

# Times to make history under estate's centre

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**YOUNGSTERS** at Westbury Leigh Primary School have helped put together a time capsule, to mark the near completion of Leigh Park Community Centre.

Alongside some examples of pupils' work – from maths to paintings and written work – the capsule contains a school badge, a silk banner and a copy of last week's *Wiltshire Times*.

The community centre is due to be finished by the end of next month, offering a large hall with space for 200 people, catering facilities and meeting rooms.

Members of Leigh Park Community Association (LPCA) contributed a Jubilee flag and a scrap book to the capsule, with a record of work put in by local residents to build the £750,000 centre.

They joined the children – last Friday to bury it, with representatives of Wiltshire Council, Persimmon Homes and builder ISG. LPCA chairman John Rogers said: "We are all very excited about this special milestone."

"I have been waiting 13 years for this day, since I first moved to Leigh Park and joined the local residents' as-



Westbury Leigh Primary pupils Katie, Hetty, Liam and Reece with county councillor Chris Williams, left, and John Rogers burying the capsule  
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sociation. There have been many committees – I think I am the sole survivor of some – and it takes a long time to get these things going.

"We want to thank everyone who has helped us get to this point."

The centre was chiefly funded by Persimmon, through a section 106 agreement, as the developer of

1,200 new homes in the vicinity. Contractors ISG contributed some Olympic memorabilia to the capsule and donated a book to the school.

Bookings are being made for parties and by local organisations, including drama groups, playgroups, keep fit classes and church meetings.

Donations and grants to-

talling £45,000 have been given to fit out the centre, from Community First and Hills Waste Solutions, Wiltshire Council, Westbury Churches Together and others.

The committee needs new members to run the centre: the annual meeting is tonight at Westbury Leigh Church, from 7.30pm. Call Mr Rogers on 01373 858377 for details.



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