



Spare-time hall builders

FIFTY years ago these men built St Faith's Hall, at Thanington Without, in their spare time with money raised by residents.

The building's half-century anniversary will be celebrated next year with a barbecue and a meal.

The hall committee want to commemorate the men who gave up their time to erect the hall, which is now used for a variety of community activities.

The problem is that information about the construction has dimmed with

the passage of time.

Committee member Joan Gower said it was believed that all but one of the original workmen had died. She thought the only surviving builder was Ed King, who lives near the hall in New House Lane.

She wonders whether residents recognise any of the faces in the photograph we reproduce today of the workmen taking a break from their labours, in 1951.

"If any readers know who these men are I would be delighted to hear from them," she said.

Mrs Gower can be contacted on 01227 451492.

With winter just around the corner, our other Memories picture takes a look back at the 1963 big freeze.

It shows what was probably a familiar chore – thawing frozen coal sacks over a brazier at the West Station.

The picture is from the Kent Messenger Group/Breedon Books publication *Images of Canterbury*, which takes a fascinating look at city life between 1930-70.

It is available from local book shops, priced at £14.99.