

Parish Hall Report to the Annual Town Assembly 27 April 2010

The Parish Hall has had a very encouraging year since being reopened following the rebuilding of the kitchen, entrance Hall and toilet area and the repainting of the Hall itself.

Repairs and updates are ongoing and the kitchen and toilet areas backstage are now in working order. Outside we have a new metal fire escape suitable for wheelchairs. The front porch area and fascia have been repaired and the roof made waterproof again over the entrance lobby and toilets. New notice boards are on the front of the building and there will shortly be new doors and ramps for the disabled. Blackout blinds and curtains grace the windows inside. We have installed a new gas boiler and water heater which is thermostatically controlled and can come on just before the Hall is used.

We have had many casual lettings for children's parties, birthday parties and wedding celebrations which is very encouraging besides regular bookings.

I must pay tribute and give a sincere vote of thanks to the people who have helped in so many ways towards the reopening, general running and donations of all kinds of things for the Hall.

Dominic Holland entertained nearly 100 people last Autumn who then had a hot meal with a licensed bar. This event was very successful with many requests for a repeat. The number of bookings we are receiving is certain proof and confirmation that the Hall is needed in the Town. Bingo, Silver Threads, Townswomen's Guild. Market, Keep Fit and Youth are just some of our regulars.