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COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY
ON THE RUNNING OF THE VILLAGE HALL
AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS AT

Spooner Row, Sutton & Wattlefield
Village Hall Association's

AGM

Thursday 29th May 2003

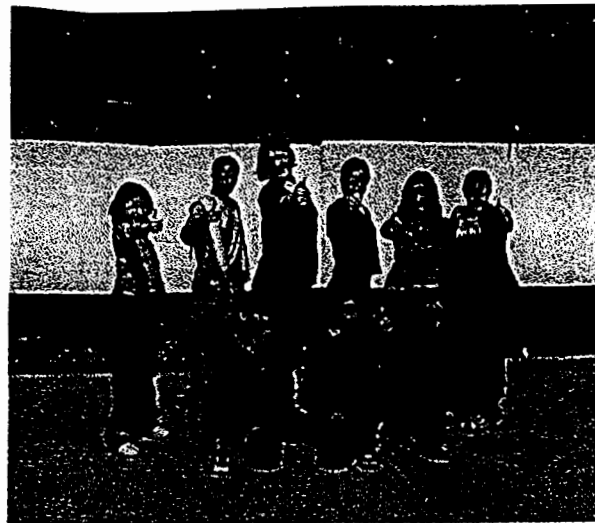
At
The Village Hall Spooner Row

Coffee from 7.00pm - Meeting called to order 7.30pm

***All residents, friends and users of the Village Hall
are welcome. The formation of a Youth Club
will be among the agenda items
with Rob Waddington from South Norfolk
Youth Services speaking.***

Any one may speak at the meeting but only those over 18 may vote

Village News



Notes from the Playing Field Management Committee

Re-cycling

Please do not leave items outside the re-cycling bins as it makes a mess and encourages vermin.

We cannot accept cardboard boxes for re-cycling, so please take them home with you. The Household Refuse Tip at Wymondham has facilities to re-cycle cardboard.

Dog Fouling

As all responsible dog owners know, when exercising your dogs in the village and especially on the playing field **please pick up after them**

The School, playgroup and football club all use the field regularly, not to mention the village children, so could we please ask all dog owners to carry a plastic carrier bag to pick up the offending 'pile'. (And size is no excuse, I have owned Great Danes and always picked up after them..Ed)

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Please note that the meadow at the back of the village hall is private property and not a dog walking area. We are planning a family picnic there and would like it to be kept as clean as possible.... (Village Hall Committee)
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Old Hospital Helps Out

The Management Committee would like to thank the old Norfolk and Norwich Hospital for the kind donation of a nappy changing facility, several mirrors and a notice board for the lobby area. These are now in use at the Village Hall.

Yoga

Yoga - the Iyengar Method is the most popular and accessible of all systems of yoga that has been developed over the last 50 years by B.K.S. Iyengar.

The Iyengar Method is the only structured systematic approach to yoga, placing great emphasis on precision of movement in order to derive maximum benefits. Iyenga yoga is more than a form of exercise; it is a holistic experience that benefits the body, mind and spirit.

Whether you are a complete beginner or more experienced, everyone is welcome, why not come along to Spooner Row Village Hall every Tuesday morning between 11 am and 12.30. For further details contact Karen on 01953 851057.

Health and happiness to everyone.

GIRLS VENTURE CORPS AIR CADETS

held their Easter Camp at the
Spooner Row Village Hall.

They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and
are looking forward to the next one.

If you would like to find out more information
about joining them as a cadet or adult helper
please contact

Mrs D Tillson on 01953 607766 or

visit them at the Drill Hall in

Pople Street, Wymondham on a Tuesday evening
between 7.00 and 9.00 pm.

REYMERSTON FENCING & LANDSCAPING SERVICE

- ⊙ All types of fencing erected including: All types of panel, post & rail, wire mesh etc.
- ⊙ Field & garden gates supplied and installed
- ⊙ Garden clearance, hedges and trees trimmed
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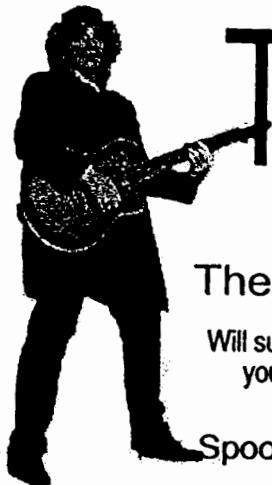
FOR ALL ENQUIRIES CALL ROB AUSTIN

ON: 01362 850529 or Mobile 07771 515189.

WHATS ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL

An Evening of Music, Fun and Dancing for all The Family

The Very Talented



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&

The Little Big Band

Will surprise, delight and entertain you in their own special way

At

Spoooner Row Village Hall

Friday 30th May 2003 7-30 till 11pm

Ticket price £5 single

£18 family (2 adults and up to 3 children)

(Including "Finger" Buffet)

In advance or at the door.

To book phone 01953/603179:601581

As usual, refreshments will be available, soft drinks only, you are more than welcome to "bring your own".

