

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS - NOVEMBER 2016

**Refurbishment.** Progress since the last newsletter:

- stage re-sanded (thanks Russell) and painted black along with the walls and ceiling (black/charcoal grey is apparently the proper colour for back stage in theatres)
- stage fire exit door frame repaired (thanks Walter) and door painted
- black mid-stage curtains on order
- main hall roman blinds all now hung
- main hall - three large sound insulation panels made and fitted on end wall (thanks Phil and Russell)
- wall lights planned to improve evening ambience
- air extractor fans
- Post Office Room - old sink unit removed; new flooring fitted (thanks Phil and Russell); roman blinds fitted and curtains ordered
- loft insulation fitted over main hall and stage (an awful job so very many thanks Mark!)
- air extractors fitted in main hall, kitchen, Gents and Ladies toilets
- new heating system installed - oil-filled electric convector heaters in entrance hall, meeting room and Post Office Room, with eight 3kW ceramic radiant heaters (with no light output) high on the main hall walls, controlled by a thermostat. All are operated via the £1 coin meters

Next work will be the redecoration of the three toilets. Ideas are needed on how to improve the Gents toilet. And, as ever, *volunteers would be very welcome!*

**Fundraising.** We've received wonderful donations from

- the Sponsored Walk (thanks again to Julia and Penny) £727
- Vintage Tea Party (very well done again to Hayley, Sheila and Jan and team) £336
- an anonymous donation £250
- sale of greetings cards from Bridget £50
- East Stour Parish Council £2,500
- a standby allocation of £1,000 from hall funds has been necessary for the category A refurbishment
- BUT grant applications for loft insulation, solar heating, and The Big Lottery (supplementary funding) were unsuccessful

*If anyone can make a donation, however small, this would be much appreciated!!*

### **Management Committee**

- welcome back to Hayley Masterton
- Rosanne has secured approval for Gift Aid tax relief on donations
- we now have the second meeting room (used for the Post Office on Wednesday mornings) available for hire

**The Village Heart Defibrillator** is now fitted on the front of the hall, together with a list of trained helpers.

David Little  
Chairman

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