

Tollerton Village Hall – Chairman's Report 2005

Over the past year we have been forced to review our rental costs for the first time in many years. This became necessary when we found that our fund raising activities were merely contributing to the overall running costs of the hall and not allowing us to pay for required improvements. I would like to thank all users of the hall for their support and the constructive way we managed to move this forward. I can also report that we have agreed to separately identify all funds raised and donated to the hall so these can be allocated specific projects.

During the year we have managed to replace the fan behind the bar and we have a new fan for the back of the hall on order. We also have new air hand dryers and these should be fitted soon. While this work is being done we have arranged for the heating controls to be moved into the hall so users have more control over them.

Playgroup have organised the new play surface at the back of the hall and this area is now much tidier. I congratulate them on seeing this project through and thank the Parish Council for the financial support which made the project possible. I believe this is an attractive addition to the hall facilities.

The hall committee have continued with soup lunches over the winter months which have been popular with local residents. I must thank the team of willing helpers who undertake this as a community project and not as a fund raiser for the hall. On a similar note we again opened the hall on New Years Eve and a larger group of families attended this year. Everyone brought a picnic and something to drink and we provided an evening of music leading up to Midnight. I believe it was enjoyed by all who came and we plan to continue with this.

We continue to raise funds with various projects but will I believe have to apply to the Parish Council for support with some of the maintenance projects that are imminent. I enclose a copy of the current work schedule.

Our Booking Secretary Pam Fowler will be standing down from this position and I would like to thank her for the support she has provided over the years.

The hall passed its inspection for its Entertainment Licence and this was renewed recently. However on a more serious note I have grave concerns about completing the new Premises Licence application which appears to place a heavy burden on a named Premises Supervisor. I plan to discuss this further with Hambleton District Council, my colleagues on the hall committee and if possible other local village hall committees.

Ian Jackson
Chairman
Tollerton Village Hall
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