

RIVERSIDE HALL NEWS



Remember, remember.....the 21st November.....?

Just another miserable November day you thought? But for Riverside Hall it was not just miserable but memorable. That was the day when the fibreglass on the flat roof decided it had reached the end of its useful life and split. And, oh yes, it was raining. The water went through the Albert Fowler room underneath and ended up in a huge puddle in the entrance lobby. Where it had gone en route and what it had done to the electrics was anyone's guess.

The Riverside committee decided that the hall had to be closed immediately as there was a potential safety risk. Before it could be opened again it was necessary to get a patch put on the roof and to have the electrics checked over by a qualified electrician. Thanks to everyone's hard work this was done quickly and the hall was back in business again on 24th November.

Thanks to everybody who helped and in particular -

- Derek McCarthy for putting out buckets and mopping up
- Richard and Daniel Turner for patching the split in the roof
- Chris Adams for checking the electrics
- Councillor Polly Colthorpe for providing emergency funding to cover the costs
- The Community Hall and the LARC which provided alternative venues for the Riverside bookings that had to be cancelled
- The Riverside users who, undeterred, have continued to book the hall

The committee has decided that this roof should be completely replaced and are considering how it will be done in practical terms (and also thinking about fundraising ideas to cover the cost which will be at least £15,000. **If you are planning to help a Bampton Charity, please remember us!**)

Speaking of supporting Riverside, may we say a really big thank you to all the people who subscribed to the recent Grow Your Tenner initiative. Where we have contact details we have been able to thank them personally but for those who donated anonymously, this is the only opportunity we have. Everything you donated has been really appreciated.

Coming Soon (1) We hope you will support our first joint fundraising event with the Bampton Players on 21st January 2017 - Double Dickens. Two Dickens readings/ presentations from two Edinburgh Fringe Actors 8pm Riverside Hall. Tickets £10 from Bampton Fruit & Veg.

Coming Soon (2) The last few days have seen a procession of people going along to the Riverside Hall to check out new comfortable chairs to replace the existing ones which everyone has been complaining about for years. We shall be buying these with a specific grant from the Mid Devon TAP fund for which we would like to thank the Council. And also thank you to Bampton Town Council, and Morebath and Borden Gate Parish Councils for the letters of support they provided for the bid.

This newsletter is all about saying "thank you" to all who supported us in 2016. And we in turn would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and all the best in 2017.