



West Moors Worldwide Village Pump

For centuries, the village pump was the centre of a rural community. People met there to chat, get news, learn from others and do a little business. In West Moors, the focus is moving to the Memorial Hall as the centre of the community, with its meeting facilities, Social Club and Bowls Club.

Very soon, it will be opening as a new 'social centre' with an Internet connection where any resident can come to learn about computing, send and receive their e-mails, phone friends across the world for the price of a local call, and socialise in the 'World Wide Village'.

Initially, we plan to open at fixed times for a few hours each week, with helpers on-hand to share their skills and knowledge. This will complement the free Internet service already available in the Library, by being open at other times, and providing the opportunity to chat at the same time.

The Broadband connection is being supplied as part of an initiative by the Dorset Community Action to bring the internet to people who do not have direct access to the World Wide Web at home. In this, Dorset is ahead of the rest of the country in providing these opportunities.

We see a useful opportunity for 'social networking' in the facilities mentioned above, but its not just limited to those. If you need to improve and print your photos, document your family tree, produce posters for a meeting, put a bid in on something for sale on Ebay, or book a doctor's appointment, then its all possible in a session at the Village Pump, with much more besides.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are looking for people who have some knowledge of computing and are interested in sharing their knowledge with others to give their time in helping to run the sessions. Further training will be given free, and of course there will be unlimited personal access to the Net at the Hall. We want to cover all age groups from school to Silver Surfing, so if you are interested, please contact John Bartley on 876818. John is a Parish Councillor and Secretary to the Memorial Hall Council, and a keen advocate of the 'Net.

We expect to start before the end of the year, so keep an eye out for posters around the village, or look on the village website www.westmoorsdorset.co.uk