

DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Our main news this time is regarding our extension. You may recall that originally we had split the project into two phases. The plan had been to build at the back and put in foundations for phase two at the side, ready for completion at a later date.

The whole project to date has been planned and worked on for over 6 years with several changes in circumstances since the initial outset back in mid 2010.

This has resulted in the committee having to re-evaluate the whole situation earlier this year. It was then agreed to split the two phases in a different way.

Phase One which has now been completed was to build the whole external structure. There was funding in place to do this and make it water tight before winter.

Phase Two is now to raise funds to complete the internal work and knock through. Work can take place behind the scenes with minimal disruption to hall users and the hall can continue to operate without affecting its finances.

We need a further £40,000 to finish the project which we would like to achieve in the next 12 months.

Having already raised significantly more than this to date, it is an achievable figure through grants and fundraising events.

In September we had a very successful quiz night and October saw our annual Harvest Supper. By the time you are reading this it is very likely that our November events (Ladies Shopping Evening & Race Night) will have taken place.

So looking forward to 2017 here are some of the events we have planned:

January - Saturday 21st, Cockney Night, bangers & mash and East End Entertainment. In the village hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Bring your own drinks. Ticket Price TBC.

January - Friday 27th, AGM, 8pm in the Village Hall.

February - Thursday 9th February - Indian Meal at Indian Night, Widford, Chelmsford. 7.30pm. £20 per head Meal includes: 1 starter, 1 main, 1 naan or Veg dish + poppadoms.

Tickets Available now - 07549 454062 or infodownhamhall@aol.com

March - Saturday 11th March, Quiz Night at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets £10 each to include fish & chips, bring your own drinks and nibbles.

April - Dance-a-thon Family Disco - details TBC.

If you are able to support us in any way we would be grateful. Apart from actually attending our events small things that you could do to help us includes donating a raffle prize, delivering leaflets to publicise our events, selling tickets e.g. are you a mum who goes to the school playground and can sell tickets to our family disco? We would like to reach out to all age ranges in the local community. Do you have a good idea for a different fundraising event?

If you can help or would like tickets for any of the events please do contact us on 07549 454062 or infodownhamhall@aol.com

Are you buying your Christmas Presents online this year? You can help us without it costing you a penny.

All you need to do is go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register and nominate Downham Village Hall. There are 2700+ retailers ranging from John Lewis, EBay & Marks & Spencer along with many others that will donate to us, every time you visit the website and click through to a retailer & make a purchase we receive a donation.

Finally, if you would like to make a donation (can be anonymously) please visit:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/downhamvillagehall>

If you are a UK tax payer you can also gift aid this to help us even more.