

## From old Social Club ...

Every picture tells a story! Would you have guessed that this was once the social centre of our cheery village??

After the second world war, in our land not yet 'fit for heroes', it was decided that a social club would be a welcome addition to the community facilities. Some ingenious local lads remembered the unused huts standing woefully on Salisbury Plain, made redundant at the end of hostilities. Negotiations were concluded and two huts collected and proudly re-erected on Combe Lane.



It stood, regenerated and fulfilling a valuable role, with a membership at first, of 50-60 men, with facilities for billiards, darts, skittles and fun for the whole family including whist drives, tennis leagues, jumble sales and other fund raising activities.

Dances were very popular with local bands playing the current hit tunes, as was Bingo on Wednesday evenings with caller *Lionel Atyeo*

**Post-war committee members** included *Captain Howes, Stuart Coats, Veronica Beal, Harry Cabble...*

Everything was fine till there was a fire in a similar building elsewhere.... whereupon, all such buildings were condemned as unsound and, in 1992, therefore demolished.

*Anyone remember some good times there? Are there some surviving billiard/darts champions? Any band players in the village? Who was an ace on the dance floor? And what happened to the building? Maybe bits of it linger on as parts of local sheds !*

Thus, plans for a new and grander Village Hall were started in 1992 and led, after much effort, to the current village hall built just beyond Chistles Lane, completed in 1998.

## ... to new Village Hall



The Village Hall hosts the monthly Parish Council meetings and doctor's surgery as well as Guides' activities, classes for aerobics, cookery and all sorts and, recently, the new and very popular monthly lunch club.

## **Sports**

The main sports ground was the field behind the corner of Church Lane and Queen's Road. This was the site of the village football team – *Chaired by H.P.Salters*, where *Douglas* and '*Big Len*' *Beale* (keeper at Weymouth '57-61) were heroes. Len was a KingWeston cricketer too, with an award from Squire Dickinson.

**The current Sports Field** at the east end of the village was developed later.