

Hall Report 2016/2017

Quite a few changes have taken place in the hall during this past year. Firstly I gave up doing the booking and Kathryn Woodward has taken over in a very capable fashion although I am still responsible for the finances and have keys if anyone finds it difficult to get up to Weald Road. Secondly Kathryn has also taken over the cleaning which I am sure you will agree is vastly improved from the way it has appeared for the past couple of years. The third and biggest change was obviously the refitting of the kitchen. This was well overdue after seventeen years and no longer came up to modern health and safety standards. There were some teething problems during the fitting but I am sure you will all agree it was worth the wait. We now have a dishwasher – not perhaps the ideal one for the job but nevertheless it does the job in two minutes and one cannot say fairer than that. We also have a very efficient warming drawer for plates, a drinking water heater which negates the necessity for an urn (which could be dangerous) or endless kettles and two lovely coffee making thermos that make delicious fairtrade coffee and keep it hot for several hours.

One recurring problem we have encountered, and for some reason more frequently this last year, has been the blocking up of the loo nearest to the front door. Various reasons have been put forward and various methods of curing the problem tried but it has now been decided that the pan in that particular toilet was not really “fit for purpose” and we are in the throes of obtaining estimates to fit in a new one with a different type of flushing system which should hopefully cure the problem for good.

The hall has had another successful financial year with the bookings holding up well and frequent enquiries regarding regular bookings which we cannot satisfy just at the moment especially as we do have to keep some time free for church use and cleaning. We are constantly complimented on the hall with regard to its size, its amenities and especially the fact that we have car parking.

All in all another good year

Margaret Nicholas