**Your local community needs you**

Please let me introduce myself. My name is Chris and I am Secretary of The Yaxley Public Hall Management committee.

The Public Hall has been in the village since 1921. It was gifted to the people of Yaxley by the army as a community venue after the First World War. Over the years it’s been used for many local groups, from pre- schools to whist drives, table tennis, karate, pantos and musical shows, drama groups, bands, barn dances and private functions, all of which have helped to bring the local community together. However, given its age and lots of wear and tear the hall is now in need of updating.

Our passionate volunteering fundraising team, established early in 2018, have been working hard to raise funds, organising various successful events from monthly Bingo nights to a fun family summer fete. Last year we raised nearly £7,000 and, as a result, were able to improve the toilets.

However, we have a long way to go!

We have a long-term vision with many other refurbishment plans on the horizon including new windows and roof, flooring and a new kitchen area. All this will ensure a great experience for every visitor to the hall!

Our aim is to complete most of the works by 2021 in time for the hall to celebrate its centenary.

**How can you help?**

We are not asking for loads of money!!! We are writing to you in the hope that you could possibly help in any of the following ways:

* Would you be able to offer any form of raffle prize for our Autumn Fayre on the 8th September 2019? Our previous raffles have certainly been a fabulous way of offering great prizes and gained much needed funds for the hall. Anything would be greatly appreciated.
* Would you be able to have a stall at the fayre? Stalls cost £15. We hope to attract a lot of people to the autumn fayre so it should also be of benefit to you.
* The clubs that use this very special hall are all pulling together, helping to raise the funds and ensuring the maintenance of this wonderful historic building which has helped countless local children and adults to enjoy valuable community life together. We are starting a Crowd Funding Page which will be available on Facebook, so that is another way you could help.
* If you have skills or materials which you feel could be of benefit in helping us with the restoration of the hall we would love to hear from you.
* The hall belongs to you so if you can help in any way at all please let us know.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter. I look forward to hearing from you. Please free to email or call me on 01487 832131 or 07740682246

Kind regards

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