

Tollerton Village Hall – Chairman's Report 2010

We have completed another busy year of refurbishment and fundraising and I sense that there is a need to take stock of what has been achieved over the past 8 years. In 2004 I wrote the following plan of action

Immediate/early attention required (within next 6 months)

Replacement fans behind bar and at roof apex.
Replacement of broken glazing units.
Refurbish external paintwork, replace rotten wood where necessary.
Floor sanding and revarnish.
Deal with collapsed drain from gents' toilet.
Temporary increase of storage space by removing part of hall.
New kitchen cooker.
Move heating controls into main hall and fit thermostat.
Provide insulated header tank for heating system.

Intermediate urgency for attention (within next 12 months)

Replacement of felt on flat roof and refurbishment/replacement of skylights.
Replacement of roof tiles.
Replacement of light fittings.
Refurbish bar area – to include provision of sink.
Replace wall boarding behind bar and the rest of extension wall with.

Longer term (within next 24 months)

Increase storage for hall users to accommodate new clubs such as Table Tennis and the expanding storage needs of Playgroup. This is planned to be achieved by extending the current back store and providing direct access to this from hall.
Redesign and refurbish toilets and provide appropriate facilities for children and the disabled.
Redesign and refurbish kitchen area to meet current hygiene and fire regulation standards.
Provide access to loft space so can be utilised as further meeting area – this to allow meetings to take place without disturbing people using main hall area.

It can be seen that almost all the work has been completed.

- Glazing and external woodwork were dealt with by the installation of new PVC double glazing, the doors were replaced at the same time and have largely eliminated the previous drafty conditions over the winter.
- The ceiling tiles and lighting have been replaced and improved insulation installed at the same time.
- The roof required emergency repairs and the damaged north facing side was replaced.
- The bar area was refurbished and now has a supply of hot water.
- The toilets were completely replaced and a disabled facility provided
- We have replaced the heating system with a more efficient system.
- The hall was redecorated by volunteers from the committee and their families.
- There is now a loft ladder in place to make access to this useful space safer
- We have recently installed two new secure cupboards for Playgroup and the Disco equipment.
- Playgroup have successfully completed a project to redesign the side access to the hall into a garden area which has been a great success as was the soft

play area that was installed at the back of the hall over 6 years ago. Both these projects have greatly increased the attractiveness of the hall.

We still have ideas we wish to follow – these include

- Refurbishment of the kitchen area – plan currently being worked on and costed
- Provision of electric folding projector screen along with projection/sound system to allow the running of film nights and Saturday morning film clubs for children
- Redesign of the current back boiler store either as improved storage with hall access or as a separate meeting room e.g. it could be used to provide an environment for teenagers in the village.

I believe that the existing committee has brought about a tremendous change in the hall over the past 8 years and I thank all members for their hard work. In particular would like to thank Sarah Spark for the hard work she has put in as Treasurer and Booking Secretary and her husband Roger who has provided many contacts that have made much of the work possible.

The soup lunches continue to be popular over the winter months and once again I thank Sue Jackson, Pam Bowes, Sarah Spark, Carol Hosker and Steff Brown from the Village Hall Committee for providing this service. The New Years Eve party was also successful and we plan to continue both these to help promote community spirit in the village.

We continue to raise funds with various projects and remain committed to supporting the concept of joint fund raising and so our major project last year was a Burns Supper in aid of Fundraising For Tollerton. I am pleased to report that once again this was a success and the funds raised have been attributed to the village hall. My thanks go to everyone who helped make it such a good evening.

We also had a very successful evening with the Easingwold School Choir and Big Band who entertained all who attended with a lovely selection of music. My thanks to Lorraine Fox for organising this and for once more taking on the position of Secretary over the past year.

Finally it is important to note that I recognise within myself and other committee members a degree of what I shall describe as 'exhaustion' from the constant efforts it takes to fundraise, keep the wheels moving and the hall running. I have now been Chairman for over 8 years and feel that it is time for someone new to take the helm. Therefore we are looking for new blood to join us on the committee and will not be planning any major fundraising events in the near future.

Ian Jackson
Chairman
Tollerton Village Hall
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