

**Spooner Row, Sutton & Wattlefield
Village Hall Association
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**The Annual General Meeting
of
Spooner Row, Sutton & Wattlefield
Village Hall Association
will be held at the Village Hall
on
Thursday May 25th
at
7. 45 pm**

**PLEASE ATTEND AND SUPPORT
YOUR VILLAGE HALL**

SPOONER ROW RECREATION GROUND

The new Management Committee for the Spooner Row Recreation Ground has now been formed. It consists of two representatives from each of the following **USER GROUPS**:

The Village Hall, Spooner Row School, Silfield Football Club, elected residents from Spooner Row and Wymondham Town Council. The Chairman of Wymondham Town Council's Leisure and Environment Committee is also a representative. Future groups wanting regular use of the Recreation Ground will be able to put forward their own representatives to the Committee.

To clarify a few points about the Recreation Ground:

- Wymondham Town Council are the owners of the Recreation Ground who bought it in the 1930's, for the recreational use of Spooner Row residents. Wymondham Town Council are financially responsible for certain maintenance costs such as grass cutting expenses.
- The management of the Recreation Ground which includes both the playing field and car park are to be made locally by the new User Group Management Committee.
- The Adoption Group status of the Spooner Row Recycling Bank and the control of the money made from it has been transferred from the School to the new Management Committee. This money will be used locally on costs arising from the Recreation Ground such as extending the car park. This money **DOES NOT** go into Wymondham Town Council's central fund.

We believe the Recreation Ground will continue to be a valuable resource to the local community and if anyone would like to set up their own "organised" group they should contact the Secretary on (01953) 606584. Any resident can use the Recreation Ground for casual pursuits such as jogging and kite-flying.



Two Football Clubs currently use the Recreation Ground, both welcome new players and supporters:

Silfield Juniors
Contact:
Peter Riches
(01953) 850657



Spooner Row Primary School
Footballers

All pupils, boys and girls are very welcome to join us at our coaching sessions every Saturday morning from 09.30 to 11.30. Lots of ball skills, lots of fun and totally FREE!! Just come along with a drink, or call Ian Craigie (01508) 578846.



Recycling



Do remember to recycle your used cans, bottles and paper at the Recycling Bank on Spooner Row car park. All money raised is retained locally and will go towards amenities at Spooner Row Recreation Ground. Don't forget, the more we recycle locally the more funds we will have available for our use.



Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is becoming a big problem on the Recreation Ground. Most dogs carry worms which can lead to diseases such as Toxocariasis which may result in blindness. Worm eggs can be picked up on shoes, pram-wheels and hands and accidentally ingested by young children. We recognise that the majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their dogs but there is a small minority of owners who do not.

Owners who allow their dogs to mess and not clean up or allow their dogs to run unsupervised are putting the health of children at risk. Please clean up after your dog and use the bin provided or we may find the Recreation Ground closed to dog walkers.

If you feel you would like to report a dog owner acting irresponsibly, contact the Dog Warden, Rachael Ives, at South Norfolk Council on (01508) 533739. You do not have to give your own details and there is no recrimination. The Dog Warden should go and speak with the dog owner.



Footpath

As you may have noticed there is now a footpath outside the School which will make the walk to school a lot safer for many of our children. (Please keep off the verge while the grass seeds grow!) Work has also started on the pedestrian refuges along Station Road. We have been assured that these improvements will not jeopardise our place on the footpath list.

Buses

A "Flexi-Bus" service will soon be available through Spooner Row and other villages around Wymondham. It is to be booked in advance and will cater for wheelchair users, prams and pushchairs. Once in operation, this service will be widely advertised, so watch this space!

STOP PRESS!! See enclosed letter



Over 18 ? Exercise Your Rights !

If you are 18 years or over and a resident of the Three Villages you are entitled to a say in the future of the Village Hall.

The principal topic for the AGM on May 25th will be "The Continuation or Closure of the Village Hall". All residents of 18 years and over are eligible to stand as, and vote for, Committee members, and have an active role in the village community. The future of the Hall could be promising providing there is sufficient support.

Currently, there should be a representative from each user group including the

Church, two representatives from Wymondham Town Council plus at least five other members elected to the Committee. If insufficient Committee members are elected at the AGM we will have no choice but to close the Hall and hand it back to the Charity Commission for disposal!

The Three Villages will lose the Hall and all of the money raised over the past 50 years. Remember, the Village Hall is the only public, indoor facility we have!

We need **YOU** to help save the Village Hall.



