



Harston Village Hall

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NEWS LETTER ~ December 2022

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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 understanding and continued support during recent months firstly with the outside work on the building and more recently when the boiler failed.

Hall Improvements

During recent months a number of improvements and changes took place

- We have changed the lighting in the kitchen corridor to motion sensors
- We have a remote system to control the outside lighting more efficiently
- We have added insulation and a new coating to the majority of the outside walls

All these measures, some of which were supported by applying for grants are designed to reduce our utility bills which have risen significantly just like your own. We also hope the new insulation will keep more heat in the building.

Firstly the good news, despite the increases in costs, particularly gas and electricity, following a review of budgets by the Trustees there will be no increase in hire charges planned for regular hirers next year. Normally we review our budget planning to take effect from April but with concerns about the future this time the hire charges will take effect from 1st January 2023. We have increased some of the one off private hire rates. We will of course have to keep our finances under review and react to any major change to the UK financial climate but for the present rest assured we are trying our best to keep regular hirers rates **unchanged since 2016**.

Booking Matters

We would remind all regular hirers of the need to advise the booking secretary in advance of any cancellations to their classes to avoid being invoiced. There have been several occasions recently when we have been told afterwards which impacts on things like cleaning.

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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