

HEMPSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

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11 April, 1980

Dear *Mr & Mrs Weedon*

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of the Hempstead Village Hall Committee to appeal for your support to keep our Village Hall alive. I feel, myself, that the Village Hall is as essential to the life of the village as are the church, the shop and the pub. It is there for all the other village organisations to use and is available for any private parties or meetings that any of the villagers may wish to hold.

In common with everything else the Village Hall is now feeling the ever increasing pressure of inflation and this bears especially heavily on those expenses that are unavoidable, more or less regardless of the amount of use to which the Hall is put, viz., rates, light and heat, caretaker's charges, insurances, licences, etc. For the year 1979 these amounted to £283 and this does not take into account repairs, redecorations, cleaning and replacement of equipment.

The income of the Hall arises from lettings, special events and income under deeds of covenant which have been kindly subscribed, during the past seven years, by a number of people in the village and, indeed, by some people who have moved away from the village in that time. The original purpose of the income under the deeds of covenant was to repay the loan which was raised some years ago to finance the extension to the Hall.

As the Village Hall is a registered charity, I would like to ask each household in the village for a donation under a deed of covenant for, say, £2 per annum. This would mean that we could then collect a further 60pence from the Inland Revenue. I would point out that a deed of covenant, as a result of the announcement in the Budget, need only be entered into for a period of four years, as against the seven year period which previously applied. The donation is still payable, however, even if you move away from the village. If this does not appeal to you I would be very pleased to receive any donation that you may care to make. The sum of £2 per annum would bring in £250 to £300 to the Village Hall each year.

In conclusion may I thank you in anticipation of your help. Also to ask you to make use of your Village Hall and let the Committee have any constructive suggestions to prosper its cause. The Hall is there for all of you to use and for your information a scale of hire charges is enclosed with this letter. Also enclosed is a slip which you can use to indicate your support which can be left with any of the following Committee members:-

Continued.....



Mrs. Bridget Smith,  
Mrs. Margaret Drane,  
Mrs. Ann Luscombe,

Mr. Tony Gibbs,  
Mrs. Isobel Josseume,  
Mr. Ken. Jones,

Chairman.  
Secretary.  
Covenant

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Vice-Chairman.  
Asst. Secretary.  
Treasurer.

Wellyards.  
Tree Tops.

White Gates.  
6, Harvey Way.  
High Lea.  
Fanes Cottage.

If you would like to see the statement of account for 1979, please let any of the above persons know and I will arrange to have a copy passed on to you.

Yours sincerely, . . .



Enclosures (2).

Handwritten notes and stamps, including a date stamp that appears to read 'APR 1980'.