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Village Halls News and Information

Village Halls Charging Scheme (operational from 1.06.08)

Our new Village Halls Service promotional leaflet is enclosed with this mailing. It includes our 2008-9 subscription rates and payment form. I would be grateful if you would return this form and your subscription as soon as possible. Thank you to those halls who have already paid!

Morning Meeting 17 May 2008

We enclose a flyer for the 2008 Village Halls Conference at the Village Hall, Calver. As the subscription scheme is not yet fully operational, there is a flat-rate charge of £15 per hall, plus £5 per person for lunch. Please return your forms to Nancy Slaney by 8 May.

Licensing Act

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has indicated that the new proposals for removing the necessity of having a Designated Premises Supervisor for the sale of alcohol in village and community halls should be in place by October 2008.

Village Hall Risk Assessment

The Health & Safety Executive has produced an example risk assessment for a village hall. Go to www.hse.gov.uk/risk/casestudies/villagehall or call the Information Line on 0845 345 0055.

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ACRE Village Hall Information Sheets - Updates

VHIS 4 Funding trusts for Village Halls and Community Centres

VHIS 7 Village Halls Insurance Cover

VHIS 19 Marketing your Village Hall

A sample Environmental Policy has been added. This will be needed for applications to the Community Sustainable Energy Programme.

Please let Nancy Slaney know if you would like a copy of any of these.



Funding News

Supported by

BRE Community Sustainable Energy Programme

This is a Big Lottery Fund Capital Grant programme administered by BRE. Please consult the website: www.communitysustainable.org.uk for more information and funding rounds.



Bio-fuel capital grants

Defra has announced a £4m bio-energy capital grants scheme. For details go to www.defra.gov.uk

bridleways.co.uk

Catherine Wheatcroft of South Wingfield is looking for community venues she could book for a series of talks she wants to give throughout the county. The website brings together communities of horse riders who want to share riding routes throughout the UK.

Her talks would focus on equine based topics of interest to the riding community. If you would like to host one of these talks, contact Catherine on 01629 534 181 or info@bridleways.co.uk

Congratulations on receiving Awards for All grants to:

Bainbridge Hall at Carr Vale: £4,100 for replacement chairs and tables

Hillstown Miners Welfare: £7,359 for Improvements to the Bowling Green and Pavilion

Please let us know if you have good news concerning your hall—its good to share!

The B & Q Awards: 'One Planet Living (OPL)' Awards

The 'You Can Do It' Awards have been re-launched with a new name, new criteria and a new prize fund for groups to win B&Q materials for community projects across the UK and Ireland.

The B&Q Awards will offer between £1,000 and £10,000 of B&Q products to community and charitable organisations across the UK and Ireland. The Awards aim to play a key part in helping local communities create inclusive and sustainable projects of which they can be proud.

The 2008 Awards are open to applications between **Monday 28 January and Friday 28 March** .

Application forms are available to download at www.diy.com then One Planet Living Awards, or by telephoning the 24 hour application line on 0845 300 1001.

Lunch Clubs

Do you have a lunch club for aged/disabled people which takes place regularly in your hall? If so, are you aware that Derbyshire County Council has a grant scheme to support them? DCC's contribution is against expenditure on rent and/or rates, heating and lighting, cleaning and caretaking, renewal of equipment and transport to and from club meetings (not outings).

Clubs are invited to apply for a grant each year and the District Council will usually pay a grant equal to that paid by the County Council.

Contact Derbyshire County Council's Adult Social Services Department at County Hall, Matlock DE4 3AG Tel: 01629 580000

The CEMEX Community Fund is a dedicated grant resource for enabling and assisting communities local to CEMEX quarry and landfill sites to carry out projects which improve or enhance local community facilities and places of interest. It operates under the Landfill Communities Fund, formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme.

The Fund supports a small number of projects with grants ranging from £1,000 to £15,000 for projects which:

- Provide and maintain public parks and amenities when the work protects the social, built and/or natural environment.
- Repair, or restore buildings or structures which are of religious, historical or architectural interest.

Consult the website: www.cemexcf.org.uk or write to CEMEX Community Fund, POBox 53978, London SW15 1UU. Please note the Stage 1 Expression of Interest deadline is **14th April**.

WRG Challenge 2008. £2 million available in grants.

