

Michelle's classes are very subtle, you do not realise how many constructive things you are actually doing. They are well structured, giving each child a bit of personal attention then playing together and lots of group singing. The children adore Michelle. My daughter looks forward to classes every week and we spend much of our spare time singing all the songs".

Here is another view from Jo Neil, a mother who attends the Friday class: "My daughter was extremely shy and unwilling to interact when we started the class soon after she was one. The change in the last year has been amazing. She now joins in with all the singing, claps at the end of every song and rushes off to play with the other children without a second thought. This kind of structured play and musical stimulation seems to be so beneficial for all the children, from the very youngest upwards, and as a child without siblings (yet!) it is so good for my daughter to meet and play with others her own age".

We get a tremendous sense of fulfilment from seeing the children blossom. Please feel free to call for more information on 07957 248016.

Trial Run for Farmers' Markets.

A PILOT programme of Farmers' Markets in West Oxfordshire has been given the go-ahead by the Council.

Monthly markets will be held in Carterton, Chipping Norton and Witney between August and October this year. One off markets will be held in Bampton, Eynsham, Woodstock and Charlbury during the same time period to assess the effect on the local infrastructure.

The monthly markets could then be held every two months through winter and next spring while the Council considers whether to make Farmers' Markets a permanent fixture. Since the news broke that the Council was considering setting up Farmers' Markets more than 80 people have contacted us expressing an interest. Farmers' Markets provide a venue for local farmers and producers to sell their products to the community and allow consumers to buy fresh, value-for-money goods.

The concept was pioneered in Bath in 1997 and has spread throughout the country. There are now about 100 markets held in the UK. The types of goods sold typically include meat, fruit and vegetables, dairy products, crafts, seafood and preserves.

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