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CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO

&

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW



(First Prize = £50)



Monday 16 December 2002


Eyes down 7.30pm

at

SPOONER ROW VILLAGE HALL

Open Evening

The Open Evening went well and plenty of good food and wine was consumed.

 Wymondham Mayor, Martin Wynne, cut the ribbon and cheques were presented by Peter Smith from South Norfolk Council and Colin Brighton from the Community Fund (the Lottery) in Cambridge. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

Future Groups

In the New Year we will be looking to start up some new groups, particularly a group to cater for the youth of our community. Several parents have expressed an interest and ideally it would be great if we had about eight parents to help. With eight adults, it would only be a commitment of perhaps, one evening a month for a weekly club. If anyone feels they can help, telephone Joanna Newman on 01953 423111. The South Norfolk Youth & Community Team will help to facilitate the initial set-up.

Spoooner Row Website



The Spoooner Row website will soon be updated - any contributions welcomed. We now have a new message board; the format is very similar to the Wymondham message board and is by "Amazing Forums". Give us a visit on www.wymondham-norfolk.co.uk/spoooner-row - we have had 429 hits on the website to date.

Spoooner Row Recreation Ground

The Spoooner Row Recreation Ground AGM was held on 4 September 2002. It was reported that the new play area and concrete pad for skateboarding would be installed on the grounds in June/July 2003.



Refurbishment Update

All essential work to refurbish the Village Hall has now been completed (except for the committee room carpet which will be arriving any day).



This year's "work in progress" lasted from July to October and our contractors made a splendid job in turning our ugly duckling into a beautiful swan!

Also, thanks to Alison and Edward Peters who visited the Village Hall every day and ensured that everything went smoothly.

We now have an attractive and warm hall for hiring at very reasonable rates. Contact the Caretaker on 01953 604824 for details.



No Smoking



In accordance with current Health & Safety guidelines, all of the Village Hall premises are no smoking except for the front lobby and car park. Apologies to our regulars for any inconvenience caused.

100 Club

Due to the refurbishment, there have been four draws since the last newsletter. The winners drawn in August were: C Lord £40, J Smith £5 and M Hubbard £5. September winners were: A Barnley £40, R Saunders £5 and S Kemp £5. The October winners were: K Riches £40, D Thorpe £5 and S Lord £5, and for November: Mrs Rush £40, A Barnley £5 and O Hawtin £5.

On 9th December there will be two monthly draws plus the Annual Bonus Draw of £40.

Good luck!



Jubilee Trees for Village Hall

To celebrate National Tree Week and the year of the Golden Jubilee, a group of residents got together and planted several trees outside the Village Hall in Spooner Row. The event was organised with the help of Mov Smythe, the local Tree Warden for Wymondham. South Norfolk Council provided 5 trees: 2 hawthorns, a crab apple, rowan and holly.

Volunteer diggers were: Harry Newman, Jamie Raynsford, Marcus Day, Mark Newman, Richard Hughes, Jon Wright, Emily Day, Alison Peters, Karen Dunn, Di Hockaday, Joanna Newman, and Bonnie the Dog.



Events Update

Since reopening, the Village Hall has held several fund raising events:

The Archive Film Night was presented by a member of the Archive Team from the University of East Anglia and proved to be popular. A selection of local historical film clips were shown and several "older" members of the audience recognised some of the faces!



The Village Hall was packed for the **"Quiz 'n' Chips"** night held in October. Congratulations to The Chuggers, the winning team.

A good time was had by all at the **Tucker & Company Concert**. Tucker, a natural entertainer gave a great performance as did musicians Jon Collorick and Ted & Brendan.



These events together with a **Christmas Sing-along Accordion Concert** raised a total of £883.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

GIRLS JUNIOR AIR CADETS

(ages 6 – 11 yrs)

&

GIRLS VENTURE CORPS AIR CADETS

Registered Charity No. 306019

(ages 11 – 20 yrs)

Desperately need adult volunteers to help with the running of the Unit.

No experience needed – we will train you.

We currently have vacancies at Wymondham and Attleborough.

We also have other Units throughout Norfolk.

If this could be of interest to you please ring Mrs Tillson, Group Commandant, on 01953 607766 for more information or come along to The Drill Hall, Pople Street, Wymondham any Tuesday between 7-9pm.

Bunwell Road Footpath

Norfolk County Council has put out for consultation to Wymondham Town Council a proposal to build a footway along part of Bunwell Road from The Boars Public House to just past Beck House. This will be phase one of a possible two-phase scheme. The start date of the phase one proposal is January 2003.

Norfolk County Council are currently investigating the possibility of extending the footway further to Hill Road as a second phase.

A Christmas Message from the Secretary

Christmas is upon us again! Somehow the days seem much shorter as well as darker, with less hours to go round.



But we hope you will still find time to come to the Christmas Prize Bingo at the village hall on Monday 16th December. Eyes down at 7.30 pm. Many seasonal prizes to be won, several of the liquid variety! So come and join us for the evening.

The Grand Christmas Draw will take place at the Christmas Bingo. Lots of super prizes to be won, including whiskey, soft toys, wine, chocolates and a meal for 2 at our local hostelry. There are still tickets available at £1 a book (a bargain) so ring Alison on 01953 602768 if you haven't bought yours yet.

By the time you receive this the last 100 Club draw of 2002 will have taken place. As we have no draw in January (the 100 Club is run a month in arrears), December has two regular draws. The 1st prize is for £40 and there are two runner-up prizes of £5. This equals six prizes altogether in December, plus a bonus Christmas draw of £40. We have lost several members during the year, so we need your support. £1 a month (£12 for the whole year) brings a small but regular profit for the village hall's much needed income towards the yearly bills.

Finally we wish everyone a happy & healthy Christmas – perhaps a New Year resolution could be to keep our Hall in business and thriving towards the future!

All the best for 2003! See you at the Christmas Bingo!!

*Alison Peters
Secretary*

Your Letters

New Folks in Spooner Row

The Newman family would like to thank everyone who has made them feel welcome to Spooner Row. Our first year in Norfolk has had many challenges, but not as many as the committee of the village hall. As the newest member of the committee, Joanna would like to thank them all for the achievement of the refurbishment of the hall - the village should be proud.

Joanna Newman
Spooner Row

If you have a subject of local interest that you feel strongly about, please write to the Secretary at the address above. Please bear in mind that we do not include material that promotes any political party or adverse comments on individuals. The editors reserve the right to edit or not to publish material they consider offensive or unsuitable.

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