

DECEMBER 2021



Dear Friend and Colleagues,

We trust you are all well and covid free. For many of us the past few months has been a mixture of excitement at returning to some normality together with apprehension as to what the future holds both for us individually and our community. Whilst we continue to keep to government guidelines regarding the use of masks,(remember now mandatory) social distancing together with recording usage of the hall we are heartened by the return of our groups and organisations together with the introduction of new ventures. We **WELCOME** a new kick boxing group, a surgery covered by a local councillor, Sam Gorst plus an increase in one off bookings both for private parties and other charities. We are also hosting a growing food pantry service run by South Liverpool Zero Waste Company. Our wildflower project continues to blossom(sorry) and are one of the first groups in the N.W.to apply and be given trees to plant in celebration of the Queens Jubilee year 2022 – can you spot them in our grounds?

IMPROVEMENTS You will have noticed that we now have a decent heating system in the hall thanks to Rev. Paul and John Rowlandson raising funds via Camino 2. There have been a few hiccups adjusting timing etc., but we feel we are in control now but please do not alter the clock. Any adjustments can be made if hall team have prior notice.

REPAIRS - Our floor is a major concern now and despite many investigations we still do not know what is causing the bump. Our insurance company is now advising us and we hope answers will soon be known and repairs undertaken.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO ENSURE CAUTION WHEN MOVING BETWEEN HALL AND KITCHEN.

GRANT UPDATES Thanks to all who responded to our requests for information to meet requirements for charitable funding to tackle the massive hall repairs. Work continues on applications with closing dates for some in the spring. We

have estimates for all of the work needed and its no surprise this is a mega amount, including damp course, plastering, new windows, etc. We aim to submit an application including all improvements and as we have said before we need to have approx. £7k available as our contribution. Alongside this we are working towards repairing guttering and roof tiles. If you wish more information on fund raising or with ideas of how we can increase our finances please leave a message for us in the information book at the front of the hall

COMMUNICATION –In looking at improving our communication we have a strategy document and will use this to go forward. However, with over 1600 per month through our door it is hard to reach everyone but please consider using social media if you can. One of our current ideas is to list all of the groups who benefit from our hall and on occasions ask them for a short paragraph to go on the notice board outlining their work and issues, ie. Benefits of group, time of session, volunteer recruitment.

STORAGE – We have been able to reallocate some space/cupboards and are now making a more concerted effort to re-order the toilet area in the annexe and look at health and safety issues in the corridor. We will update you on this.

We promise to keep you informed on our work and can only keep emphasising that we believe in the future of this hall and together we can improve and encourage all to use its facilities.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS, TAKE CARE AND REMAIN COVID FREE.

Hall team,

Rev Paul Ellis, Jan Hewitt, Judith Fever, Jean Hodgson, Christine Smith, Elsie Cliff.