The Brandeston

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Your chance to see the Full Monty - again!

The village is still talking about last year's talent show. Now you have the chance to see it all again – including the 'full monty'.

It has emerged that a bootleg video of the evening's events was secretly recorded, and a copy has now come to light.

So in a shock move, the film is to be shown, unexpurgated, immediately after the village hall's annual general meeting on Thursday 23rd November.

Doors will naturally be locked at the beginning of the meeting to avoid cheapskates creeping in after the formal events just to see the film.

Nominations are requested for the committee, via the pro forma accompanying this newsletter.

There will also be cheese and wine. The evening will be free of charge.

New moves on weddings

There are new guidelines to deal with occasional problems with wedding receptions at the hall for those booking such events from outside the village.

In future, outside bookings must have a village 'sponsor', who will look after issues of security and access to the building.

It should be stressed that this new ruling will not apply to Brandeston families. For those within the village, the hall can be booked as usual.

Village events recognized

It is an anomaly that, until now, some regular village social events like the table tennis, film club and dancing have been run at personal financial risk of the organizers, who have risked losing money, yet any profit made has anyway been put back into the hall's coffers.

This is clearly illogical and unfair to those who run the events. So in future, the hall will bear financial responsibility for those events which are clearly organized for the village or which the committee feels will enhance Brandeston cultural life.

If you have an idea for a village event then somebody from the committee would be pleased to hear about it.

New hall terrace complete

The new terrace is now complete, just in time to miss the summer. But over the coming weeks it will be planted and there will also be new terrace furniture.

'By next spring, Brandeston village hall will be as much a part of the high life as the Promenade des Anglais in Nice,' bragged an unnamed committee source.

Film requests

The hall now has its own wide screen equipment, and the film club will run on the second Friday of each month through the winter. Mary Mitson-Woods would like suggestions for films. Call her on 684026.

New landlord at the Queen

The Queen's Head has a new landlord, Alan Randall. Alan sees the pub as providing a service to the community and hopes to play his part in continuing to make our village thrive. As an example of the menu, Alan offers a two-course roast Sunday lunch for f_1 2. Book your table on 685307.

'Two bonfires' Brandeston

Other villages struggle to arrange a single bonfire – Brandeston naturally has two. Village people are cordially invited to attend Brandeston Hall's bonfire party on Sunday 29th October at 6.30.

Then on Saturday 4th November we have our usual Guy Fawkes festivities, again at the Old Vicarage, courtesy of John King. Free of charge, but please provide one big firework per family to Martin Churchill at Brook Lodge.

The 'best guy' competition is at 6pm.

Dates for your diary

Harvest horkey 29th October at 12.30. Tickets $\pounds 5$ from coffee morning or pub. Bonfire parties 29th October at the school and 4th November at the Old Vicarage. Film club 10th November and 2nd Friday each month, 7 for 7.30.

AGM & film of the talent show 23^{rd} November at 7.30.

Christmas fair at the hall, 25th November **Christmas dance** to live band, 2nd December. Tickets from Fred Muggleston (685661) or the coffee morning.

Charabanc trip to Southwold on 9th December. Call Pat Morgan (685378) **Christmas party** at the old chapel, 16th December.