



Linslade  
Community Hall Newsletter,  
bringing you the latest news of the  
Community Hall Restoration and  
associated events.

## Grant Applications Lodged

The two major Grant Applications for funds to revamp the cottage into rooms usable by the public, have been lodged and we await decisions over July and August.

Our concerns over raising the match-funding to support these have been met by some wonderfully helpful responses to our "brokering" arrangement to achieve the totals required.

Our grateful thanks go to all who have pledged the funds.

Enquiries for lettings continue to be received and unfortunately most have to be declined.

This demonstrates that our plans to bring the cottage space into use are clearly valid, and that we are fortunate in the ongoing support of our regular users.

## The Hall Toilets:

Everyone will have been affected at some stage by the works to replace the ageing toilets. This has necessitated increasing the floor area to accommodate the new cubicles - which under modern Building Regulations are wider than the old ones.

The outer wall to the Ladies toilets has been demolished and the former passageway to the 'bike shed' incorporated into the new toilets area.



South Wall Restoration : see March N/L

After plastering, the new internal walls needed to dry for a couple of weeks before our volunteer team could begin to decorate the area - in a bright shade of golden yellow which reflects the light nicely.

The lights work from sensors which are movement activated, going on as soon as you move across the doorway, and going off when no one is 'in residence'.

The Sanitary Ware has been ordered, as have the cubicles and vanity units and washbasins, these should start arriving shortly.

Currently the tiler is at work installing the floor and wall tiles.

The central heating radiators are in place and ready for use.....what a bonus that will be!

Unfortunately the shortage of loos has coincided with a very active season of fundraising and social activity.

The extended time scale has caused a few problems but everyone has been wonderfully considerate and queued up patiently for the Link toilet.

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### *Fundraising Events*

The Grand Union Choir Concert on the 19th March nearly filled St Barnabas Church with their members, and most certainly filled the air with song.

A great evening, publicising the Hall and supporting our fundraising efforts.

Perhaps the highlight of June, was the Tapas Evening on the 4th and the return visit of Tomas Jiminez and Maria Jose Garcia with their memorable Flamenco dancing and Guitar music.

We learned that in Flamenco, the guitarist follows the mood and tempo of the dancer, and our guests again made it a wonderful evening for us.

Our ladies performed their magic with the food, which was applauded for taste and authenticity by all, including Tomas and Maria - and they should know!

A busy time has been crowned by the Flower Festival over the first weekend in July - floral magic by so many local supporters and our own ladies.



Flower Festival July 2011

The fund-raising allied to these events has made a worthy contribution to our bank balance and enables us to persevere with the ambitious tasks before us in completing the toilets and starting work on the cottage.

Further information on any of these items or the Hall Restoration can be obtained by contacting: Dave Darvill 01525 371 836 or Jo Thomson 01525 381 350.

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## ***Our Vision: Putting the Community at the heart of what we do***

“Linslade Community Hall seeks to become the centre of the community of Linslade and a resource for the wider area of Leighton-Linslade”

Our Aims are to:

- Foster activities that reduce social isolation.
- Offer an affordable accessible social meeting place.
- Nurture a community spirit and to be a focus for community pride.
- Be an economically viable but non-profit making facility.