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ROLLESTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Village Hall Latest

A New Beginning.....

At long last the work on the New Village Hall is about to begin.

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, it is not going to be possible to re-use the floor, but all other items have been carefully removed for safe storage

The contractors, Baggaley and Jenkins take over the site in mid January, and we expect them to leave site, with the new building complete, by August 2005. Until then, they are responsible for the site and its security, and the health and safety issues arising from it.

Should any damage to equipment or people occur, it is they, and their insurance company that are liable.

It is not therefore possible to allow people to wander freely around the site as this will compromise safety and also hinder the workforce. It may be possible to see some of the activity from behind the site fencing, or from the field behind the hall. We will also endeavor to make available some time when people can visit the site under supervision. In the meantime, Frank Mitchell has kindly agreed to be 'official photographer' so that we have a record for the future.

Please could we ask everyone, and particularly those with children to be mindful of the security issues and the possible risks to health and safety arising from the building works.

We and the contractor are aware of possible disturbance to close neighbors but we aim to cause the minimum of disruption and will be introducing the site manager to concerned individuals. The Village Hall Committee will be monitoring the situation closely.

If anyone has any concerns or just needs to discuss something regarding the hall please contact the Village Hall Management Committee or Nick Pearson on 816382 or Gill Rowles on 812936, who will liaise direct with the Project Manager, Alison Davies of Groundworks Architects.

- to recap

2002

- research and feasibility study concluded a new hall was the best option.
- Alison Davies of Groundworks appointed as architect. Phil Burrell of Three Sixty Project Management appointed as Quantity Surveyor.
- Specification for a new hall and all associated works, expected to be around £400,000. This figure to include all professional and Local Authority fees, demolition of current hall and all external / landscaping works

2003

- Serious Fund raising begins
- research on new hall requirements and possible usage continues
- negotiations continue with Newark and Sherwood District Council to draw up new lease and acquire their consent to the works
- bid to the lottery for two thirds of the funds required is made, but is unsuccessful
- decision made to apply to DEFRA.

2004

- Jan - bid to DEFRA
- Feb - full planning permission granted
- May - DEFRA agree to fund £310,000 i.e 80% .
- Village Hall funds stand at £30,000.
- HSBC agree to provide an interest only Loan for 2 years for the remaining £60,000, guaranteed by three villagers
- Summer/Autumn - details of scheme finalised, 5 contractors quote for the work. Baggaley and Jenkins appointed.

So, things are really moving on but we still **have to find £60,000** in order to relieve the burden on the Village Hall Committee and the villagers guaranteeing the loan. We are working hard to get as many charities and companies as possible to donate as so many of us have already given so much. However, we will still be running local fund raising activities, for fun too, and if anyone is able to contribute through the 'buy a brick scheme' or direct donation, it will be most welcome. Thanks for the help so far.

Good news—the Titanic night raised £740 net profit. Thanks to everyone and particularly Bob and Beryl Green and Doug and May Fearn who had the vision to create the original hall which has been the corner stone of our community for the last 30 years—we will continue