

Tollerton War Memorial Institute

Chair's report: April 2012

This is my first report following my somewhat unexpected election to the post of Chair last May. Reading through previous Chair's reports it is clear that the year has been no less busy than those before it.

The Hall continues to thrive and provides a valuable service to local residents and those from surrounding areas. The popularity of the Hall has led to occasional booking issues and I would like to thank Ann Morrison and Sarah Spark in particular for their forbearance at these times.

There have been a number of successful events in the Village over the past year, including the Royal Clearout, Open Gardens Artsfest and Auction of Promises. Many thanks to those Committee members who gave up their time to help out at these and other events; hopefully in this Diamond Jubilee year there will be more to follow.

Unsurprisingly for a building of this age and regular use, there have been issues around maintenance and in particular around the boiler during the colder weather. Thanks to all those who helped out and especially to Ian and Mark for their help with the heating. I am pleased that we now have someone "on call" for these issues. Towards the end of last year there were also significant problems with the drainage system resulting in the unfortunate temporary closure of the Hall. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience to hall users but am pleased that the problem was rectified so quickly. The Committee has now decided to proceed with sorting out the roofing issues and is currently looking at options. With this in mind, conversion of the boiler room has currently been put on hold.

I am aware that a number of Committee members and officer have expressed an interest in standing down this year, following several years serving in various roles. I would like to record my thanks to all those concerned for their enthusiasm and hard work over the previous years, and hope that you will all continue to be involved in Hall affairs in one way or another.

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Chair