

## **EYDON VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall, situated on the High Street serves a valuable purpose as a meeting place for the various village organisations and is also used throughout the year by many residents for private functions. The hall was used last year on more than 150 occasions for events as diverse as Humpty Dumpty's and the British Legion. Notably twice yearly the hall is turned into a theatre for Eydon Players excellent productions.

The hall is run by a committee made up of elected volunteers and representatives from organisations that use the hall regularly. The hall is now over 80 years old and maintenance is a constant and expensive problem. Revenue is raised from hire charges, the annual village fete (shared with the church) and some very successful fund raising events. These have included the Christmas Gift Fayre, the very popular band events organised by Craig Cutler and entertainment from Northampton Touring Arts. Also, last year the Eydon 200 Club raised £200 for the hall and thanks to increased uptake there should be £300 this year.

2010-11 has seen upgrades of hall facilities. The meeting room has been provided with upholstered chairs, donated to the hall by Physio First, Northampton and the small tables have been replaced by modern folding types. The major work has been the complete renovation of the kitchen. Thanks are due to the Parish Council for grants from the Councillors' Empowerment Fund, to our kitchen fitters, John and Ian Dickson, for donating the built in refrigerator and the wall tiles, to Bernard Lees for tiling the walls, the volunteers who assisted with the redecoration, Simon and Amber Beddoes who donated the new electric shutters and to Janet Arrand, who managed the project so efficiently.

Eydon Village Hall is available for hire for private or public functions; bookings can be made by contacting the Village Hall Secretary: Judith Watson 01327 261220