

## CHIDHAM and HAMBROOK VILLAGE HALL LOSE DEDICATED LEADER

Rod Isted, a resident of Nutbourne East, sadly died in August 2016. He will be remembered for his untiring efforts in keeping the iconic Chidham and Hambrook Village Hall going, almost single handedly, during some very difficult times during the 1990's and into the beginning of the millennium. As Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, from 1996 to 2014, he was instrumental in the formation of a new, more active Management Committee that began to turn the fortunes of the Village Hall around. Although he stepped down to being Vice Chairman in 2014, he continued to lead and project manage the major improvements, refurbishment and building projects that are in place today. As a charity, the Chidham and Hambrook Village Hall Management Committee, can now be proud of an outside patio, new fitted kitchen and modern toilets. He would have been justifiably proud of the current project, the installation of a lift for people to access the upper floor and a new conveniences for use by people with disabilities. Sadly, he didn't live to see the completion of this addition to the infrastructure of the Village Hall. The major improvements to the Hall will be a lasting tribute to his memory. The Village Hall committee propose to recognise Rod's achievements with a permanent feature dedicated to his memory. Our thoughts and condolences are with his wife, Gerry and their three sons at this difficult time.

Secretary to Village hall Committee