

# party in the car park scores a hit!

## summer event raises a massive £1,660

The remarkable support shown by the Queen's Head for the new village hall project has continued unabated this year, and was crowned by a fantastic summer party in the car park.

This event, held on one of the

hottest days of the year, attracted masses of people and raised a huge £1,660. Top attractions were the high quality barbecue food laid on by the pub, the terrific live music provided by the Expresso Bongo Orchestra, and the many games and events for all the family.

Charity Chairman David Hedgecock commented, "We would like to thank every visitor who turned out on the day, and all those who helped with the organisation - especially everyone at the pub who worked so hard to make it a successful event."

## Help us raise more funds for a tip-top hall

The generous funds already donated to the project will ensure that the hall is built and fitted out for use.

This is great news and allows us to turn our attention to raising money for furnishings and other equipment needed to turn our great new building into a top class facility for a full range of uses.

We are already planning events into the New Year, so please continue supporting the project in whatever way you can, because every penny really does count.

## reserve your place in the wall of fame

Buy a brick to help us build the village hall bar, and we'll have it engraved with your name. This means that not only will you be helping the cause, you'll also be famous! Bricks cost £50 each and numbers are limited, so don't delay! Speak to a committee member for details.

## Find out more. It's good to talk!

Please remember that anyone who would like to find out more about the village hall project is welcome to contact any committee member. We will also continue to make information available through newsletters and posters and look forward to talking over the project with people at events planned for the New Year.

members of the committee are:

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# new village hall

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## play your part

Villagers are being encouraged to make the most of the opportunities offered by the new village hall project in whatever way they can.

Charity Treasurer Sue Barker stressed that everyone's input is valued and urged people to get involved by, for example, planning uses of the hall, or coming forward to help organise the ongoing programme of hall events. She said, "This hall is for all local people, and we would like to hear from anyone who would like to play their part in making it a success."

## it's a new hall for Newton!

### fundes back community project

Christmas has come early to Newton Regis with the fantastic news that we have been offered over £273,000 in grants, making it possible for the building of a new village hall to go ahead!

The new village hall charity would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the project over the last three years, and would particularly like to express its gratitude for offers of £96,631 from the Big Lottery Fund, £136,793 from the Rural

Development Service, through the Rural Enterprise Scheme, and £39,872 of Landfill Tax credit funding from Waste Recycling Group Ltd.

Villagers and other donors have swelled the total by a marvellous £10,000 in a campaign which has been described as 'hard work but worth every minute' by charity committee members. (See inside for more details.)

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A big thank you to **everyone** for their **support**

## we thank **our** sponsors

We are pleased to announce that Tamworth Co-operative Society is the first local organisation to become a corporate sponsor of the village hall, pledging £500 to help us complete the project.

This is very much appreciated and will be recognised on a plaque in the hall.

The village hall charity will be pleased to hear from any other businesses who would like to be part of the sponsorship project.



## a merry christmas to one and all!

Christmas services  
**St Mary, Newton Regis:**  
Carols by candlelight - 4pm  
on Sunday December 19th.  
Christingle - 6.15pm on  
Christmas Eve

**All Saints, Seckington:**  
Christmas Communion -  
9am on Christmas Day

# a brand new hall for **everyone** to use

**The Newton Regis Village Hall Community Project is not just about building a new hall, but is also deeply concerned with the setting in place a range of services and opportunities for local people and groups.**

This project aims to provide a new community building capable of becoming the base for a range of community services, and to manage the resulting facility and services on a self-financing basis.

In the long term, there are hopes to rejuvenate this rural area by giving everyone - but particularly disadvantaged groups, an opportunity to improve the quality of their lives through access to community initiatives based within the hall and by providing a sustainable focus for community life.

The plan is to provide benefits to local communities in a number of important ways:

- ◆ by providing access to a range of community services.
- ◆ by providing access to opportunities various types relating to improved personal and community development.
- ◆ by helping to reduce the social and economic disadvantages of living in a rural area.
- ◆ by making a key local community building available for community or private use, irrespective of age, sex, race, religion or disability.

Different groups within the community will be able to benefit in different ways:

### **Older people**

Many older people can become isolated without a place to meet and find out what is happening in the community. The new hall will provide the base for meetings and social activities, and will be accessible to those with mobility problems.

### **Young people**

There are currently almost no facilities for younger people in and around Newton Regis, but for our next generation to thrive,

they need places to meet and activities in which they can take part. Proposals for a youth club have been well received, a mini tennis group is being planned and the future already looks brighter for local youngsters.

### **Parents and children**

The presence of good child activity groups is very valuable in modern communities and plans are in hand for a playgroup and school holiday activities.

### **Groups and clubs**

The presence and prosperity of local groups and clubs brings meaning to community life, and

the new village hall will provide an ideal venue for a wide range of such groups to meet. The availability of several rooms means that a number of groups can meet at one time without overcrowding, and this is seen as a key feature of the new building.

### **Students and learners**

The new village hall aims to attract training relevant to those wishing to improve their personal and professional skills or extend their knowledge of hobbies and pastimes, as a way of developing the potential of the community as a whole.

### **Community events**

If Newton Regis and the surrounding villages are truly to sustain a community life and spirit, the organisation and enjoyment of a full range of community events will surely be central.

A plan to reintroduce shows and concerts is just one of the ideas under consideration at the moment.

- ◆ If you would like to get involved with organising or providing any services, events or groups, please call on 830274.

## football and cricket **return** to Newton Regis

Thanks to a fabulous effort by local man David Bridgen and his friends and family, the much missed Newton Thistle Football Club has been reborn.

This is currently operating on a five a side basis and is open to players over 11, on a Tuesday night on the tennis courts. Everyone welcome.

In another impressive coup, it looks likely that Tamworth Cricket Club will next year take up residence on the site, meaning that for the first time in many years, matches will regularly be played in the village.

Dave commented, "It's great to see the village being revitalised through the village hall project and I'm only too pleased to get involved by helping to bring sport for youngsters and adults back into the village."

The village hall committee would also like to thank Matt Bridgen and Rob Scully for their hard work on improving the playing fields.



**we're on a roll**, so join our lottery syndicate - who knows what might happen next! **Call Barbara Taylor on 830227.** Just £1 per week.

## Balloon race update...

Our summer balloon race was a great success. The winning balloon had travelled all the way to Hull by the closing date. Since then however, we've received news of one reaching Sweden! Just waiting now to hear from the North Pole...