

## NVH 2010 Annual Accounts Show Surplus

- We estimate that more than 17,000 visits were made by users of the hall in 2010!
- The NVH car park lighting has recently been improved after a number of requests to do so on safety grounds.
- We hope to finish the path around the car park this spring, to improve pedestrian and wheelchair access.
- The projected 2011 hire income for the hall is £13,560, against estimated operating costs of £12,333.

The NVH 2010 annual accounts have just been approved and they show that the hall is in comfortable financial shape after its first full year of operating, but continued fund-raising is essential to repay our ACRE loan.

The income from hiring the hall was £10,960 and this was sufficient to cover operating costs of £9,885, leaving an operating surplus of £1,075. Fund raising events and the 200 Club generated £6,316

which was sufficient to cover loan and interest payments to ACRE of £5,289. We currently owe ACRE £20,200 and we remain on course to repay this in late 2014.

Donations amounting to £10,425 were received and these were used to purchase new tables, kitchen equipment, the projector system and new curtains for the main hall.

A final payment of £11,635 will be made to John Youngs Ltd in April for the construc-

tion of the hall. Once this bill is settled and our overdue gift aid refunds are received from the taxman we will still have over £4,000 in cash available to cover any emergencies, which is very good news!

Our main expenses in 2010 were: Insurance (£2,453), Cleaning (£1,776), Electricity (£1,563) and Rates (£776). The detailed accounts will soon be available via a link on our website at [www.victoryhall.info](http://www.victoryhall.info).

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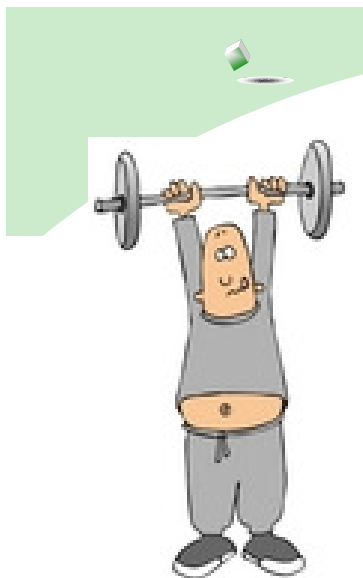
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## NVH Trustees for 2011

The Annual General Meeting of the NVH was held on March 16th 2011. Five Trustees were elected for the coming year; Dolly Newcombe, Vincent Kendrick, Hugh McGill, Brian Wigglesworth and Ian McFadyen. The local WISE group (Women in Search of Enlightenment) —who run the Pilates class in

the hall and organise the annual Xmas Santa Sleigh ride for local children— was appointed as a user group and they have nominated Jude McGill as their representative on the management committee. Other user group representatives on the committee are: Susan Lamb (Barton Turf and Irstead Parish

Council), Doreen Dean (WI), Patrick Palgrave-Moore (Neatishead Parish Council), Diana Thorogood (Friends and Neighbours), David Skipper (Gardening Club), Martin Arnold (NABS). The Wherry Brass Band is also a representative user group but they do not currently have a nominee on the committee.



You too can go from this↑ to this↓ at the Community Gym!



## Gym Funding Outcome Awaited

Following on from the success of the NNDC mobile gym that has been operating in the hall since last April, the 'Neatishead Community Gym' has been established. The gym is currently available every Monday from 10am to 2pm and new members are always welcome to join in the friendly and relaxing environment under the gentle tuition of an experienced trainer. It is good fun

and excellent value so why not give it a try?

The club has applied to 'Awards for All' for just over £10,000 to allow it to purchase its own equipment. The outcome will be announced in April. If successful the gym will be able to offer a wider variety of opening times / days so we wish them every success in this exciting venture.

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**For more information email [gym@victoryhall.info](mailto:gym@victoryhall.info) or contact Jim Clinch (Chairman) on 01692 536890**

**The new summer schedule starts in late April. The Gardening Club will now meet on the third Monday of every month, Yoga will be on Wednesdays and NABS will be every Thursday, making way for Parish Council meetings as necessary.**

## Changes Agreed to Evening Schedules

The Trustees are pleased to confirm, after several months of consultation, that the new evening schedule will start in mid April once the bowls club moves outside for their summer season.

The new schedule provides a dedicated slot for

Junior NABS each Thursday, more consistent dates for Parish Council meetings and, overall, better utilisation of the hall. Hire income should also increase slightly, too.

The Trustees recognise that the changes did not

suit everyone and wish to thank the affected clubs for their willingness to co-operate despite the inconvenience caused—an excellent indicator of the strength of community that we are so lucky to share in our villages. Thank you.

MAIN HALL	New Summer Evening Schedule						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4:00 - 5:00 pm							
5:00 - 6:00 pm					Youth Club		
6:00 - 7:00 pm		Norfolk Wherry Brass Band	Yoga	NABS			
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Gardening Club (3rd Monday of month) or Bowls in Winter		Pilates	NPC			
8:00 - 9:00 pm							
9:00 - 10:00 pm							
10:00 - 11:00 pm							
11:00 - 12:00 am							

## Improvements Planned for 2011

We've enjoyed a very successful first full year in the new hall but there remains much to be done to ensure that this continues, so a number of improvements are planned or are under consideration for 2011.

