



Harston Village Hall

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NEWS LETTER ~ March 2024

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The Trustees of the Village Hall feel that from time to time it would be useful to update our regular hirers by way of a newsletter, and we hope you will appreciate this approach. The trustees would like to thank our regular hirers for their continued support.

Hall Improvements

During recent months a number of improvements took place

- We have repainted the outside walls
- We have replaced flooring in the toilets and corridor
- We have added an electric projector screen in the main hall.

We have used donations made during our centenary events to purchase a wooden memorial bench that will be placed outside the Hall and could be used by hirers awaiting people to pick them from the car park.

Future plans for 2024 include replacement of the doors to the front of the Hall by the road, which currently have to remain closed, except in an emergency, because of their poor condition. We are also planning a refurbishment of the kitchen with a slightly altered design to make access to the main hall better.

Regular Hirer Fees, these have remained unchanged since 2016 despite the increases in costs, following a review of budgets by the Trustees and the exceptional increase in electric and gas utility costs we are going to have to increase our hire rates. Rather than make a substantial increase now with little notice, we have decided to increase fees by 8% – 10% from April 1st 2024. Attached to this email is the new price list. The trustees hope to attract more private bookings, such as weddings, which provide 43% of our income, and if by the end of 2024 we have been successful then we hope to keep any 2025 fee increases to a reasonable level.

We do value your support and thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. A copy will be placed on the Village Hall web site and on the noticeboard in the atrium, but by all means, bring it to the attention of members of your group and if they have any questions or ideas then please contact those below. We welcome feedback from regular hirers such as yourselves.

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