

Orwell Village Hall Management Committee



Village hall life seems finally to have settled down after the upheavals of the past few years, hence there is little new to report in this edition of the Bulletin.

A new carpet has been laid in the TOPS Room as agreed and new curtains will be bought, all funded by a kind donation from the now sadly defunct Orwell Players.

Minor upgrades planned over the coming months will include replacement of the rear fire exit door, which both sticks and is beginning to rot from its base. We will take the opportunity to replace it with a door that allows independent access and egress, meaning that hirers of the TOPS Room won't have to disturb users of the main hall.

Plans are in place to purchase an upgraded cinema screen for the main hall, and we are in discussion with two suppliers with a view to buying new stage curtains. This will be a significant financial outlay; therefore we want to take time to ensure we make the correct decision. We hope that these new stage curtains will be a fitting (and final) enhancement to the refurbishment undertaken a couple of years ago.

Whilst sadly a couple of regular hirers have not returned post pandemic, we have been pleased to welcome one or two new groups as well as a growing number of one-off hirers. This means that financially, the hall is now at least breaking even on a month-to-month basis despite a significant increase in running costs. Our financial reserves are reasonable; however the new stage curtains are likely to be our last major item of expenditure for the foreseeable future.

Orwell Village Hall is looked after by an enthusiastic band of volunteer trustees, each committed to the maintenance and development of this much-loved village asset. Many are also regular users of the hall, but this is not a prerequisite. If you would like to get involved by offering your services as a trustee, contact me at the email address below for more information. For all other matters, visit the Orwell Village Hall website at www.orwellvillagehall.com

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