

Tollerton War Memorial Institute

April 2018

Annual Chairman's Statement

The village hall has had a successful year over 2017, hosting a range of activities and events.

During the week we have Zumba on a Monday, Bodyfit on a Tuesday and Thursday, Bowls on a Wednesday and Diddi dance on Friday morning. Across the year, the NHS hired the hall on seven occasions for blood donor sessions, and twice, the hall was used as a polling station. On top of this, various individuals hire the hall for private functions.

Our committee have been very proactive over the year, holding seven functions. The brunches and tea shops prove very popular and give the village a greater sense of community. This year we also held a car treasure hunt and a chilli hoe down to give something different.

Feedback from one regular user recently stated that they always receive positive remarks regarding the hall here in Tollerton. Previously (in 2016) we have repainted the inside, refreshed the sign outside, reworked the bar area, fitted new curtains and had a new gas boiler; which has all helped to improve the hall.

With a requirement to have the electrics tested every 5 years, July '17 had some major electrical work carried out, which included a new distribution board, hob and lighting in the toilets. This resulted in a new certificate being issued, which is also required by the insurance company. In total the work cost the hall £1787

In October 2017, we had the floor sanded and varnished. This was desperately required to protect the wooden floor and could only be carried out with the help of the Parish Council. Essentially, the PC paid for the flooring, which cost £3936, and has totally rejuvenated the look and feel of the hall. Work did overrun as the first attempt to varnish failed to stick properly, but the company used, worked hard over the weekend to complete it as soon as possible. Unfortunately all clubs missed one week, and some missed two due to this work.

More recently we have purchased and installed a replacement dishwasher, at a cost of £394, as the old one had not worked for some time. We have also replaced one door closer mechanism fitted to an internal door, and had two faulty emergency lights replaced.

In general, the hall is in good order, with only a few minor outstanding tasks to resolve regarding a small leak under the kitchen sink, and a need to uprate the curtain tracks, as the ones fitted are not quite robust enough. The access ladder to the loft also requires uprating.

There are two major projects that I would love to see addressed over time. One is the re surfacing of the area to the front of the hall, and the other is to address the outside area to the rear. The committee would love the hall to have a pleasant outside space which could facilitate a BBQ type event, but funding is the main issue preventing both these areas being addressed.

Tim Brook

Chairman