

# Barham Community Hall Newsletter

Edition 4

[www.barhamcommunityhall.co.uk](http://www.barhamcommunityhall.co.uk)

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Message from Simon Cavalier – Chairman

## Dear Residents of Barham

Firstly, may I thank all those who completed the data gathering survey in February. It was a tremendous response – 119 replies! Overleaf are the conclusions drawn from it and this information obtained has been a key component in our Big Lottery bid. By the time you read this newsletter, we will be ready to submit our second stage bid. I re-iterate that the bid process is a long and involved one, so it will be at least 4 months after that, before we know whether we can proceed to the third stage – a few more hoops yet!

Thank you, too, for the comments and suggestions that were received with the replies. They will be addressed in due course, but there was one issue that some felt very strongly about and that was the change of name from ‘village hall’ to ‘community hall’. Two years ago, it was agreed by the hall council that the change of name would reflect the nature of the changes that were being planned for the hall i.e. to be more of a meeting place with the enlarged shop and proposed café, rather than just a facility to be used by groups and clubs etc. and would be a more descriptive name for the project when trying to attract potential funders. However, it is just a name and the council feels that it is up to the residents to decide what they want to call it.

So, we are organising a vote. At the bottom of the page, there is a box where you can make your choice and then hand it in to the post office. Alternatively, you can e-mail your vote to **[barhamcommunityhall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barhamcommunityhall@hotmail.co.uk)**

With the retirement of Roger Allin and Jim Risby from the Caretaking function of the hall, I am pleased to say that we will be working with a local charity – The Fifth Trust - which runs Greenhills, Bridge House and the Vineyard, to take over the routine management and upkeep of the Hall. Using their existing experience and expertise of managing buildings, they can provide a sustainable and quality service. We also recognise that there are many potential opportunities for our two charities to work more closely with each other in the future. You will find more about the Trust at [www.fifthtrust.co.uk](http://www.fifthtrust.co.uk)

**Vote to choose our Hall’s Name – place a tick in the column next to the hall name you prefer, please tear off and hand in to the post office.**

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Name your Hall	
	Place your tick here
Barham Community Hall	
Barham Village Hall	

## The Village Cinema Company - presents

Doors open at 7pm and the films start at 8pm. - Refreshments available.

For more information visit [www.thevillagecinemacompany.co.uk](http://www.thevillagecinemacompany.co.uk)

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### Life of Pi

Winner of 4 Oscars, this adventure story follows the struggle for survival and the relationship which develops between a boy and his shipwrecked companion, a Bengal tiger; based on Yan Martel's Booker winning novel and directed by Ang Lee this is a film not to be missed.

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### Quartet

Beecham House is abuzz. The rumour circling the halls is that the home for retired musicians is soon to play host to a new resident. Word is, it's a star. For Reginald Paget (Tom Courtenay), Wilfred Bond (Billy Connolly) and Cecily Robson (Pauline Collins) this sort of talk is par for the course at the gossipy home. Dustin Hoffman's affectionate direction and the talented cast's amiable charm make Quartet too difficult to resist.

## The Kingsbourne Players

Proudly Present – *a comedy by Ray Cooney*

### *It Runs in The Family*

Thursday 20 to Saturday 22 June in the Community hall - 7.30 pm

Ticket £6 - available by calling 832 518 or from the Shop.

Maximum 8 per table - bring your own food & drink

[www.kingsbourneplayers.co.uk](http://www.kingsbourneplayers.co.uk)

## Survey Results

In February 2013, we undertook a community wide survey, to which we had 119 replies. What we found through the survey was that you wanted more from your Hall. You told us:

- There is not enough for children and young people to do in the village (85%)
- There is insufficient support for parents (71%)
- The isolation of older people was a real local issue (75%)
- You were worried about losing the post office (82%)
- You found it really hard to access basic services like a doctor (39%)
- You wanted to take part in adult education courses, but found it difficult to access them (45%)

Although 56% of you use the hall regularly, at least once a month; 44% used the hall rarely or never. However, you told us that you would use the hall or encourage your family members to use the hall more frequently if the following services were provided:

- Basic health services, things like chiropody, antenatal clinics etc. (85%)
- Social events and activities (82%)
- Youth club (43%)
- Training courses (57%)
- Exercise and keep-fit, (72%)
- Community café (84%)

Almost half of you said that you would be willing to provide voluntary support to deliver services.