



Good morning ladies and gentleman and thank you for attending today's event to raise awareness of the vital upgrades needed to this building the Jubilee Hall.

My name is Sarah Reynolds and I was a member of the first Youth Parish Council created in the village. I became Chairman after a few months and remained so for the next 4 years.

For me this building is not just a youth club but a venue for parties for all ages, a meeting space for a number of organisations and a vital rehearsal space for many of the acting, dancing and singing groups in the village. However, it is the Youth Club itself that has run and maintained this building over the years. In this presentation I will give you a quick history of the club, our future objectives, and the provisions we hope to provide.



The object of the club is to help young people, especially but not exclusively, through leisure time activities, so as to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.



The Jubilee Youth Club first started at the Hethersett Middle School in the seventies. The success of this resulted in the Jubilee Youth Club hall being built in Hethersett High School grounds in the early eighties. We believe it is still the only provision built in the county specifically for young people, by its own community.

Over the years, the club has been on a bit of a roller coaster, with numbers on the committee varying from only one, to sixteen or more at its peak. We currently have eight committee members. After opening we struggled but by the nineties we were on a high, organising street carnivals and processions in Hethersett, outdoor Christmas carol evenings in the village centre, BBQ's in the forest, raft races on the river as well as the young people being involved heavily in charity work with some members representing the youth club on a trip to an orphanage in Romania. Clubs were running two or three evenings a week with membership in the hundreds and good attendances on club nights. It was during this period that the hall heating and kitchen were upgraded.

By the early 2000's we were beginning to struggle again and became more reliant on professional youth workers running the senior clubs and grant money from the Parish Council, as our ability to fund raise declined. Some good work was put in by dedicated youth workers trained and managed by Children's Services and nacro, taking part in Thetford forest trekking and hostelling in North Norfolk



The youth centre was redecorated by volunteers from Canaries for the Community in 2005. Canaries for the Community is a community initiative from Norwich City Football Club, supported by Norwich Union. Each year community work is undertaken involving Norwich City Football Fans helping at a non-league East Anglian football club and assisting in a local area of need. This is how you see it today.

□ Future objectives



Youth involvement

We believe that it is important that young people are involved in the decision making process of running the youth clubs.

Although money is of paramount importance as we cannot commence work without it, this event is also an opportunity for young people to indicate the kind of facilities and activities they would like. This feedback is important and I ask the young people to play their part by indicating what they would like to see on the large paper over there. The facilities should ideally be run by young people, for the benefit of young people, and the Trustees will respond by helping you and to assist in the provision of trained leadership to enable this to be done.

▪ **Youth Council**

The Youth Parish Council in the Village is supported by the Parish Council and run on similar lines. In the past the Youth Council has been involved in and has been successful in obtaining the funding for the skate park, which now exists adjacent to the Village Hall. It is hoped that the development of the Jubilee Hall would re-invigorate the Youth Parish Council by providing a facility that they could be involved in by way of the design, layout and facilities. We are also in consultation with the High School to encourage the High School Council, which is made up of pupils, to be involved in our decision making process. Both are being currently reformed with new members.

▪ **Youth committee**

It is also proposed that young people attending the youth clubs form a Members Committee, which will influence the running of the clubs etc. Our constitution allows young people to become part of the **hall** management committee and we look forward to their joining us



Multi Agency support

To reduce overheads such as heating and cleaning per user and provide income, we must attract other users to our hall

As you may know these days multi agency working is essential. We believe the only way to provide a facility for young people is to form an alliance with other agencies who work with young people or wish to support such a facility.

The parish council have a long tradition of supporting youth provision in Hethersett and currently provide financial assistance for overheads and a youth worker. The Norfolk Constabulary has been very helpful by supporting this project with advice and the services of PCSO Khamees Alothman who regularly attends our meetings and is helping out at the youth club when we start up. We are also getting a lot of support from the Methodist and Anglican churches, the High School, as well as various departments with in the Children's Services and South Norfolk District Council.



- **Youth Club**

Primarily the use of the hall is for young people. Several types of youth club are possible. What we will provide is very dependant on the views of young people and the number of volunteers and professional staff available to us.

An after School Club will be run by Chestnut Nursery School and volunteers, primarily for high school pupils.

Chestnut Nursery School is proposing to run an out of school provision from 3.00-6.30pm and a holiday club from 9-6.30pm

Details are not yet finalised but the directors, Steven and David are here to gauge support and answer any questions you may have. *(Please show yourselves)*

A Drop in Centre, internet Café or even a formal club with membership could be run by volunteers and a youth worker with a PCSO.

We are proposing that a large flat screen TV be installed, a bank of computers and Wii video game equipment be made available in our clubs.

We are also trying to attract other agencies who work with young people, and local groups and societies into our hall. We believe the more the hall is used, the attractive and viable it will become.

- **Building Alterations**



To enable all this to happen we need to bring our premises up to standard, which requires a substantial amount of work.

This work will be carried out in stages. The first stage would cost about £30,000, of which we hope to raise £10,000. This would cover toilet facilities for the disabled and store room, Refurbish existing toilets, work on Kitchen, new window and shutter, roof lighting, security, and fees

Further stages would include a sliding screen across the hall and improvements to the heating and lighting and new doors etc.



(Point out on plan new facilities) You see here the plans drawn up by Terry Hickman-Smith (our architect) additional storage, disabled toilet facilities and a revamp of the existing toilet suite and kitchen, and the room divide.

To conclude

We are today formally launching our appeal for funds to bring this building up to the required standard to provide a Centre for Youth for this area. The facilities we hope to provide will include an internet café and an after school club. Our first task however is to up date the building to present day acceptable standards to enable the youth club to function. We are seeking grants to cover £20,000 and undertaking to raise £10,000 locally.

£10,000 (Fund raising)

There are two fundraising opportunities – firstly we have been promoting a raffle for some worthwhile prizes (kindly donated to us) and if you have not yet purchased tickets they are still available. The draw will take place about 12 noon.

Secondly we are hoping to run a 200 club with monthly draws for cash prizes. This is a worth while way of helping us to our financial target and details are available on the table over there.

We have raised over £5000 to date. So, how can you help.



Well there are a variety of ways

1. You can make a donation to our fund
2. You can buy a raffle ticket (*Point to raffle table*)
3. You can join our 200 Club with monthly cash prizes (*point to 200 Club stall*)
4. You can offer skills that will help us with our modernisation of the hall
5. You can volunteer your services either at club or committee level

We look forward to receiving any help you can offer please leave your details at the counter. This facility will be a benefit not only to the young people in the area but the entire community.

Thank you

I will now ask Richard Bacon MP to respond.