Special Meeting

About 35 adults and children attended the 50th Anniversary Meeting held in January. There was a lot of positive feedback which we hope will continue, enabling the Hall to thrive. Thank you to everyone who attended. Please come to the AGM to ensure that you have a say in the future of the Hall; perhaps you could bring a neighbour to swell the numbers



Caretaker Retires

Kath Reynolds has retired as caretaker.

Kath and Doug were presented with a crystal vase, bowl and a bouquet of flowers as a show of thanks for their many years of work at the Hall.



They look forward to seeing new faces at the Weekly Bingo sessions which they continue to run.

The new caretaker, Christine James, is responsible for taking bookings for the Hall and can be contacted on; (01953) 603032.

VILLAGE HALL SUPPORTS GOOD CAUSES

Did you know that the Village Hall helps other good causes through its regular use. Weekly Bingo has for many years played a charity bingo card and money raised has gone towards The Big C Appeal, The East Anglian Children's Hospices and The British Heart Foundation.

These funds have been raised by the hard work and commitment of Kath and Doug Reynolds and Ann Barnley.

Tuesday night Line Dancing run by the Phoenix Line Dancers, raise money for local causes. The Village Hall group have contributed £146 towards Kirsty Webb Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy Fund and The Oesophageal Patients Assn. They also support The Big C and C.O.P.A.R.S. (Childhood Cancer Organisation Parental and Relatives Support.)



Line Dancing

Line Dancing at the Village Hall started in February. This has been a success and is particularly popular with the younger members of the villages. Money is raised for the Village Hall through the hiring fees and in addition there is a raffle run by Ann Barnley. The raffle has raised £107 so far for Village Hall Funds.



Help Needed

Could you give your time and expertise to help paint and repair the rendering on the Village Hall? Please contact The Secretary (01953) 601581

From Little

Acorns.....

Spooner Row Acorns Pre-school Group & Early Years Partnership have vacancies from September 2000 for children from 3 years of age. We are fully OFSTED and Social Services approved. Our staff are fully qualified working within a purpose built early years unit at Spooner Row School. For a brochure please call our administrator Maureen Roe on (01953) 603356.

What We Are About:

Spooner Row, Sutton & Wattlefield Village Hall Association is a Charitable Trust registered with the Charity Commission. Its aim is to provide for physical and mental training and recreation, social, moral and intellectual development through the purposes of a village hall. Its finances are reliant on fund raising within the local community and hiring of the Hall.

For further information contact the Secretary.

Committee Members:

Acting Chair—P Frampton

Vice-Chair—vacant

Secretary—L Partner

Treasurer—K Dunn

A Barnley

J Cole-Wilkin

R Divey

O Drapper

S Kelly

S Kemp

R Ross

J Turner

Town Council Reps:

P Hawkins

D Hockaday

Spooner Row, Sutton &
Wattlefield Village Hall Assn.
c/o The Secretary,
The Owls, 13 School Lane,
Spooner Row,
Wyomondham.

Individual articles may not represent the views of the whole Committee.

The Committee welcome all new residents in the Three Villages, why not come and join some of our activities:

- Monday** 8 pm ♣ Cash Bingo
♣ 150 Club Draw
(2nd Monday each Month)
- Tuesday** 7- 9 pm ♣ Beginners Line Dancing
- Wednesday** 7- 9 pm ♣ Carpet Bowls
- Thursday** 2 - 4 pm ♣ Good Companions (Over 55's Club)
- Thursday** 7.45 pm ♣ Village Hall Committee Meetings
(last Thursday each month)

The Hall is available for private and club hire at very reasonable rates.

Contact Christine James on (01953) 603032

A Word From The Chairman

The Hall is 250 years old and has not been maintained as it should have been. There needs to be a great deal of work done on the Hall and it has been suggested that work should be done in phases. Work on the electrics will be carried out in the next few weeks to bring them up to NIC standards. The floor in the kitchen and stage area is in a poor state and builder's estimates have been received in the region of £20,000 for the entire floor of the Hall to be renovated. The money for this is being sought by applying for grants.

The decoration of the outside of the Hall is the phase where people of the village can help. The Article on page 3 asks for volunteers to help repair and paint to stop the Hall looking an eye-sore. Please come forward and tell me or the Secretary how you can help. Any help will be appreciated.

Finally, the people of the Three Villages have been lucky over the past year because there are a couple of Committee members who have worked hard to keep the Hall open. Over the years there have been several matters which have been neglected but have now been addressed putting the Hall on a better standing. There is a need for more active members of the Committee so please join and support the few current members. The Hall should be the focal point of the Three Villages with a full diary of social events, but we need your help.

I look forward to meeting you at the AGM

Yours

Peter Frampton.