

## Silchester Village Hall Development

We are moving forward with the development plans for the Village Hall. Following our pre-planning enquiry application we have received comments from the Basingstoke and Deane Planning Officer and these are being taken into account and incorporated into the formal drawings (with illustrative detail, plans, elevations, sections and street scenes) which will form our detailed planning application to be submitted in a month or two. Some of the issues which are being addressed are the fact that the Village Hall is in a Conservation Area and is a Locally Listed Building. Additional items to be considered are parking, funding, biodiversity and sustainability, character and appearance of the building, protection of green spaces and a bat survey. We will keep you informed on any progress.

Thank-you to everyone who used easyfundraising when searching or purchasing on the internet, we have just received our first payment from them towards the Village Hall Funds.

Also thank-you to **Cherry Trees Nursery School** who made a **large donation** to the Village Hall fund following a collection at their Christmas panto.

At the end of January we held the first **Bingo in the Village Hall** which was fun and raised more funds, hopefully the next one on **February 28<sup>th</sup>** will attract even more people (1-3pm). Provided this event is well supported it will be held on the last Monday of each month.

The Auction on 12<sup>th</sup> February was rather quiet, but there was a very nice atmosphere and again raised some funds for the hall. The next auction is in September and will hopefully have more lots and more bidders at this event.

The winner of the **Bonus Ball** in February was Stuart Sinclair, Chairman of the Trustees – well done Stuart. The prize is now £40 per month, if you want to take part please contact Nicky (details below).

Our next big event is an **Antiques Roadshow on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, why not bring along your antiques and have them valued by Cameo Antiques. A glass of wine will be available to help you celebrate (or commiserate) when you find out the real value of your family heirlooms.

Future date for your diary – **Race Night 18<sup>th</sup> June**.

Why not check out our website: [www.Silchestervillagehall.org.uk](http://www.Silchestervillagehall.org.uk)

Your support for our plans and fundraising is appreciated.

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