New software has been purchased to improve the bookings system. This will automatically generate invoices and should save many hours of work by the Bookings Secretary. It also automatically updates the

online bookings diary on the website, helping to keep that right up-to-date at all times.

The car park lighting has very recently been upgraded and is now much improved.

The practicality of installing an electronic door entry system is under evaluation as there are 35 keys currently in circulation. Such a system will make the hall more secure and also reduce the workload on

Trustees who have to open and close the hall for users who do not have a key.

Additional racking will be installed in the store rooms in the next few months to make better use of the space.

The possibility of installing solar panels on the kitchen roof will be evaluated, as this could reduce our energy consumption and also generate a useful income for the hall under the

government's renewable energy initiative.

Now that the worst of the winter weather appears to be behind us, work will continue on the pedestrian path around the edge of the car park and we hope to finish this before the end of Spring.

Finally, in what promises to be a busy year, the Trustees intend to update the Conditions of Hire for the hall, to ensure that they are better suited to the needs of all hirers.

## Memorial Trees Planted

The Friends and Neighbours club has recently planted 5 Silver Birch trees close to the western boundary of the New Victory Hall gardens to commemorate the sacrifices made by the residents of our three villages and who gave their lives during WWII



**5 Silver Birch trees  
have been planted  
to commemorate  
the local men who  
gave their lives in  
WW II**

## Recording the History of the Victory Hall

Ever since the New Victory Hall was completed the Trustees have been pondering how the important historical records from the old hall (such as the names of the local men who gave their lives in both World Wars) can

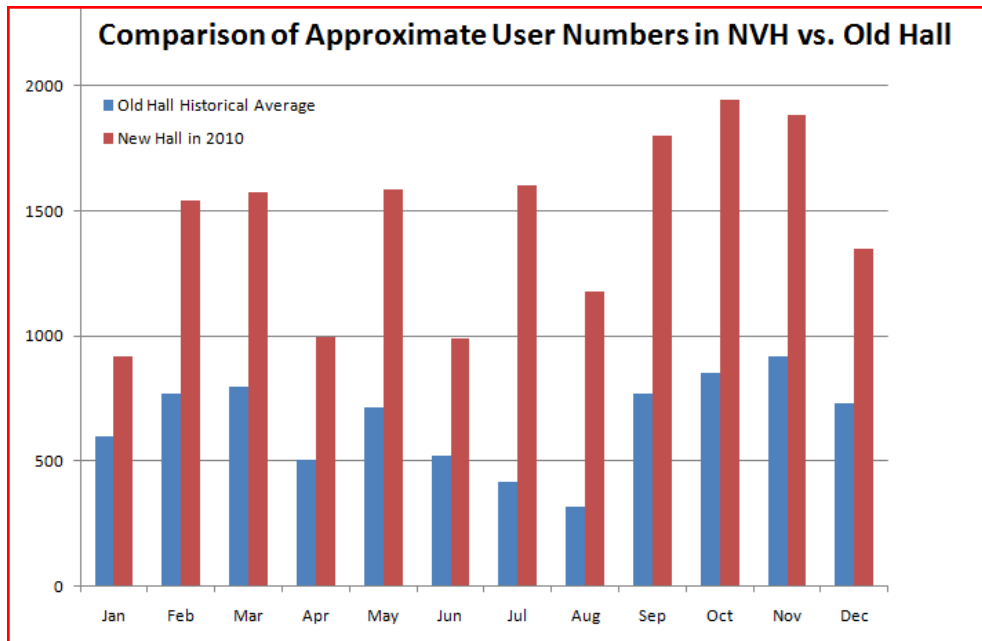
be properly displayed. The challenge is how to fit a square frame onto the curved wall of the meeting room! Help is now at hand as Brian Wigglesworth has not only kindly agreed to research ways of ad-

dressing this dilemma but he has also agreed to compile a complete historical and photographic record of the old and new Victory Halls. This is fantastic news as it will ensure that a key part of our

local history is well documented and made easily accessible for local people. If anyone has any pictures or information that they think might be of interest then please call Brian on 01692 631599.

## NVH User Numbers Show Big Increase

The Trustees continue to estimate visitor numbers to the hall as part of our commitment to the Lottery. Numbers have more than doubled since opening.



The popularity of the New Victory Hall is bringing more and more users through the door. It is estimated that there were over 17,000 visits to the NVH during 2010!

## Forthcoming Events

**Royal Wedding party at NVH on 29th May. Large screen TV from 10 am. Bring your own family picnic from 12:30 pm and join in the afternoon fun and games.**

**Wine Tasting Evening**  
15th April at 7 pm  
Tickets £15 including 2 course meal, coffee and seven wines to taste .  
Advance bookings only from Doreen on 630637



**?? Quiz Evening ??**  
6th May at 7:30 pm  
hosted by Maurice Murphy. Call Dolly on 536 354 to book tickets for your team of 6.

Fund raising events are a key part of repaying the £20,000 still owed to ACRE so please continue to support the NVH and have some fun in the process!



*Barn Dance*

### At Grove Farm

Saturday 18th June 8pm to midnight  
Riotous and always a sell-out so keep the date free. Details in next NIB.

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