

Hello All

Sponsored Walk on Sunday 21 August - many thanks to Julia Gould, Penny Brentnall and helpers for organising this year's walk. Only 14 of us enjoyed the trek along some non-public paths around the village, so a unique route! Shame more did not join in but we've raised over £600 so far. Many thanks if you've contributed - if you haven't, **please please send me a donation** (or let me know and I'll collect it), especially if you're a Hall committee member!

Refurbishment Progress

Finances - hard to believe that our refurbishment spend is approaching £25,000 - amazing! Helped enormously of course by the Lottery grant of £10,000 but that still leaves £15,000 that we're raising ourselves though still over £1,000 short to achieve the Priority A projects. This money will have to come out of the hall's fund (we keep the Refurb Funds separate) while we try and raise it

Backstage - nearly finished! This dirty, dusty, rarely used area is nearly redecorated - in black! This is the proper back stage colour and does look professional. Russell Haddon is going to sand the floor and we'll fit new mid stage curtains (oh dear, this cost isn't in the budget yet). Thanks to Walter Webb for doing an excellent repair of the wood rot on the fire escape door frame

Post Office Room - Phil Brown and his young lad Russell have laid the new flooring (to match the Meeting Room) after recently removing the old sink unit. The venetian blinds are fitted and the new curtains due soon . We will then have a second, smaller, meeting room to hire - this room has been in an unattractive state

Main Hall - Phil and Russell have made the large acoustic panels to be hung on the end wall. We have roman blinds for the small windows and are going to fit eight wall lights to improve the evening ambience. A large air extractor (to reduce condensation at large events) will be fitted soon. A new volunteer - Mark Lockley has recently moved into the village and offered to lay the extra loft insulation needed - great!

Heating - this has now been ordered for installation later in September though, on cost grounds, we're excluding the heaters in each toilet

Air extractors - the kitchen fan will be fitted shortly. Phil has fitted the large extractor in the Gents and will replace the Ladies fan soon

Fundraising - please join us at the Vintage Tea Party on Sunday 2 October. This was a lovely easy sociable afternoon last year - and we need the funds!!

Regards

David Little
Chairman