

# BARHAM COMMUNITY HALL NEWSLETTER

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Message from Simon Cavalier  
Chairman.

## Dear Residents of Barham,

### NATIONAL LOTTERY BID.

I'm pleased to report that we have been successful in the first stage of our bid for £500,000 from the National Lottery Fund. This is an encouraging achievement as apparently only 20 per cent of applicants get through this first stage. However, we still have a mountain to climb and our bid is still competing with many other applications for these funds. We have much work to do to build a strong case in order to be successful in the second stage, which has to be submitted by January 2, 2013. It is a long and arduous process, with a third and final stage to be addressed throughout next year. I'm grateful to Sarah Tyler, David Wood and David Kincaid, together with all the trustees for their major contribution to the task.

Whilst this bid alone will not provide all of the funds that we need, we are looking at a raft of smaller funding options, together with a programme of fundraising that we, and many of our User Groups, are already working on for the next 12 to 18 months. Everyone can help by supporting these events which will be advertised in our newsletters, The Parish Magazine, on our notice boards, and in our Community Store and Post Office.

*Many Societies and Clubs who form our User Group have used our facilities for many years and are the most important reason for the existence of the Village Hall.*

*This Newsletter features one of the oldest Societies based in Barham and one of the newest see overleaf:*

## Caretaker – Vacancy

After nearly 20 years as caretaker of the Village Hall and indeed as a past Chairman, Roger Allin has decided that it is time to hand over the role to another. A great deal of thanks is owed to him for his commitment over these years. We are now looking for someone to replace him. Latterly, he has shared the tasks with Jim Risby who is happy to continue the job share. If anyone would like to help us in this vital role (– you'll have plenty of support!), please phone either Simon on (01227) 821 367 or have a word with Roger who will only be too happy to talk you through what the role entails – in summary:

- Setting the boiler each week, based on the bookings sheet posted in the hall porch
- Ensuring all lights are working, replacing bulbs as required
- Putting the wheelie bin out each week (Thurs)
- General care of the place e.g. tables and chairs are neatly stacked, attending when contractors are on site.

This is your chance to get involved.

## Barham 100's Club.

We now have 51 members and have held two draws, the first at the AGM October 8, and the second at the Coffee Stop Tuesday 6, November.

The December draw will be on Tuesday 4, December at the Coffee Stop and there will be an extra Christmas draw.

If you're not already a member or wish to give a membership as a Christmas present to a friend or relative, please contact Jim Barling on (01227) 831 796. As soon as you've joined you're immediately eligible for the next draw – and the odds of winning are considerably better than the National Lotteries!

**This month's two featured clubs are;**

- Barham and District Horticultural Society - [www.barham hortsoc.co.uk](http://www.barham hortsoc.co.uk)
- Jenz Dance Fitness - [www.jenzdancefitness.info](http://www.jenzdancefitness.info).

**The Barham and District Horticultural Society - Chairman, Tim Bines, writes:**

Founded in 1895 the Barham and District Horticultural Society promotes and encourages interest in all aspects of gardening - from growing vegetables, flowers, shrubs and trees to the quiet enjoyment of gardens and their wildlife.

Currently we have over 200 members drawn from Barham and neighbouring villages that have a real enthusiasm for gardens and gardening. They range from active to less active gardeners who may just wish to enjoy participating in our events and activities. These take place throughout the year and include garden visits and interesting illustrated talks usually in Kingston or Barham Village Halls. The highlight of our year are our three Shows - Spring Show and Plant Sale (usually sold out in 30 minutes!), Summer and Autumn shows – which provide a chance for friendly competition by members displaying their own fruit, vegetables and flowers as well as flower arranging, cookery, photography and classes for young people.

Our Christmas Party social event is ever popular with members and not just for placing discount seed orders!

Our website [www.barham hortsoc.co.uk](http://www.barham hortsoc.co.uk) shows more of who we are and what we do. We are always delighted to welcome new members – see our website or you can just phone either;

Tim Bines (01227) 831 240 or Gaby McGuire (01227) 831 557 who will be pleased to help.

**Jenz Dance Fitness, Zumba class - Jeanette Stanford.**

Zumba is a fantastic way to keep fit and have fun, either on your own or with friends and family. It's a great way to work out no matter what your age, because you do it at your pace: you don't need to know how to dance. I show you the steps and you do it your way - it's suitable for all ages. My classes range from children up to a lady of 88. She says, if she can do it, anyone can.

Zumba :-

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| * can help improve your fitness level | * give you more flexibility |
| * help lower blood pressure           | * tone up muscles           |
| * help you lose weight                | * or just have fun          |

Come and join me at one of my classes and see for yourself, there's plenty of laughter and fun. You get a complete body workout with routines designed by me. Whether you want to lose weight, tone up or just have fun, my routines will give you everything you need.

Everyone is welcome at my classes, anyone can drop into a class and take part and you only pay when you come to a class, not like a gym. Check out my class schedule at [www.jenzdancefitness.info](http://www.jenzdancefitness.info). I guarantee you will laugh and smile, without realizing how hard you have worked for the last hour. I look forward to meeting you at my class. Don't be shy, Come and give it a try.

A real thank you to all those who kindly volunteered to help circulate these newsletters, a job which is very much appreciated.

*And finally - May I wish you **all** a very happy Christmas and a New Year that brings you all that which you wish for – and for more good news with our bid for Lottery funding! – Simon.*