

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF DOLTON & DOWLAND



## YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS

### YOUR SUPPORT

The Village Hall Committee wish to draw the attention of the community to the condition of the Hall, which has been in constant use from its opening in 1967 to the present day, and is now in need of considerable updating and refurbishing. User groups of the Village Hall range from the cradle to the grave, that is to say, all age groups from the babies at pre-school sessions, to those who hire the hall for various community activities, to family occasions such as Christening teas, Birthday parties, Wedding breakfasts and Funeral teas!

As many of the regular users of the Village Hall will be well aware, there has been an ongoing programme of renewing and updating over the years, including replacement double glazed windows and doors throughout, central heating boiler, as well as other fixtures and fittings such as curtains, chairs and tables, repainting, etc. However, the ceilings in both the large hall and the small hall are now in a poor condition and allow a great deal of heat to escape through the ceilings, which means that it is very difficult to keep the Halls warm in the winter months, and results in large heating bills and a great many complaints.

To overcome this problem the Village Hall Committee wish to replace the existing ceilings throughout and at the same time to install extra insulation to prevent such huge heat loss. The kitchen too is in need of a great deal of work to update the plumbing, electrics, sinks, storage units and work tops, flooring etc. to make it more hygienic, safer to work in and suitable for present day requirements.

However, before any of this can happen, it will be necessary to raise the money to pay for it all. The Village Hall Committee are requesting **your** assistance in raising **a target sum of £35,000** as soon as possible. The Committee will be applying for grant aid from various sources as the cost of the proposed works is expected to be well **in excess of £60,000** but the community as a whole will have to show their support as most grants have to be matched – that is to say, we have to supply a sum to match the amount of money applied for in order for such grants to be considered.

Anyone with ideas on how raising this sum of money can be achieved or who are willing to hold fund raising activities or assist in any way should contact either the Chairperson, Mrs Susan Jury, (01805 804510), V/Chair Mr Stan Briggs (01805 804220), or the Secretary Mrs Jeanette Sidey (01805 804370).

**These improvements are needed now, not in 10 years time.**

***Fund raising begins with SUNDAY LUNCH in the Village Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> November.*** Tickets available from Church Street Stores and BG Electricals - Adults £7 Children £4.

**DOLTON & DOWLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**  
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