

## ***IS THE DEATH KNELL SOUNDING FOR GALPHAY VILLAGE HALL?***

The village hall is 100 years old and was re-erected at its current site in 1927. Its structure makes it high maintenance, not least because of damp and condensation. An initial assessment suggests that repairs will require between £6000 and £8000 per annum over the next decade, with a number of windows requiring urgent replacement. The surplus generated currently by the village hall is around £1500-1800 p.a. which is only enough to allow the hall to continue on a “care and maintenance” basis; necessary repairs and improvements have to be delayed. The investment in the last 10 years has not been sufficient and has not resulted in more use of the hall. The community must therefore consider what it wants and what is the best way forward longer term.

This is a serious issue which we hope people will discuss between themselves and with committee members. On March 18 there will be a GVI meeting to discuss how we should deal with the situation.

### **THE IMMEDIATE OPTIONS ARE:**

*Continue as at present but find ways of increasing the use of the hall and improving income to pay for repairs and upgrades.*

Successive committees have found this difficult – as have other village halls. If this is what people want, then there will be a need to find people who believe they can find ways of doing it.

*Continue as at present, but on a “care and maintenance” basis only while long term alternatives are considered.*

Unless people want a derelict site in the village, then the hall must raise enough money just to keep the hall going for 2 to 3 years. It will take at least that long to make any fundamental changes because everything has to go through the Charities Commission. This means a combination of current activities plus long term planning and consultation.

### **THE LONG TERM ALTERNATIVES INCLUDE:**

*Replace the hall with a modern building.*

Time consuming and expensive (initial estimates are £150-200,000) – and would people use it enough? The community would have to raise up to 50% of the cost – are people up for this level of commitment?

**Demolish the hall, but keep the site. Perhaps buy a marquee for community events.**

Would need funds for demolition and for the marquee, plus storage of chairs, tables etc. This may allow options such as a new tennis court and car parking. GVI constitution would have to change.

**Demolish the hall, sell all or part of the site. Perhaps buy a marquee and use the pub and village green for community events.**

May be a difficult and lengthy process re planning permission and with Charities Commission – who might at worst allocate any proceeds to another village hall in the area. GVI constitution would have to change radically but would have to keep the same objectives.

**Wind up the GVI, demolish the hall and let the Charities Commission sell the site and re-allocate the proceeds.**

**Do nothing and let the GVI fall apart and the site go derelict until the Council or the Charities Commission intervene.**

If the community does not want this final option, then individuals will have to act on behalf of the community to pursue the other options.

GVI COMMITTEE

17 FEBRUARY 2014

Gerry Johnson (Chairman), Mal Smart (Secretary), Peter Norrie (Treasurer), John Heath, Kim Lafford, Sandie Martin, Nigel McConnell, Elizabeth Metcalfe, Duncan Smith, Gillian Wiggle

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**GALPHAY VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

**18 MARCH 2014 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**A G E N D A**

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN**
- 2. RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2013**
- 3. RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013**
- 4. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- 5. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- 6. ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS**
- 7. REVIEW OF THE VIABILITY AND FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

**A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL FOLLOW THE AGM. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AS OBSERVERS. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED AND WELCOME.**

**MAL SMART, HON. SECRETARY (650365)**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NO. 1101342**

A Mexican Fiesta was held on Saturday 8 February. 32 people attended, some in fancy dress, and enjoyed a 3 course dinner organised

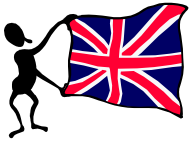
by Kim Lafford. Richard Sturdy sold cocktails including Margarita's and Tequila Sunrise's. The event raised around £430 for the GVI.



There will be a Great British Quiz on Saturday 22nd March at 7pm in the GVI

The quiz master will be Peter Norrie. The cost is £7 each to include fish and chip supper.

Please book through Peter on 650343



It looks like Galphay won't be getting Super Fast Broadband in the near future. A meeting will be held on 10 March at 6.30pm in the GVI to discuss.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**MON 10 MARCH 6.30PM—BROADBAND MEETING (GVI)**

**PHYL JOHNSON 650050**

**WED 12 MARCH 7PM—FILM CLUB (GVI)**

**SAT 15 MARCH - 7.30PM ST PATRICK'S NIGHT (GALPHAY INN)**

**RING GILLIAN 650002**

**WED 9 APRIL 7PM—FILM CLUB (GVI)**

**SAT 12 APRIL 7.30PM—HORSE AND PIG RACE NIGHT (GVI)**

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**SAT 26 APRIL 7.30PM—ITALIAN NIGHT (GALPHAY INN)**

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**THURS 8 MAY 7.30PM—TALK ON HISTORY OF RIPON BARRACKS (GVI)**

**£3 ENTRY**