

Dear Resident, May 2006

We are currently about two thirds of the way towards achieving our target for funding the new Victory Hall. Enthusiastic efforts to raise the remaining finances are continuing and new, interesting and enjoyable initiatives are being planned to help achieve this worthwhile objective, which will considerably benefit our community.

A website, www.victoryhall.org.uk has recently been created to make it easier for you to find out more about the plans for the hall. The site is still under development but once it is fully functional we hope that you will find it useful and informative – so please take a look at it and send any constructive feedback that you might have to enquiries@victoryhall.org.uk. The website will be updated regularly with the intention that it becomes a valuable way of keeping everyone informed about forthcoming events, fund raising progress, feedback etc.

Future fund raising efforts will be directed towards the following key areas:

- Individual or corporate cash donations / pledges
- · '200 Club' monthly lottery
- · Community events where the proceeds go towards the new hall
- · Government grants and donations from charities
- Non-cash contributions (e.g. materials, labour, ideas, technical support)

It is intended that a register of donors will eventually be displayed in the new hall.

If you would like to make a financial donation then joining the '200 Club' is an excellent way of doing so and you might even win the £50 first prize that is offered each month. You can join the '200 Club' by completing and returning the standing order slip attached to this Newsletter, or by cash / cheques sent to any of the addresses on the enclosed reply form. More details of how the '200 Club' works are attached and they can also be found in this months NIB magazine.

The new hall will become a reality with the support of the wider community within Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf, so we would be very grateful if you could help by responding to our questionnaire and, especially, by donating time, money or materials. You can also contribute simply by attending the events, which we very much hope that you will enjoy. Details of these will be released in the NIB, on the website and in future newsletters. Thank you very much for your support, however given.

Sincerely,

Patrick Palgrave-Moore

Chairman of the Management Committee



Questions and Answers

Why do we need a new hall?

The present hall is old and tired and sadly, despite its obvious sentimental appeal, is too small to meet the current and future social, educational and community needs. A new hall will be safer, more energy efficient and provide greater benefit to the community as it will be able to accommodate a wider range of events and hold more people.

What is the current status of the project?

Land has kindly been donated adjacent to the existing site for the purpose of building a new hall. Planning consent has been granted and the plans for the proposed new hall are on display in the current hall and will also be on the website. Substantial funds have already been raised for the new building.

Why not extend or refurbish the existing hall?

Space is not available for a suitable extension and conversion / refurbishment costs to meet the new legislation are considered prohibitive for the minor added benefit that the community will receive. Furthermore, if the new hall is not built then substantial funds (that have been pledged for the new building only) will no longer be available to us and we may also lose the land that has been given for the new building. Also, importantly, VAT is recoverable on a new building but not on extensions or renovations.

What will happen to the current hall when the new one is built?

It will be sold for development, subject to detailed planning consent. Outline consent has already been obtained and the planners have indicated that an application for conversion to a single dwelling will be looked upon favourably.

What is the fund raising target?

Estimates suggest that the new hall will cost a total of £300,000 to build based on current prices. Our target is £350,000 in order to allow for inflation and some contingency.

What funds are available to date?

The existing building has been valued at approximately £130,000 and funds have been raised or pledged totalling over £75,000. Overall fund value to date is therefore in excess of £205,000 plus the value of the land and the value of the considerable work already completed to date.

What is 'Gift Aid' and how can we benefit from it?

Gift Aid is a tax refund that charities can claim from the government on donations, subject to certain conditions. If your '200 Club' membership is purchased using the attached standing order form with the Gift Aid section completed then the Victory Hall New Building Fund receives an extra £2.80 from the government for every £10 donated. This is a valuable additional contribution so please help by taking a small amount of time to complete and return the form.

Where can I find out what events are being planned?

In the NIB magazine, on the Post Office notice board and, soon, on the new website.

Who can I contact with queries or my reply?

Dolly Newcombe Patrick Palgrave-Moore Ian McFadyen The Old School House Woodpeckers Orsteada School Lane Hill Top The Shoal **Barton Turf** Neatishead Irstead NR12 8AT **NR12 8XQ NR12 8XS** Tel (01692) 536354 Tel (01692) 631231 Tel (01692) 630150

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Please help us by completing and signing this form even if you do not wish to make a contribution at this time. Your details will be kept confidential and will not be passed to any other person or organisation. These forms should be returned in the envelope provided and handed in to The Village Stores, Neatishead or School House, Barton Turf or Orsteada, Irstead. Thank you.

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VictoryHall200club

What is it?

The '200 Club' is a well-established method of fund-raising. It is essentially a community lottery that is run independently from the Victory Hall but which exists to help support the Victory Hall New Building Fund.

What does it do?

The '200 Club' members are invited to monthly draws. These are social gatherings held at the Victory Hall / local venues. The first draw will be held on Saturday 8th July at 6 pm.

Each month there is a main £50 prize, a second prize of £10 and a third prize of £5.

What does it achieve?

The main aim is to assist the Victory Hall Committee to raise funds for the new hall. Once that has been achieved then we will concentrate on providing equipment so that the hall can be used to its full extent.

Who can join?

- · '200 club' membership is open to anyone who lives in the 3 parishes
- · friends & family of residents
- · friends & supporters of the Victory Hall

We are aiming for 200 members but it is not necessary to have this many members to function successfully.

What does it cost?

A single Membership costs just £3 per month (or £36 a year), which is less than half-a-pint of beer a week. This can be paid by monthly standing order (recommended) or annual cheque. Multiple Memberships can be purchased, which improves your chances of winning!

Who oversees the '200 Club'?

The current '200 Club' honorary officials are:

- · Dolly Newcombe, Chair Person
- Jonathan Peel
- Chris Gibbons

Don't feel left out. Be part of it. Join today.

Standing Order Form

(To be completed and sent directly to your bank)

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