



ST LAURENCE ROOM

MARKET SQUARE

WINSLOW

Refurbishment & Annexe Construction

Historic room transforms into modern facility

Work on Winslow's historic St Laurence has reached the stage where the artists' impressions are coming to life but a final injection of money is still needed to realise the complete project.

When **John Bercow MP** visited the site recently and met with the project team. With the upper floor of the annexe taking shape, he gained a useful insight into the potential of the renovated building and said

"This extension project is wonderful news for the town and all who would like to use the St Laurence Room. It is a valued room, next to a historic church, but it is small and the scope for using it is limited. The new annexe, modern kitchen, and enhanced facilities will make a dramatic difference. Paul Bagni and all who helped him raise £200,000 for the refit deserve our thanks. A further £12,500 is needed and I hope it will soon be raised."

Also pleased to see progress, Winslow Rector Belinda Searle – Barnes (Returning from sabbatical) said *"I am particularly excited to see the wonderful progress. The overall shape is really lovely and when finished will be tremendously enhancing to what can only be described as what had become a rather dark and dingy corner of the Market Square."*

Project Manager Paul is really keen to raise the remaining funds and is appealing to locals. *"Please dig deep and find some money to enable us to finish this project off to the high standard it deserves. We look forward to welcoming lots of local clubs, organisations, businesses and individuals to the new St Laurence Room."*

- Weather and site work permitting it is hoped to have more information at the premises during the Winslow Farmers Market on Sunday September 5th
- **Bookings** are now being taken for 2011 by Derry French 01296 715185 or slr@winslowbenefice.org.uk

Donations, Information and Questions to:

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Cheques to 'St Laurence Room Development Fund' Lloyds bank in the Market Square, next to the Hall, accepts direct donations.

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Additional Notes:

- The Room was built & given to the Church & townspeople of Winslow by Norman McCorquodale of Winslow Hall in 1912.
- It is situated in the corner of the historic market square which was laid out in 1235 & is now a conservation area.
- The Room had had very little upgrading since then & was in dire need of a major facelift to bring it up to modern day standards for the community's use.
- The new annexe which being built on the back of the renovated room will provide full facilities including disabled, enlarged kitchen for full catering & 2 rooms upstairs one of which will become the Winslow Historical Archive.
- Our major funders are Heritage Lottery, Wren, Garfield Weston Foundation & Leader funding.

- Total funding required for the whole project is in the order of £190,000 of which major funders contributing £160,000. A local appeal is in hand for the remaining amount.
- The project started in March this year with completion now expected by December (slightly later than planned).
- The Room will be the only facility of its size in the Town with its position making it very special for organisational & club use, wedding receptions, parties, business meetings etc.

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