



# West Park Community News



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'Community—something for all ages'

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## Happy New Year

This is the time for New Year Resolutions.

Have you ever wanted to improve your computer skills, or record details of your family or interests?

Now might be the year, details of courses starting in January are given overleaf.

It is also time to look back on a very successful Autumn term.

This newsletter can only give a flavour of what is happening.

If you want to find out more, become involved in any of the projects mentioned or have ideas for future initiatives, please contact me on 821964 or by e-mail at [jean.moss@westpark.derby.sch.uk](mailto:jean.moss@westpark.derby.sch.uk)

Jean Moss

## Evening Classes

The Mathematics and Computing classes run in conjunction with Lees Brook Community Sports College and Derby College have been very popular and built upon last year's successes.

## Flexible Day Time Computer Courses

The community room has attracted learners of all ages and abilities who wish to improve their computer skills. The courses are suitable for beginners and those with a more detailed knowledge. A big thank you to those learners who have attended and helped to make the first term such a success.

## Specialist Courses



The first ICT & Archiving course went very well and expanded into areas that could not have been foreseen. Congratulations to all who have completed the course. A special mention to Syd and Eddie for producing such comprehensive portfolios.

## WANTED

### Community Support Assistant

(Initially until June 2006)



An assistant is required to provide administrative support and to assist community learners.

Hours will be by arrangement and may include twilight, evening and weekend working.

Hours worked will vary between 7 and 14 hours per week.

Closing date for applications is Monday 16th January.

For further details and an application form, please contact Mrs Moss.

## Year 7 Parent & Child Class (Mathematics & ICT)

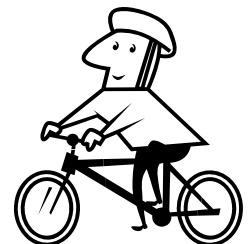
This course is run in conjunction with Derby City Council between 3pm and 5pm on a Friday. It has been very enjoyable and will be continuing for the rest of the academic year. If you are a parent of a year 7 child and are interested in joining the group please contact Mrs Moss .



## Cycling at West Park

Secure cycle storage for pupils and staff cycling to school should be available by April 2006. This is being provided by Derby City Council. Derby became a Cycle Development Town in November.

This complements the work already being done by Dave Clasby through the Bikelt initiative and Mr Adamson with the West Park Cycle Club.



## Microsoft IT Academy

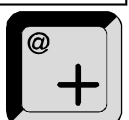
In December we successfully applied to be a Microsoft IT Academy; we have already received approval to be a Microsoft Office Specialist Test Centre.

These initiatives are in the early stages, more information will available later in the year.



## Community Website

A website is currently under development at [www.westparkcommunity.co.uk](http://www.westparkcommunity.co.uk)



## NEW COURSES STARTING JANUARY 2006

**ICT Skills for Life**  
**Thursday 6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
**starts Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2006 for 10 weeks**  
***Would you like to learn how to use a computer?***

During these sessions you will be introduced to some of the different ways you can use a computer, including :

- producing signs and posters using Clipart or your own pictures
- how to search for what you want to know on the Internet and CDs
- understanding how the 'help systems' work
- sending and receiving e-mails

*No previous experience of computers is necessary*

Assessment Fee for the first module £10

**ICT & Archiving Skills**  
**Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
**starts Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2006 for 5 weeks**

*You've found the information concerning your family, organisation or locale, how do you record it?*

The aim of this course is to provide the necessary ICT skills to document what you have found out. There is no examination, however participants will be encouraged to produce a portfolio based on their choice of subject. This can be what is happening now, as well as the past.

The areas covered will depend upon the people attending the course. Areas covered in the previous course have included:

- Research Skills;
- Collating and recording information;
- Military history and archives;
- Scanning and editing documents and pictures;
- Sharing information and helping each other
- Digital photography and editing;
- Preserving documents;
- Internet Sites and information available;

Course Fee £10

Please complete the slip below and return it to Reception at West Park by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006. Places are limited.

### Reservation Form

I would like to register for the ICT Skills for Life/ICT Archiving Skills, please delete as necessary.

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Post Code</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	

*If you need more information before enrolling, please contact the Course Tutor, Mrs Moss to arrange an informal talk on 01332 821964 or by e-mail at [jean.moss@westpark.derby.sch.uk](mailto:jean.moss@westpark.derby.sch.uk))*