

TWYFORD PARISH HALL: UPDATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 22 MAY 2019

The trustees of the hall have continued to focus on maintenance of the hall and car park, subject to the availability of surplus funds from lettings.

The area at the front of the hall has now been completed, with many years of leaf mould being removed and a hardcore base put down which has prevented puddles this winter. The trustees are very grateful to the parish council for financial assistance in this work, including a contribution to the partial tarmac surfacing to improve the accessibility of the hall by wheelchairs, pushchairs and mobility scooters. We have received numerous compliments from parishioners on the improved view at the front of the hall and safer access to the front door. In addition the flat roof surface above the porch was replaced.

As a direct result of the removal of much of the debris outside the hall, we have been able to arrange for the main hall floor to be sanded back and renovated, repolished and new lines painted. Less dirt is now tracked in by users and a new mat at the entrance door helps in this matter. It's a tricky balance between having a shiny floor that looks nice and is easier to clean, and a surface that badminton players, dancers and youth groups are safe on. Again the new surface has met with favourable comments from all users.

Wifi has now been installed in the hall for all users, particularly the playgroup, parish council and guides. This means renting a telephone line which is an extra overhead, but the trustees considered it a valuable service to be providing to our users.

In October we held a coffee morning and table top sale, which raised £400 but just as importantly was a social event for the village. Trustees try hard to make the hall available for villagers and village organisations at affordable rates. We also host many classes which villagers can attend eg yoga, Zumba, Pilates and badminton. The full list of users is attached and on the board at the hall.

The hall would not run without our fabulous caretaker Colin Maslen, and our volunteer Booking Secretary Ian Wheeler who gives many hours scheduling regular users, parties and weekend events. Thank you to them both.

The hall has 8 trustees, many of whom have been providing their time for many many years and we would welcome anyone who would be interested in joining the management of the hall. With meetings 4 times a year the commitment is not onerous and the work is varied and a direct contribution to maintaining a vital community asset, that is never going to run itself.

Sonia Watson

Secretary

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