



## ***To our benefactor***

We need to replace our village hall. It is currently a tired, worn-out portacabin. We are planning to construct a building with a main room of similar size to the portacabin. We have used our portacabin since it was taken off a North Sea oil rig in 2001. Even though part of it acts as our kitchen, and there is no inside loo, it has served us well. However, it must now be replaced. The floor is weak. The leaking roof has been patched up many times. The double-glazing windows have been compromised and there is condensation permanently present between the panes. The inside fabric of the building is breaking-down, so repainting no longer hides its imperfections. It is necessary to climb 4 steep wooden steps to get into the building. Inside it is cold in winter and hot in summer.

But it is still our village hall. It hosts fortnightly bingo, and monthly coffee mornings. It serves as the headquarters of the village Yard Sale. It acts as our pavilion for the Annual Village Fete, and for any sports that take place on the recreation ground in which it resides. The Parish Council hold their bi-monthly meetings in it. We have a body of 50 volunteers to help run the hall. But despite our annual spring clean we can no longer restore it to its former glory. This is sad. The village is so desperate to have a building it can be proud of.

We used to host more events than those listed above, but the state of the building limits its use. Children's parties were once held here. But not anymore. Demonstrations, talks and meetings were held in the building, but not anymore. In the winter it is a long, dark trek to the changing room block to use the lavatory.

**Please Help Us!**