 661576 or Sue Norris 01364 661128 or Please make cheques payable to "Ilsington Village Shop" and send together with this form to: - Sue Norris, Secretary, 17 Town Meadow, Ilsington, TQ13 9RY

