

Luddenden Foot Community Association Newsletter

Dear Members, Users and Members of the Community

On Boxing Day like so many other buildings in the Upper Calder Valley our building was affected by the flooding. The two boilers in the boiler room which is situated beneath ground level were rendered no longer functional as flood water reached the ceiling and sadly also penetrated the playgroup kitchenette and the lower rooms of the changing facilities. With quick response by the Playgroup leader Ms Collette McLeod and with assistance of other users, playgroup parents and locals, equipment was moved into the playgroup hall and upper hall. Many thanks to all who helped and cleaned the rooms. This quick action ensured that although we had no central heating the regular user groups were soon able to resume activities once the electric supply had been restored and thoroughly checked. We are very appreciative of all who have lent or helped us purchase temporary heaters so that we can keep the users warm while using the building over the winter months.

The board members established quickly after that it would be more beneficial to move the boilers out of the boiler room and install new central heating systems to both the upper and lower halls. This would enable us to make the building more resilient to flooding.

Although our insurance has covered the installation of the central heating to the upper hall, we have had to find funding to enable us to provide a new system for the playgroup room. We were delighted to receive funding from Calderdale Community Foundation, Calderdale MBC, Luddenden Mayor's Fund and Boothtown and Southowram Methodist Church to help us to repair damage caused by the flooding. This has resulted in the Association being able to complete the planned work during the Easter holidays. We trust that the new central heating will make the building warmer for all who use the building and reduce our overheads.

Last year Luddenden Valley 0-5s playgroup, who meet in the Civic Centre was awarded £500.00 by Luddenden Foot Ward Forum to purchase fencing which will enable them to create a safe outdoor space for the children. Although the

fencing has been purchased there have been delays in getting it erected due to the flooding etc. It is planned that the work will be carried out during April 2016.

For some time there have been concerns with regards to the roof at the front of the Civic Centre. Although temporary repairs have helped there is still water penetration and we have therefore invited a builder and structural engineer to provide us with a report and estimate of the cost of carrying out the necessary work.

We plan to restart the monthly cinema sessions on Thursday, 28th April 2016 at 2.00 pm in the lower hall. The screening will be **The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel**. The cost for the session is £3.00 and includes tea and cake! Do put the date in your diary?

Badminton Sessions – on Wednesday, 24th February 2016 weekly sessions commenced. The sessions are led by Mr Jonathan Galloway an Association volunteer and teacher in the district. The sessions are held from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm during the school term. The cost is £3.00 (includes light refreshments) per person per night. Sessions will resume on Wednesday, 13th April 2016. Do come along and join this fun way of getting fit here in Luddenden Foot.

We wish to advise that Calderdale MBC has granted the Association planning permission with regards to the plans to refurbish the Civic Centre including the provision of a café and making the building DDA compliant. Much fundraising will be required before we can start to carry out this work.

As you can see from the above there is much happening at the Civic Centre on Station Road, Luddenden Foot. If you wish to book the Civic Centre for a party, get involved with the regular activities, wish to start a new activity, or are interested in volunteering your skills in DIY or grounds maintenance please do contact the secretary:-

Mrs Heather Hartwell – 01422 885542 or contact us via our website:-



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