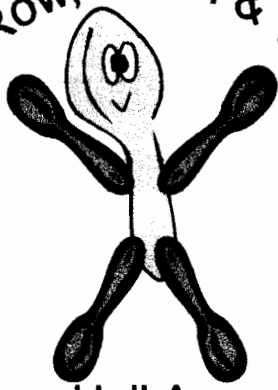


Spoo-ner Row, Suton & Wattlefield



Village Hall Association  
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# NEWS- LETTER

# HALLOWEEN FAYRE

Saturday 27th October 2001

2-00pm 'till 4-00pm

AT

SPOONER ROW

VILLAGE HALL

DECORATE A HAT FOR A WITCH COMPETITION

OPEN TO ALL AGES (50p per entry)

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED BY WYMONDHAM MAYOR, MARTYN WYNNE  
AT 3-30pm (last entries 3-00pm)

FRESHMENTS  
AMBOLA  
APPLE  
CAKES  
C-A-BRAC  
CRAFTS  
GAMES

## Flexibus

The services of the Flexibus have been revised. The Flexibus is able to operate between Wymondham and Spooner Row/Suton/Wattlefield on Mondays and Fridays. It can pick you up from your door and must be booked by 5pm the day before travelling; for the Monday journey, by 5pm the previous Friday. Ring Oliver's Taxis on 01953 606011 to book.



## Recycling

Remember to recycle your used cans, paper and bottles (plastic and glass) at the Recycling Bank at Spooner Row recreation ground car park. All money raised is retained locally and goes towards amenities at the recreation ground. The more recycled locally, the more funds are available to benefit the community.

## Recreation Ground Car Park

The recreation ground car park has recently been extended. Parents and residents mainly carried out the work and it can now cater for almost twice as many cars. Well done to all who helped.



### Spooner Row Footpath

As everyone will have noticed, we now have a much-needed footpath in Station Road. It will enable journeys made by foot to be a lot safer! Well done to those involved in this achievement. Special thanks should go to the local authorities and those individuals who helped make this possible, particularly (in alphabetical order) Diana Hockaday, Bill Pittingale and Martin Wynne.

### The Wymondham News

The Wymondham News is a free monthly newsletter which has recently been established. It includes local news, an events diary and adverts for local businesses. Copies are available at the Spooner Row Village Hall and at several locations in Wymondham.

### Village Hall AGM Update

The AGM was held in May. The Chairman gave an overview of the plans to refurbish the village hall. The End of Year Accounts were presented and the Secretary's AGM report outlined the numerous tasks fulfilled by the committee over the past year. Two new members, Norman Huggins and Jon Wright, were welcomed on to the village hall management committee.

**We have already suffered at the hands of vandals, the notice board has been smashed and the felt on the roof of the porch torn! Please do speak to anyone seen damaging your village hall and report them to the Secretary. We will report all acts of vandalism to the police!**

## **JOB VACANCY**

**The position of Village Hall Caretaker is now vacant (4 hours per week). It involves taking bookings for the hiring of the hall, locking and unlocking where necessary, and ensuring the hall is kept in good order. For further details contact the Secretary on 01953 602768.**

## **???????????? Quiz Night ??????????????**

The Quiz Night held on 20 July proved to be very popular. Several new teams attended and over £120 was raised towards village hall funds. The Quiz and chips evening on 19th October saw the launch of our "WHO DUN IT?" quiz sheet. Entries are £1.00 and the winning entries will be drawn at our next Quiz and Chips evening on **FRIDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2002**. Prizes are £20, £10 and £5. For quiz sheets or bookings please contact Lesley Partner 01953 601581 or Roz Ross 01953 603179. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

**WHO  
DUN IT?  
QUIZ**

# VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT

The initial work to refurbish the village hall has now been completed. The village hall floor has been repaired and the builder (A. J. Dunning) has made a splendid job. In fact, during the six weeks of building work things ran fairly smoothly. Over half the floor area (including the kitchen and under the stage) has been mended. Although it visibly appears that little has changed, major repairs have been undertaken out of sight to the floor supports. The wood-worm we didn't know were there, aren't there anymore—they've been blasted by chemicals!



I thought we'd treated the woodworm!

There were some interesting objects found under the boards (particularly in the area at the far end of the hall nearest the railway line), including many old food tins and bottles (some probably pre World War II), a corked vial of poison with some yellow liquid still inside and a very old child's boot (possibly early Victorian). Information on these pieces may be provided by Norwich Castle Museum. We also placed our own time capsule under the floor for a future generation to find.

A new heating system (including a new boiler) has been installed. There are now radiators throughout the entire village hall and it is certainly a lot quieter and warmer than the previous, antiquated heating system!

The new heating system and floor repairs have cost about £20,000. This was mainly funded by grants from the following: National Lottery Awards for All (£5,000), Wymondham Town Council (£3,000), South Norfolk District Council (25% of costs up to £11,799) and Norfolk Rural Community Council (who administer funds for Norfolk County Council, £2,067). The refurbishment is about half way through and the village hall committee are now seeking additional funds to continue. Future work includes rewiring the hall, a new ceiling, redecoration and other minor repairs.

