

TEMPLE EWELL VILLAGE HALL

REPORT TO THE PCC AGM 26th April 2024

This has been a busy year for the Trustees. The refurbishment of the hall is virtually complete, the only outstanding item being painting the exterior windows which has been delayed due to the weather.

To summarise, following on from the refurbishment of the lower hall last year, the adjoining toilets, snooker room and toilet, roof, and clocktower have all been refurbished, repaired, or replaced as appropriate. In addition, a full-size oven with grill has been installed in the lower hall kitchen.

The Players requested permission to paint the stage floor black with specialist paint to improve the aesthetics of their productions, and to extend the lighting box sideways, both at their own expense. These were approved, so far the stage floor has been completed.

The hall has enjoyed another stable year financially, but costs continue to rise. Therefore, at our recent AGM we reluctantly agreed to raise the hire rates as follows:

The Upper Hall has risen from £6:50 to £7:50 per hour Sunday to 1800 Friday and 1800 Saturday.

Friday 1800 to midnight was raised from £10 to £11 per hour, similarly Saturday 1800 to midnight from £12 to £13 per hour. The Children's party rate was increased from £30 to £40.

Lower hall rising from £4:50 to £5 per hour.

The Middle Hall (the new name for 'old snooker room') will also be £5 per hour all week. It is our intention to vigorously advertise this newly available facility and we are investigating the provision of a projector and screen to increase its potential.

Although we regret these increases research has shown we will still be one of the cheapest halls in the area.

There has been a welcome increase in attendance at our meetings from village groups, and offers of help with maintaining the building.

At our recent AGM Geoff Roberts stood down as Chairman and a Trustee. There being no nominations to fill this post John Holness kindly agreed to take the position for six months until a replacement is found. Eileen Lim was re-elected as Treasurer and Mike Brodie as Secretary and Bookings Secretary. Jon Regan and Mary Whetton have applied to be Trustees.

Mike Brodie
Secretary to the Trustees