

HALL FOR ALL NEWSLETTER 3—NOVEMBER 2018



Please Help Our Hall

8 weeks to go!

We have eight weeks to secure £80,000 otherwise the £460,000 pledged by Big Lottery - conditional on raising the total amount - will be allocated to other projects. The project cost is just over £700,000 - we have £620,000 pledged, or in the bank, and we are hoping to raise £40,000 from other grant makers, leaving £40,000 to raise from our community. In the last four weeks over £30,000 has been secured from grants, personal donations and events. With your help we can do this!

Our aim is to create a Centre for the Community fit for the 21st Century. Please do consider making a donation to support the project, no matter how big or small, and join the growing number of names on our donor board in the new hall (unless you wish to remain anonymous.)

You can do so through a BACS payment to:

Account name: Westleton Village Hall
Account No: 40853658, Sort Code: 40-28-33.

Or set up a standing order. Please contact Alex at hallforall@btopenworld.com if you prefer to pay by cheque.

We've tried to summarise the project below but if you have any questions please do contact our team.

Why?

It started with a much-needed kitchen. But the consultations with the users and local community highlighted a greater need. Many people said the space was inadequate for the role the community now wanted it to support. Here are a few comments:

"Activities at the hall have been a lifeline to me since my wife died."

"I am a full-time carer for my husband who has dementia. The hall is completely inadequate but attending activities there gives me an important place to recuperate."

"The village hall means I don't have to be so isolated. Attending classes helps my depression and gives me the opportunity to see other people."

"I would like somewhere to go and have fun where I don't upset the older people."

What?

The hall improvements and extension will transform the old school buildings in response to the many surveys and consultations with the community.



Image courtesy of Bill Ungless

Work is progressing on the designs, and we have planning permission. We just need the final piece of funding.

RECENT DONATIONS have been warmly welcomed from:

Ganzoni Community Fund

Garfield Weston Foundation

Protein Foods

Suffolk Rural Fund

From the community we also thank:

Jane Austin and Jamie Youngman

Irene Bews and Catriona Hopkins

Elaine and David Blencowe

Juliet Bullimore

Clare and Lyn Flook

Pam and Alan Hargreaves

Jean and Ivor Murrell

Hilas Smith

Professor C Tyerman

A and M Wilson

together with Halesworth Golf Club, Parish Care and Westleton Art Group

for their very generous support, as well as two very kind anonymous donors.

Next Community Fundraising Events

Thursday 8 November: Quiz Night with Maddie and Fiona

Saturday 24 November: The Second Westleton Winter Warmer. A hugely popular informal evening of relaxed entertainment from our talented local musicians. Doors open 7.30 for 8.00 start. Tickets £7 Including a "light bite"

Saturday 1 December: Film night: The Bookshop*

Friday 7 December: Quiz and Christmas Auction

Friday 18 January: Adam Rowlands, RSPB Suffolk Area Manager will talk about the RSPB and the Suffolk Coast.

Friday 22 February: (TBC)

Friday 21 March: Brian Butcher from the National Trust will take a peek behind the tapestries at Blickling Hall.

All events are held in Westleton Village Hall and doors open at **7.00pm for 7.30pm** start, unless stated above. Tickets are £4 per adult and available from **Westleton Village Shop** three weeks before the advertised date. For more information please see the website or contact Maddie or Anne on hallforall@btopenworld.com.

* Limited number of tickets will also be sold on the door.

Latest Efforts

Recent events, including Jazz Unlimited (below right) and Ivor Murrell's revelations on the mysterious art of traditional malting (below left), raised nearly £1,000.



Friends Evening

A new batch of volunteers joined the team at the recent Friends Evening and we raised a big toast to



chef, James Finch, and the Westleton Crown for the kind contribution of amazing canapés.

This will be our last bulletin until January 2019 – when we will be back with more news!

With thanks for all your help this year and best wishes from Westleton Village Hall Sub Committee: Alex, Irene, Lindsay, Tony, Chris, Maddie, Fiona, Barbara and Anne.