

Tollerton Village Hall – Chairman's Report 2006

The past year has seen some further improvements to the Hall.

- The main storage cupboard has been increased in size to accommodate the table tennis table and the folding tables. This has reduced the amount of equipment left in the hall.
- The main ventilation fan at the back of the hall was replaced
- The heating controls have been moved into the hall allowing those using the hall to turn the heating on and off as necessary.
- Fan heater hand dryers have been installed in the toilets and
- Playgroup have added fencing and gates to the play area at the rear of the hall.

Once again the soup lunches have proven popular over the winter months and I thank the members of the Village Hall Committee who provide this community project. On a similar note the New Years Eve party seems to be growing in popularity. Those attending bring their own food and drink and enjoy an evening of music and dancing for all the family.

We continue to raise funds with various projects but the most successful venture (Auction of Promises) was a combined effort with representatives from the major organisations in the village. I firmly believe that this model of co-operation between the groups will become increasingly important in the next few years.

The Village Hall Committee is keen to ensure the funds raised by this effort are used for something that will clearly be visible by all who took part. Currently we are looking at the replacement of the internal roof tiles and lights with the installation of insulation as a possible project.

This project and the replacement of the old heating system are I believe the front runners from our long list of maintenance/update work required by the hall. Fuel prices are unlikely to fall back to previous levels and this means that we need to look at ways to contain our bills. Both these capital projects will have a major influence on these. The heating system update would bring further benefits including

- the availability of hot water in the kitchen at all times
- hot water in the toilets also fed from the heating system
- freeing up space in what is currently the old boiler room

The significance of this latter aspect should not be under estimated. There is a large amount of internal space that will be freed up by the move of the boiler into the kitchen area. This offers room for development of anything from simple storage to a separate meeting area that would increase flexibility for those using the hall.

However we have to take one step at a time and we have to fund the heating update first. We would hope to approach the Parish Council for support with this project by the next Parish Council Meeting.

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Chairman
Tollerton Village Hall
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