

New hall and book for village



Pickworth villagers celebrate the opening of their new village hall. Photo: 8575087

THE opening of a new village hall and the launch of a history book were celebrated by Pickworth villagers on Saturday.

Pickworth Welfare Society opened the new hall following four years of fund-raising. Oldest resident Ira Boddy and youngest Henry Colton cut the

ribbon on the new building following a blessing from the Rev Charlie Robertson.

The new hall was built thanks to grants of £50,000 from environmental body WREN, £35,280 from Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Council, £10,000 from the Garfield Wel-

ston Foundation and several smaller grants.

Villagers raised more than £12,500 towards the project.

The first event in the new hall took place on the same day, with the launch of Pickworth Local History Group's new book, *Pickworth: a South Lincolnshire Village*.

The book describes everyday life in the village from Anglo-Saxon times to the present, and emphasises local heritage, as seen in buildings, landscape and wildlife. It is accompanied by a DVD of photos.

● Pickworth's new village hall can be hired by calling Jenny Sedden on 01529-497681.