

# A new hall for Linslade



### Dates for your diary:

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> December: Christmas Tree festival

Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> December, 7.30 p.m.: Chamber music concert

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 p.m.: Concert by the Linsdale Singers

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> December: St. Mary's Christmas Concert (N.B. admission by advance purchase ticket only)

### Events for 2007:

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> April: South Beds. Concert Band

Dates to be confirmed: Wine tasting, quiz night, race night

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### Did you know?

In 1840, Rev. B. Perkins set about fundraising for a church and school for Linslade. He persuaded 13 private individuals to give sums, which in today's money, would be worth between £350 and £3,500, and together totalled £16,000. The church, of course, was St Barnabas. And the school eventually became our Hall.

*Building the future in our community*



## Stage One wins design award!

Great news for our project as stage one, the link between Church and Hall with new entrance, disabled access and disabled toilet, won equal first prize at the South Bedfordshire Urban Design awards evening on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

won its prize in the "Conservation" class and was highly praised for "bold use of both traditional and contemporary materials" as well as for the quality of workmanship.

*"The scheme successfully blends a modern style of architecture that complements the character of the historic buildings" - South Beds District Council*

16 projects were short-listed for the award from a much larger number of nominations and were divided into five categories. Our project



**Far left:** Keith Saunders (Project co-ordinator), David Scott and John Hardern (right) receive the award from Councillor Alan Shadbolt, Chair of the District Council Planning Committee

**Left:** Treasurer Jo Thomson proudly displays the award

## Crowds gather for formal opening

We were honoured to welcome councillor Kevin Pughe to open stage 1 of our project on 29<sup>th</sup> October. Councillor Pughe represents the Town Council on our planning committee.

had made donations, organised fundraising events or attended fundraising events. It had been tremendous effort by all concerned and

everybody now looks forward to successfully raising the funds to make a start on stage 2 of the project.

In his welcoming speech, Keith Saunders gave particular praise to architects John Hardern and David Scott for their vision and creativity, to Stuart Tredgett of Apex construction and to Grantscape for funding 50% of this stage of the project. He also thanked all those who



**Above:** Keith Saunders, John Hardern, Stuart Tredgett, Councillor Kevin Pughe and Revd. Catherine Dyer at the formal opening of stage 1.

## Linslade Hall Re-development project

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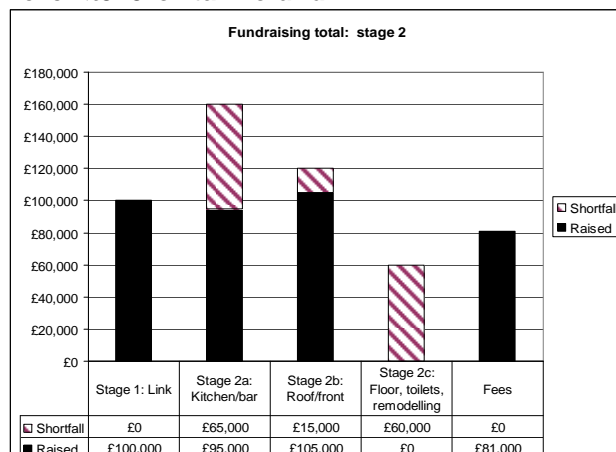
## Help needed now to avoid loss of £50,000

Our fundraising campaign has gone from strength to strength over the past two years but we face a short-term issue with the **potential loss** of the £50,000 grant from Wren if we cannot match or better this figure in the next 8 weeks or so.

Many thanks go to the five people who have generously donated **£43,000** between them already, reducing this short-term target. We are now just £15,000 short of our target for stage 2b (roof, front windows) and need several more donors like this, please! Please also remember that if you

gift aid your donation, it will be worth a further 28% to us. We have already put in a claim for over **£945 of tax refund**

for the last tax year. Gift aid forms are available – just ask!



N.B. Graph includes grants from Biffaward and Lottery for stage 2a which have yet to be awarded

## Cyberfundraising

To date, the “**Buy@**” **scheme** has raised **£219**. this is a plan via which anybody buys goods on line by using a “click through” from [www.buy.at/linslade-parish](http://www.buy.at/linslade-parish)

enables a contribution to be sent to our fund. If you buy goods from any of the common online retailers, you could be contributing if you go via this site.

Please do not forget that you can donate any **item for auction on EBay** in aid of the fund. Email [st\\_barnabuzz@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:st_barnabuzz@yahoo.co.uk) today!

## Slimathon and Quiz night success

**Vernon Smith's “slimathon”** has already raised an incredible **£3250** and is still continuing, joined by Robert and Mary Johnson. Vernon's effort has been enormous and we express our continuing deep gratitude to him. Keep it going, all three of you! And despite the attractions of Guy Fawkes

celebrations in town, over 60 people attended the latest **Quiz Night on 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Those who attended were faced with a battery of challenging questions organised according to hymn tunes – “Fight the good fight” introduced the History questions whereas “All people who on earth do

dwell” heralded the Geography teasers.

Many thanks go to Lesley Inchely for setting the questions and to Jo Thomson for organising a very successful evening which raised **£436** for the project.

## 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.”