

# Newton Poppleford Village Hall Report 2009/2010

Mr Chairman

The year has seen an increase in use of the Hall overall.

In addition to the regular local groups and events, Bowls Club, Bridge Club, Whist Club, The Riverside Players and more recently the Rainbow Playgroup, more quiz evenings, suppers, plays, displays, parties and various meetings have taken place.

Another most successful village pantomime by the Riverside Players, the delightful Christmas tree event organised by the W.I. brought a large cross section of the village together creating a warm and convivial atmosphere of community spirit within the Hall.

Expenses this year have included the painting and decorating of the front of the building, repairs to frozen pipes and the kitchen roof, a new radiator in the back room, and central heating and general maintenance.

New security lighting to the outside of the building has been installed and where possible energy saving light bulbs have replaced conventional ones.

We have a strong and enthusiastic management committee made up of members of the main user groups, ensuring that all needs and requirements are hopefully covered.

Due to both careful husbandry and increase in use the Village Hall now has a healthy bank balance enabling us to keep hire charges at previous levels. In the forthcoming year we are looking to make improvements to the toilets and the kitchen facilities.

David Jeffery

Chairman, Newton Poppleford Village Hall Committee      5<sup>th</sup> April 2011