Folk Night at the Tiddy Hall

On October 22nd the Tiddy Hall was packed out with folk fans for this annual event. The evening raised a magnificent £1,050, which will probably cover the hall insurance costs for the next year.

Tony Collins hosted the evening. Duo Keith Harris and Lesley Morris, better known as *Anything Goes* set the evening off to a fine start. Bob Buckingham and Robin Saunders sang unaccompanied, traditional folk songs.

The highlight of the evening has to be Grant Baynham and Hilary Spencer, performing as *QuickSilver*. They kept their audience rolling with laughter as they sang a wide variety of songs from Jake Thackeray, Richard Stilgoe and Victoria Wood compositions, some of their own works and much more. Their style is unique, very entertaining and completely politically incorrect Well done Tony and Lyn for yet another success! **Christine Halliday**

Tiddy Hall Centenary

Tiddy Hall celebrates its centenary in 2012. The events opposite are the start of those planned by the Trustees and friends of Tiddy to commemorate 100 years of our beloved hall. Please make a note in your diary of these dates and keep a look out for other events that will be planned by regular users of the hall.

We look forward to seeing you at some, if not all, of these events.

New Hall Anniversary Dinner-Dance. Saturday 28th January - live band, licensed bar, posh frocks optional. Acousticana Folk Night Saturday 11th February - local live folk talent at its best.

Ascott Songsters Evening Concert Sunday 25th March - home-grown talent unleashed!

Ingrid Ridley

Celebrating the 200th Year of the Lady Reade Educational Charity

It is hard to overstate the success of Lady Reade's vision in setting up a charity in 1811 to help local young people with the expenses of further education after finishing secondary school.

Last year six grants were awarded to applicants studying at university in subjects as diverse as music, mechanical engineering, geography, and biology/medicine.

Vocational studies included hairdressing and beauty, as well as adult nursing. It is a testimony to the strength of this community that this charity continues to be so generously supported by the local

parish councils, and some individuals. Applicants come from the villages which were part of the original Shipton Parish in the 19th century, and grants are awarded to students who are pursuing either academic or vocational courses. Candidates who have applied for grants this year will be considered at the annual meeting of the Charity which will occur in February 2012.

Thank you to all who applied, or have supported this charity, and may we continue to flourish for the next 200 years!

James Walmsley