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Family Picnic

Due to the success of the Jubilee Picnic held last year we will be holding a picnic again this year on **June 14th from 2pm**. There will be stalls, tombola and refreshments (Bring your own picnic and booze) Lets hope that the weather is as good this year as it was last. For hygiene reasons no dogs please, except Guide dogs.

Vacancy



Two vacancies have occurred at the Village Hall, one for a cleaner (2hrs pr week min) and one for a Bookings Officer/ Caretaker (2 hrs min) Hours may vary with bookings These posts may be suitable to be combined. Please contact the secretary on 01953 602768

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday Cash Bingo Eyes down 8 pm.

UP TO £100 JACKPOT PRIZE

100 Club Draw on second Monday each month

WednesdayCarpet Bowls 7.30 - 9.30 pm

New Members always welcome

Thursday.....Good Companions 2 - 4 pm

(Over 50s Club) Alternate weeks

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 29th Village Hall AGM

**May 30th Tosh and The Little Big Band
(A family fun night out)**

**June 14th Family Picnic
From 2pm on the Meadow**

**July 4th Quiz Night
7.30 for 8.00 pm start**

**July 20th 2 pm TUCKER IS BACK with
full supporting programme**

**Sept 27th Ceilidh with Fanackapan
Jon Collorick calling**

Hiring

The Village Hall has a large hall and a medium sized room available for hire at very competitive rates. If your club or group is looking for a venue we have day time vacancies on most days and some evening slots for occasional or regular hire. For more details call the Bookings secretary on 01953 423111.

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Your Letters

If you have a subject of local interest that you feel strongly about, please write to the Secretary at the address below. Please note 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 any material they consider offensive or unsuitable.

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Secretary.....Alison Peters	Lesley Partner, Roz Ross,
Treasurer.....Karen Dunn	Jon Wright

Council Representatives: Paul Hawkins, Diana Hockaday

FOOTPATHS

Friends

When you next go out, whether walking or in the car, just look around at the change that has taken place in the village following our success with the footpath in Station Road. We now have a footpath in Bunwell Road! These footpaths have been installed in such a way, that while offering safety for pedestrians, they are still sympathetic to the country nature of our rural village. Opinions on the traffic calming gates in Station and Bunwell Roads may differ but that of course is a matter for the individual to decide. Taken all in all there is no doubt that safety for the residents in our village is at its best for many years.

My thanks go out to all those who can put hand on heart and say "We helped".

Bill Pittingale

Queens Street.

The footpaths are great, but unbelievably there are residents who insist on putting the lives of others at risk by using the paths as a car park! Please use consideration for others when parking. (The Police are aware of this problem) Ed.

VANDALISM IN SPOONER ROW

A PERSONAL VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY

I moved to Spooner Row in March 1968. After 35 years I think I could be considered if not a local, at least a long term resident. There have been changes; the shop closed; there are more properties; we have pavements; the school has grown since my three daughters attended; The Boars has changed it's name and become a lot smarter. But Spooner Row is still a sleepy place with time to chat to neighbours. There is plenty going on, with the Village Hall the main focus. The biggest change I have seen is the Village Hall. When we first moved here we had an annual flower show and fete. There was stiff competition for the best six carrots arranged on a plate, I remember digging up a whole row to find six that didn't have the tell-tale signs of carrot fly. The hall was busy but tatty. There was never enough money for all the up keep. The out side was sound, but the heating system was noisy and inefficient, the décor was scruffy, the toilets had an aroma all their own, the electrics would have done Noah proud, the floor was rotten in places and so on. There was a very great chance that the Hall would close.

Then we had the chance of lottery money to up date our 'ugly duckling'. A lot of work went into the applications for which Karen Dunn must be thanked. We all worried about what would happen if the applications were turned down. The hall would have to close, we could not possibly afford the necessary work to meet current regulations. Then Hooray, we got the money, organised the contractors (easier said than done) and at last our hall is pukka. And I mean PUKKA! Apart from new windows at the front, we have largely finished the necessary work. We now have a hall fit for future 'Spooner Rowians'. A large hall with character, not a modern box.

It was therefore a huge shock when vandals attacked our hall. The new backdoor had 2 holes put in it and a new double glazed window was also broken. The total cost of repair £223.35! That's £223.35 down the drain, wasted! It is almost all the profit from the last Quiz evening. In thirty five years I cannot remember any damage to the hall. When it was tatty it was safe. Now it is smart it seems to be a target. We are lucky in the village, crime rate is low, vandalism is almost unheard of. And someone has attacked our hall! I speak for all the committee when I say how hurt we felt, how upset that all our efforts on behalf of the village were not valued. Do the vandals want the hall to close? Insurance costs are already high, we still need a substantial amount of money just to run the hall. It is an uphill struggle to keep it open. If more damage is done the future of the Hall will once again come into question.

Without the hall, our community will have no heart. We all need to pull together and look after our hall. I only hope that the one attack is just an isolated incident and we can put it firmly behind us and look to the future. *The Secretary*