

Good evening, I am Denise the bookings clerk and I am here to speak on behalf of the committee of the village hall.

A little bit of background information sadly we had a member leave us just before Christmas, however we managed to fill that post and to carry, however we had another blow when another committee member left us early this year.

As a committee we must carry on and now there are only 5 of us, as most of you are aware we are all unpaid committee members, and it is hard to keep up to date with all that needs to be done, however we can do our best.

We had a blow last year after having the flat roof completely redone as we found that the walls in the cloakrooms were still damp, after several attempts to find out why we were told that the old coping stones need replacing, and some work to the external wall, until we have sorted the dampness problem we have had to put on hold the finishing of the cloakrooms.

We were lucky enough to be given the money to have this beautiful floor sanded and resealed, but before we do this we thought that it was an ideal opportunity for us to decorate the walls a lighter colour, and we will also be changing the lighting.

I set to work and applied for grants to complete this work and we have been lucky and were granted money towards

this work. I have also approached Taylor Wimpey in the hope that they might donate to our fund raising as well.

The committee have been fundraising last year we did the wreath making session which was not only great fun, but enabled us to fill the hall with around 25 people that all were very pleased with their efforts and went home with a very nice Christmas Wreath. This year we have had a quiz night and yesterday a craft fayre. This money we hope to put with the grant towards the jobs that I have just mentioned. We also know that we need to get blinds for the windows, we will be looking to having another fund-raising event to fund this.

It's very sad that groups that have used our hall for many years are no longer able to carry on, some of this is lack of interest and some is lack of funding, losing any group will affect the village hall and put pressure on our finances to continue paying our bills such as our insurance, electricity and water.

As you have heard the committee do lots behind the scenes and are always working hard to make the village hall a place that can be used by the community, please support us.

Thank you .