

DAVENTRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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DAVENTRY MONTHLY TOTE DRAW

The Daventry Community Association was formed in the 1930's (the exact date hasn't been recorded) with the aim of creating a Community Hall or Centre that could work as a general hub for activities undertaken by the peoples of Daventry. It wasn't until the 1960's that the aims of the Association were able to be achieved.

As Daventry was being used as an 'overspill Centre' for the expansions and developments in Birmingham a quite formal meeting took place in 1968 where the Daventry Borough Council and Birmingham City Council agreed that a parcel of land be given on a 75 year lease at a 'peppercorn rent' for the development of a Community Centre for Daventry. The Community Association were given the tasks of co-ordinating fund raising and assisting where needed with the two large councils. Birmingham City Council, who provided architectural help (and the original drawings) and Daventry Borough Council who provided most other technical help and assistance in the actual layout and construction details. Legal deeds were drawn up and several of the Community Association members had to stand as legal trustees for the new Trust which was named the Daventry Community Association.

Much of the funding (but not all) was done by means of the Monthly Tote draw which enabled many people of the community of Daventry to help (at minimal cost to each one) to raise the moneys needed to build the Centre. The total sum when completed in 1969 was somewhere in the region of £65,000 (which in 1969 was a considerable sum of money and in current values would equate to just over £1,000,000).

The Tote draw continued after the Centre opened and any money earned from the Tote being paid into the 'Building Fund' of the Association to help funding of repairs, maintenance and improvements to the Centre. The amounts paid into the Tote funding may not nowadays be quite as much as was given in those days of the late 1960's but they are recognised as being a genuine aid to many of the works that are continually having to be dealt with.

The Tote works on a system where members pay a sum of £1 per number into the fund and 30% of the amount collected is paid as a prize every month. The Prize moneys paid out per month have been of the order of £24 or £25 each month. **NO administration** is taken from the residue of the collection, which is then paid into the Associations bank and is still regarded as a 'building fund' although the actual building is of course completed. Many items of repair and maintenance are still needing funding and while rental income from hiring out the Centre covers quite a lot there is always 'something extra' needed for 'little jobs' that have to be done.

Since 2011 the Association have had to oversee the provision of a new roof (it is of course a flat roof and flat roof's do have a much shorter life than a pitched roof). Because of the damage caused from the leaking roof, serious moneys had to be spent on repairing many parts of the floors, including the main hall, the smaller lounge hall and some of the entry corridor. Quite a lot of plaster damage had to be repaired. A complete decoration of the Centre had to be carried out and worn out windows had to be replaced. In total the moneys required to bring the Centre back to near (or better than) its former glory was in the region of £290,000. The Tote fund helped towards this although it is admitted that we had to seek some grants to aid us in our work.

New suspended ceilings have now been installed with dimmable LED lighting to help create atmosphere for Dances and similar occasions. CCTV has been installed to provide enhanced security and an internet Web site has been created and can be found at www.Daventrycommunitycentre.org.uk. This web site has in the past 3 months had over 2,000 visitors seeking directions and details about the Centre. As the kitchen at the Centre is now showing its age it is hoped that within the next year or so this will receive some care and attention.

For further information do please contact either Ralph or Sylvia Wilson on 01327 700230.

DAVENTRY COMMUNITY CENTRE MONTHLY TOTE DRAW

Draw results for 2018

The **TOTAL** contributions to the Tote during **2018** came to:

£956.00

The amount paid out in prizes during the year came to:

£305.40

The Centre therefore received as an aid to funds the sum of:

£650.60

DAVENTRY COMMUNITY CENTRE MONTHLY TOTE DRAW

Draw results for 2017

The **TOTAL** contributions to the Tote during **2017** came to:

£1078.00

The amount paid out in prizes during the year came to:

£306.30

The Centre therefore received as an aid to funds the sum of:

£771.70

Membership application form

DAVENTRY COMMUNITY CENTRE TOTE

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Membership of the Tote will be £1.00 per month

To be paid monthly, 6 monthly or annually to your delegated collector

The number allocated to you is your Tote Membership number

The Prize fund is 30% of that month's collections. The draw will be taken

on (or near) the first Monday of the month. Any profits will be paid into the

Building Fund. Notices of winning numbers will appear in the Daventry Express,

on the Centre Web site and be displayed at the Centre. Only paid up members

of the Tote will be eligible for prizes. After 3 months of missed payments you

will be contacted to confirm that you no longer wish to remain a member.

Your Tote Membership Number is:

Name of Member: Date:.....

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APPLICATION TO JOIN

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Date of Joining:

TOTE MEMBERSHIP NUMBER