SOUTH LEIGH VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL REPORT

Our two main expenses this year have been the widening of the entrance so that it is not such a sharp angle to drive in and the painting of the outside of the hall. The paintwork wasn’t in a poor condition but after 10 years some of it was badly faded, so it should be good now for another 10 years. On the same subject members of the committee, with some very welcome help, have re-painted the summerhouse and the arbour (the covered seat at the top of the garden).

We have asked our handyman to remove the wooden thatched ‘structure’ before it falls down, in readiness for a more permanent ‘shed’ as we are desperately in need of more storage space. The size etc of the ‘shed’ is still being discussed. The idea of a major brick- built extension beyond the fire exit has been shelved for the moment but the village has an extensive archive collection which is currently being stored in a variety of houses.

Our cooker/oven is not as ideal as it could be so we have plans to purchase a new one. We have applied to SSE for a grant towards the cost and will have to wait until we receive a response due sometime this month.

A continuing problem is the grass-cutting partly due to the fact no two summers are the same. This summer being wet-ish was very different from last year and ideally more cuts would have been welcome. If there is anyone in the village with a sit-on mower who could cut the hall garden grass occasionally, ideally but not only just before a wedding reception, do please let me know.

Our most frequent bookings are for children’s parties at weekends, very often involving a bouncy castle outside or inside, and during the week there are regular yoga classes three days a week, a sound therapy meeting once a week, also family gatherings feature fairly often. This year we have had 3 wedding receptions and 2 are booked for next year.

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