

Calling all Parents and Toddlers

What do you do on a Thursday morning? Do you sit at home numbed by housework, daytime television and nonsensical conversations with your one year old? Is your child climbing the walls, bored with his/her toys and needing someone to play with?

Come along to Shipton Parent and Toddler Group....meet other parents and share experiences and gossip...let your child meet new friends and play with different toys. Well, that's the theory. In practice, Shipton Parent and Toddler Group has had to close due to falling numbers and a lack of committed, regular patrons.

In recent weeks we have not made enough money from subs to cover the hire of the hall and our most regular toddlers have moved on to Playgroups. We have not been able to attract new members despite some excellent new equipment donated from the old Playgroup by the Parish Council. Consequently, the Parent and Toddler Group Committee have decided to close the Group for the rest of this term and plans to reopen on the first Thursday of the new school year in September.

Also, we have decided to change the opening and closing times in order to allow parents of older children time to drop off and collect from Playgroup/Nursery. A 9.45am start and an 11.30am finish should accommodate most parents and allow more help in setting out and clearing away equipment. (Indeed, it has been suggested that we search for a volunteer who likes children and would be willing to help set up on a regular basis. Anyone interested?)

So come on: support your local Toddler Group. We are the only group in the Wychwoods in operation on a Thursday morning; we will have an excellent new venue when the new Beaconsfield Hall is completed; in the past we have had a friendly core of parents and the children who have attended enjoyed themselves and gained social and educational value from coming.

Feel free to talk to us at the Village Fete in August where we will be running a second-hand toy stall. Spread the word - Support Shipton Toddler Group!

N.B. Any donations of unwanted complete children's toys would be most welcome - please contact Debbie Hartley at Standing Cottage, High Street, Shipton under Wychwood (Tel 830915) to arrange delivery or collection.