As a charity, the village hall committee has always had to rely on securing its own funding. This is solely achieved by income raised from hiring the hall, fund raising events and the occasional donation. Recently the committee has been fortunate in receiving several grant awards and other grant applications are in the pipeline. Donations are always welcome and the village hall is registered for Gift Aid, which will boost the value of a donation made by tax paying individuals. Donation forms are available on request from the Secretary.

## BINGO NEWS

The Weekly Cash Bingo is still running and the jackpot currently stands at **£100**. All new and old faces are very welcome. The fun starts at 8 pm every Monday evening. Tea and coffee are available along with the usual cold drinks and sweets. There is a raffle, Super Bingo Tickets and the chance to win a guaranteed prize of **£15 every week** in our Lucky House Game. See local press for weekly winners. We are currently running our Christmas Squares Board with lots of Christmas goodies for prizes. The Christmas Bingo is not far off, on Monday 10th December. Don't forget to buy your Christmas draw tickets well in advance. Any donations of prizes would be gratefully received, contact Lesley, Roz or Alison the Secretary if you can help.



## GOOD COMPANIONS

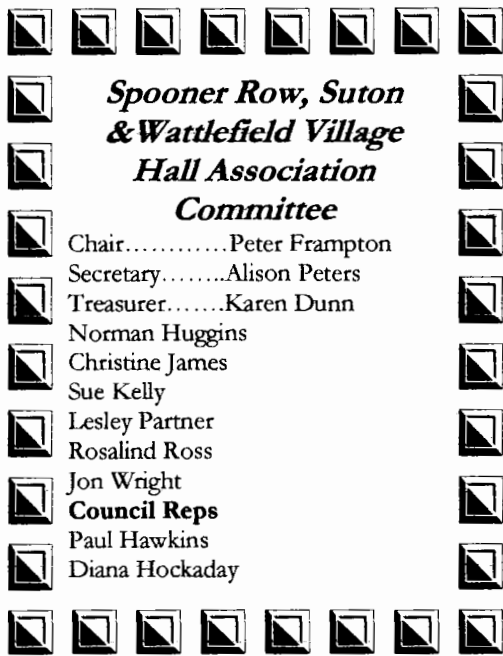
The club meets every other Thursday at 2 pm in the Village Hall. There are various interests, both for Ladies and Gentlemen, i.e. cards, dominoes and bingo as well as an opportunity to have a "mardle".

"Subs" are kept to a minimum, 50p doesn't break the bank but it gets you a cup of tea (or coffee) and a biscuit, a raffle ticket and opportunities for subsidised outings as well as the company of interesting people.

You don't have to be a pensioner, although most members are over 50 years young, so don't be shy, come along and join in the fun. You won't be a stranger for long !!

For further information contact Mrs Cole-Wilkins (01953) 605905 or Mrs Barnley (01953) 603318.





**Spooner Row, Sutton  
& Wattlefield Village  
Hall Association  
Committee**

- Chair.....Peter Frampton
- Secretary.....Alison Peters
- Treasurer.....Karen Dunn
- Norman Huggins
- Christine James
- Sue Kelly
- Lesley Partner
- Rosalind Ross
- Jon Wright
- Council Reps**
- Paul Hawkins
- Diana Hockaday

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**WHAT'S ON  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

- Monday** ..... Cash Bingo Eyes down 8 pm.  
(with 100 Club Draw on second Monday each month)
- Tuesday** ..... Line Dancing 7 - 9 pm  
Beginners Line Dancing 7 - 8 pm  
Advance Line Dancing 8 - 9 pm
- Wednesday** ..... Carpet Bowls 7.30-9.30pm  
New Members always welcome
- Thursday**..... Good Companions 2-4 pm  
(Over 50s Club)

**Village Hall Committee Meetings 7.15 pm**

(last Thursday each month)

*The Hall is available for private and club hire at the very  
reasonable rate of £5.00 per hour.*

Contact the Secretary on (01953) 602768

**Spooner Row Church News**  
Weekly Sunday Services at 11 am. All Welcome.  
Autumn Fayre - Saturday 3rd November 2pm-4pm.

A Few Words from the Secretary

As you can see the renovations have begun! We will drag our hall into the 21<sup>st</sup> century - bit by bit!

Still to do: Replace electrics, new ceiling, decorate, sand and seal the floor, and fit floor coverings in the porch, committee room and kitchen.

Cost: Another £20,000 plus and that's without new windows, curtains and more kitchen units.

Come and smell the hall, or rather don't smell the hall - the fusty, damp smell has gone! But, (there is always a but) we do need your help to raise the necessary funds. Have you just won the lottery or don't know what to do with your cash? We'll help you spend it.

As Magnus Magnuson said, "We've started so we'll finish." With your help it could be sooner rather than later.

*A. Peters*



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