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# A new hall for Linslade



## Dates for your diary:

May 12<sup>th</sup>: concert by South Beds Concert band – in church

June 9<sup>th</sup> – concert in church

June 17<sup>th</sup> – Strawberry Teas at St. Mary's

June 24<sup>th</sup> – Strawberry Teas at St. Mary's

July 1<sup>st</sup>: Showcase concert (3 p.m.) in church by Beds Music Service (inc. Saturday Music School)

July 14<sup>th</sup> – Wine appreciation evening – in hall

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Race night (but to be confirmed when Rebecca has checked out the costs) – November 24<sup>th</sup> is reserve evening – in hall

October 27<sup>th</sup> – Quiz night – in hall

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – St. Mary's Concert

## Overleaf

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## Did you know?

An unfortunate side effect of the removal of the old roof is that it has made homeless a large family of white doves that had taken up residence under the eaves. These doves first arrived about 3 years ago when Wyn Jones was asked to release doves to mark a funeral on a Friday, and a further group of doves to celebrate a wedding on the Saturday.

## Building the future in our community



## Stage 2 gets underway

We are delighted that March has seen Stuart Tredgett back on site with his band of happy workman. Humour was to the fore as they erected scaffolding and stripped off roof tiles in the biting wind of a late winter cold snap. The works comprise the following Removal of all original tiles with the good ones to be cleaned and re-used. Stuart had hoped to recycle around 30% of the tiles, but has discovered unfortunately that the old ones do not have holes in to pin them to the wooden battens. What is more, the new ones are not exactly the same size as the old. The new tiles ("Staffordshire Blues") will be selected to provide the best match, as approved by Robin Ward-Booth, conservation officer to the District council. The old tiles will be sold on to offset the cost of new tiles.

Insulation in the main roof is being upgraded with multi-layered felt laid under counter-battening.

### Tin-hats

The metal ventilation turrets ("tin-hats") are badly rotted and have already been removed. They will be replaced by new ones manufactured in stainless steel and

powder-coated in grey. These will have no function in the new roof but will be purely decorative. Their replacement was a condition of South Bedfordshire planning department. "A new roof – at long last"

New bathstone matching stone in the link will be used to form part of the restored window surrounds, and new windows will be fitted. These will be lower than the current ones, thus affording a better view of the park from the hall.

### Poor condition

As work got underway, it appeared that the woodwork under the existing tiles was in poor condition in some places, particularly where it had been patched in the past. Many bird nests had to be removed along with evidence of infestation by other vermin. It was also clear that 150 years' of weather had done considerable damage in many places with gaps between tiles, broken tiles and complete absence of tiles in some parts. At long last we had discovered where that water had been coming from – this is a job which has been needed for quite some time!



**Above:** one of the "tin hats" removed from the roof; **below:** the poor condition of one of the roof valleys



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## Works underway

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### What difference will it make?

This work is of course only part of a staged process and the refurbishment will not be complete until the end of stage 2c (which will see the stripping out of the interior to provide new ceiling, heating and lighting). But we will benefit immediately from:

- More light from the new windows
- Improved appearance of hall from main facade
- Better insulation against the cold
- No more leaks through the roof
- No danger of valley collapse

### Thank you Wren

We acknowledge with gratitude the £50,000 funding provided by WREN (Waste Environmental Group Ltd.) towards this part of the project. This grant is part of the landfill tax scheme.



**Left:** Damaged wood battens visible where tiles have been removed. **Right:** inspecting the condition of the roof - note large gaps in tiles on the end gable

## Fundraising news

We have a programme of fundraising events planned for 2007 which we hope you will all support.

The first major event is the concert by the South Bedfordshire Concert Band on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The band has performed for us on several occasions in the past and it has always been a popular event, and we anticipate more of the

same this time!

In July, we welcome the young people of the Beds Music Service who will be showcasing their talents in an afternoon concert. We organised a similar event last year which was very well attended and a real treat for all.

July sees the final wine appreciation event organised by Tony and

Brenda Pantling. This is guaranteed to be a popular event.

Tickets for all these events will be on sale soon.

A lot of effort is also going into a revised Lottery Bid under the "Community Buildings" programme for the deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Our Vision: putting Community at the heart of all we do***

St. Barnabas church is looking to put Community at the heart of all its work. Our aims are to:

- Foster activities that will 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

Our project will provide for the complete rebuilding of the hall including:

- New link between church and hall with disabled access and disabled toilet (stage

1 – complete)

- new kitchen, bar and offices (stage 2a)
- new roof covering and repaired stonework (stage 2b)
- completely refurbished interior (stage 2c)
- new extension with counseling and conference facilities (stage 3)

*"St Barnabas Parish Hall seeks to become the centre of the community of Linslade and a resource for the wider area of Leighton-Linslade."*