Village Hall Management Committee Report to the Annual PC Meeting 25 May 2023

Over the past year we have continued to improve the fabric of the hall with our on-going our programme of improvements.

I am pleased to say the new stage has been delivered and is in use, now not that's its complicated to get it back onto its trolley but there is a YouTube video to explain how it's done, I think its one of those things that the first time and maybe the second time too, its awkward but after that's its ok.

The main hall, committee room, entrance hall and toilets will all be decorated over the summer holidays.

We thought Suffolk County Council were replacing the Velux windows but when they looked at the roof it was decided that it needed replacing, work has taken a while due to material and labour shortages but progress is good at present and work is expected to be completed shortly.

The school joining the All-Saints Academy Trust means the Trust will take over Suffolk County Councils responsibility for the hall, the external repairs, the supply of heat and the maintenance of the boiler, the shared services etc. The Village Hall Management Committee have had an initial meeting with the Trust and we are awaiting a second to agree, what will be a revised management agreement, this will need to be in place for the start of the new term in September this year.

Sadly, bookings have not returned to pre Covid levels and generally for the hall as well as everywhere else costs continue to rise which is something we are mindful of as we have to be able to cover our costs.

Janne Cutting-Keyton.