

Church Hall Report - April 2018

It has not been an especially eventful year for the hall; thank goodness we have had no floods, explosions or other disasters. The new kitchen has proved very popular especially the boiling water tap and the new coffee thermos flasks. The dishwasher perhaps not quite so much so, as it is basically for glasses and fails to get anything else clean without washing it first, which rather defeats the object.

We have had the perennial problem with the toilets, especially the one nearest the front door, which we had replaced with a more modern model with a stronger flush. Unfortunately this has not entirely cured the problem but it is almost inevitable when the majority of our clients are small girls and mothers with babies.

A few weeks ago during the cold weather that we have experienced recently, I had an agonised call from Jane to say that they had no heating for their dance class. Geer's came in the following day and replaced the thermostat in the hall that had failed. The following Wednesday another call from Jane to tell me that again they had no heating. Back came Geer's to find that a solenoid, or some such, in the pump had failed. We all waited with baited breath on the third Wednesday but all was well. The latest call upon our resources has been one of the radiators which appears to have been attacked at various times by small children, has become sharp and potentially dangerous and looks very much as if replacement is the only option.

The hall is very popular and much sought after. It is modern, a useful size, has good facilities and access to a car park. We are fully booked during the week and rarely a weekend passes without it hosting a party although we have to be very very careful about music. Unlike the previous occupants of the house next door, the new owners are a charming young couple and very tolerant; they are in fact getting married in the church this summer, holding the "wedding breakfast" in the hall and moving on to their house for the evening party. However one of the main provisos of the original planning permission was no discos or loud music and we are very strict about this rule.

Thank you very much indeed to Kathryn, who does a wonderful job keeping the hall immaculate in spite of the occasional difficult client. Mostly however they are thoughtful and leave the hall as they find it for which we are extremely grateful.