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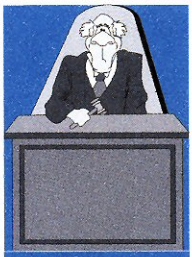

From the Chair

The Memorial Hall

I think that all residents were upset by the "torching" of the Memorial Hall earlier this year in June. I have been concerned that there appears to be little or no progress on the rebuilding of the Hall. However behind the scenes a great deal has happened, we have been working with both the Aviva and our own loss adjuster to decide the future of the Hall. They commissioned Concertus (our project managers) to carry out an asbestos survey, a structural survey to the walls, and investigation to the cavity wall internal smoke damage to investigate whether successful remedial action can be taken by a specialist contractor. The Vice Chair and I, the Parish Clerk and members of our rebuild committee recently attended a meeting with the loss adjusters and Concertus as to whether the present Hall can be rebuilt or would it have to be demolished and a new building erected — following the results of all the investigations, it has been agreed the present hall will be rebuilt, rather than demolished and started again. The build programme will be approximately 21 weeks. Concertus are now obtaining quotations to clear the site and also for the rebuild. It is hoped that the Hall will be ready mid-summer 2014.

Christmas tree

The Parish Council are working with the Memorial Hall committee to ensure that the Christmas Tree will be lit up early in December, this will be followed by hot soup, and rolls, and carol singing in the Trimley Sports and Social Club. Please find provisional details elsewhere in this newsletter and full details in the next Parish Pump which will be published towards the end of November. Everybody welcome!!!

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Local Development Framework

The slow and tortuous public consultations continue, your council reply to these appropriately but we are have little faith that our views receive due consideration by the planning officers.

Planning

Recently Trinity College have had a planning application for the Walton Green North Tesco Superstore and associated Business Units refused.

In addition a recent meeting of the SCDC Southern Development Control Committee refused an application for 190 houses on Walton Green South, these being built off the new access road to Felixstowe Academy and behind Walton Hall. The reason for this, I am told is "mainly due to traffic considerations" on Walton High Street/Trimley High Road".

The decision regarding the latter planning application is particularly gratifying as the SCDC Councillors went against the recommendation of the SCDC Director of Planning who I am told was not at all pleased and demonstrated his displeasure at the meeting.

I am pleased that the representatives of the people can and will respond to the views of the people.

John Barker

The Memorial Hall Committee
Invite you and your family to the
Lighting up of the Christmas Tree

on 5th Dec at 6.30pm

Santa will be lighting the Christmas tree outside The Memorial Hall as usual,

As the Hall will be unavailable this year, the lighting up will be followed by hot soup and rolls being served in the Trimley Sports and Social Club.

Trimley Saints Players will be leading the carols, and Santa will be there to welcome all the children in his grotto.

Everybody Welcome!

PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENJOY YOURSELVES!

Clerk's Corner

It's inevitable that the main news in this issue is the sad state of The Memorial Hall following the devastating arson attack in June.

As the Chairman has said in his column, whilst it may seem that nothing is happening, there has been a lot going on behind the scenes over the summer and the good news is that following visits to the site by their loss adjusters and forensics team, our insurers have admitted liability.

Information gathered from surveys and investigations over the summer, has revealed that it will be more cost effective to reinstated the Hall using the existing walls, rather than demolish and rebuild it, and this work will start as soon as the stripping out has been completed.

Some people have asked why we have not put a temporary roof on. The answer is that due to the fact that there is nothing to be retained internally it was not economically viable, or necessary for a temporary roof to be erected.

This decision was taken on the advice of, and in conjunction with our building surveyor and insurers.

We hope the hall open again in the summer of 2014 and are already planning a grand re-opening and, with 2014 being the centenary of the start of WW1, to re-dedicate the Hall to the memory of those who fell in the Great War 1914-1918.

The Hall is a valuable asset to the community at large, not just for the village, but for the whole Felixstowe Peninsula. It is a great loss as it was booked out throughout the week during the day and in the evenings, to different organisations offering a range of activities of benefit and enjoyment to local people – tea dancing, quilters, art group, line dancers, The Saints Players and Trimley Wives, to name but a few! Concessionary booking rates were always offered for charities, voluntary, and non-profit making organisations and this policy will continue when the hall re-opens.

We look forward to the return of our existing hirer and attracting some new ones! ***Kit Coutts***

SAFETY!!

Please be aware that whilst the building work is carrying on at the Hall, contractors vehicles will be entering and exiting the site and extra care should be taken.

The contactors site office will be located on the old tennis court at the back of the Hall, together with vehicles and plant. Please do not allow children to play in the area.

Age UK Suffolk

Here to help

We run a number of day centres around the county and have a popular home help service which can help with housework, laundry, shopping and much more (there is a charge for day centres and home help services).

Our Community Links Team supports volunteers in local communities to provide activities for older people including gentle exercise groups, computer clubs and lunch and social clubs.

We also ensure that older people know how to access information and support through our network of Local Link volunteers.

To find out if there is a Local Link in your community, telephone us on 01473 298686 or 353057.

Contact your local help centre at :-

41a Upper Brook Street, Ipswich IP4 1DU

Tel 01473 257039.
Open 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday.
Or look at our website

www.ageuksuffolk.org

Parish Council Meetings

We normally meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Trimley High Road. However, due to the arson attack on the hall , we will be meeting in The Trimley Methodist Church Hall until further notice. The date and agenda for are posted on the board outside the Memorial Hall well in advance of each meeting, and this will still be the case. Members of the public are warmly welcomed to attend. There is an opportunity at the start of the meeting in the 'public session', for you to speak with us .

Informal notes of our meetings, along with other information can be found on our website:

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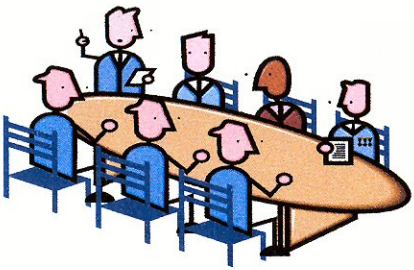

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