



News Release

Long Awaited Memorial Pavilion Receives Funding Boost

South Creake War Memorial Institute has received a funding as part of the tenth round of donations from The Bernard Matthews Fund which is administered by the Norfolk Community Foundation.

South Creake War Memorial Institute received £2000 towards the cost of furnishings for the newly constructed War Memorial Pavilion. The funding is part of the final efforts in ensuring the pavilion is finished despite many obstacles and setbacks. The new Memorial Pavilion is situated on the village recreation ground and will operate as a much needed community facility and sports centre since the closure of the previous War Memorial Institute in 2003. The new pavilion will provide a place for members of the community, who are often isolated, to gather and socialise.

Len Ringwood from South Creake War Memorial Institute said:

“The donation from the Bernard Matthews Fund is very welcome in helping us to provide essential furnishings for the pavilion, such as the tables and chairs. A lot of hard work has gone into the state of the art pavilion. Having had no facility like this in the village for some time, it will make a terrific difference to the local community. Our first event will be a Christmas Craft fair on 29th November, for this to go ahead we need tables and chairs. This is where the money received from Bernard Matthews will help towards ensuring the pavilion provides essential furnishings for all future events. The official opening date for the pavilion is still yet to be decided, but we hope this will be towards the end of January”.

The Bernard Mathews fund, which was launched in October 2009, has already provided over £60,000 worth in grants to help a wide range of rural charities and voluntary initiatives across Norfolk, Suffolk and Lincolnshire. It is administered by the Norfolk Community Foundation.

Andrew Sherwood, Human Resources Director at Bernard Matthews, commented: “Supporting groups located in the heart of our communities has always been important to Bernard Matthews and the fund is just one aspect of our commitment to corporate responsibility.

“The fund aims to give at a truly local level and make a real difference to community support projects such as the new South Creake Memorial Pavilion. This is a worthy project fulfilling a vital role within Norfolk.”

The Bernard Matthews Fund awards grants of up to £2,000 to support community groups working in Norfolk, North Suffolk, and Lincolnshire. To find out more information about the fund or how to apply for grants, visit www.norfolkfoundation.com/funds/bernard-matthews-fund.

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Notes for editors

- Details of the Bernard Matthews Fund can be found on The Norfolk Community Foundation website at: www.norfolkfoundation.com/funds/bernard-matthews-fund
- The fund for applications for January 2015's round of grants is now open