After Little Eaton's success in obtaining a national grant in the 2007 round, if your community is looking for between £75,000 and £250,000 for a community project, why not have a look at the website to see if you are eligible to apply: www.wren.org.uk

BIG LOTTERY FUND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS PROGRAMME

Really Good News!

Somercotes Leisure Development Group Trust has progressed through both stages of the Community Buildings Programme and has been awarded **£295,000** for the construction of a multi-use centre.

The Somerlea Park Community Centre will be a valuable one-stop shop facility for the community and around 30 local organisations offering a wide range of services such as sports facilities, learning activities including vocational and leisure courses, and space for voluntary and community groups to meet. The new centre will also house an internet café, police contact office, café and kitchen, and office and storage spaces. Residents of the surrounding villages of Leabrooks and Riddings will also benefit from this new facility.

More Good News! A further six applicants have been successful at Stage One of the Programme and have been awarded development grants to enable them to prepare their applications for Stage Two. We wish them well. They are:

Alderwasley Parish Council: Re-opening of St Margaret's Hall, a vital building in the community.

Clifton Parochial Church Council – Hall Development committee: To develop and refurbish Clifton Community Hall.

Little Eaton Parish Council: New hall.

Over Haddon Village Hall Management Committee: New building to increase facilities and capacity of the hall.

Parwich Memorial Hall: Replace existing inadequate village hall with new one on the same site.

Pinxton Miners Welfare Institute and Recreation Ground: Renovations to existing Miners Welfare centre.

Congratulations also to:

Bakewell Friends Meeting House— £220,000 in total from a substantial legacy, WREN, Veolia DET and Derbyshire Churches and Chapels Preservation Trust, to be used for refurbishment

Hathersage Memorial Hall—£10,000 from Awards for All towards the renovation of the hall



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And ask for Wendy Smart
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Website: www.toplinefurnituredirect.co.uk

Topline Contract Furniture Ltd
Unit 18/19 Sapcote Trading Estate, Powke Lane,
Cradley Heath, West Midlands, B84 5QR

DRCC is proposing
to hold a

**Village Hall
event at Calver
Village Hall on
Saturday
17 May 2008**

**Further information
will be in the next
Newsletter**

and finally -

A look at a typical Village Hall Meeting!

The local campsite owner left the trees he was pruning, picked up his jacket and strolled down to the Village Hall. On his way he was joined by the bricklayer who had just pulled up after a long day's work and his next-door neighbour as she alighted from the bus back from work in Truro. At the Hall, six or seven other working folk would have left a hurried meal to attend the monthly meeting of the Hall's Management Committee.

The bookings secretary reported a booking for Tuesday evenings for a yoga class from 6pm until 7.30pm – an income of £12.75 a week! There was also a booking for a 21st birthday party on the 3rd of next month so she would have to ask for volunteers to man the bar from 7-11.30pm. Members groaned and no one offered their help immediately as it would be a long and tiring night. After a plea from the Chairman (who had no choice but to offer her services first) about the bar takings helping fund the replacement of the entrance hall carpet, two other members reluctantly agreed to help out. One of those had, a few months before, taken responsibility for ordering bar supplies and cleaning the beer lines every week – usually on his day off. He was a photographer by profession but soon learned the basics from the landlord of the local pub!

Talk turned next to the Fun Day planned for the following week. It would be a good fundraiser if the weather improved and people looked for a day out. Several members agreed to man the stalls, others offered to bake cakes for the cake stall; one offered her services doing face painting. The bouncy castle had been hired at a special rate of £30 so it was hoped enough money would be taken to cover this. Prizes for the raffle had been donated and the Chairman thanked those members who had trooped round businesses and shops asking for them.

The campsite owner was responsible for grant applications and he had spent some time getting quotes for a stair lift to the upstairs meeting rooms. A surveyor was due on Tuesday morning and someone would have to be on hand to show him round. All agreed that disabled access was very important and wondered why such a facility had not been included in the initial plans before the Hall had been built. The Chairman reminded them that money had run out and no other funding had been available. She reminded them of the continued need for every member to work at the fund-raising in order to maintain the fabric of the building as income from lettings barely covered the bills, especially with increased heating and lighting charges. Before bringing the meeting to its close, she asked if everyone would also join her on a painting weekend. "No, not the artistic kind", she said. "We really must repaint those meeting rooms walls!".

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