

# VILLAGE HALL FOCUS

THE NEWSLETTER OF NETHER HEYFORD VILLAGE HALL



## FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE....

This newsletter is to help keep our friends of the village hall and regular users up to date with developments at the hall.

There is always a lot going on “*behind the scenes*” to keep our village hall in good condition and attractive to users.

I do hope that you will find the newsletter useful.

*Alwyne Wilson*

## A NEW SECRETARY

At the end of August we said goodbye to Laura Sullivan who had been the secretary to the village hall committee.

Please welcome Judith Cattermole who has joined the committee as the new secretary.

## NEW USER

We are pleased to welcome Cha Char Chimps to the hall on school term Friday mornings, from 10.00 am to 11.00 am.

More about the Chimps on page 2

## WEBSITE

The new website [www.netherheyfordvillagehall.org](http://www.netherheyfordvillagehall.org) has been in use for several months now, and with around 20 new hits each week has attracted new bookings.



## MAIN HALL FLOOR

It's 4 years since the hall floor was re-surfaced and as it is getting worn in a few places, the committee are looking at options to resurface the floor with modern two pack lacquer rather than several coats of polish.

## Welcome to Cha Char Chimps

Cha Char Chimps offer award-winning weekly entertainment shows for pre-school children. They combine action songs, props and puppets. During our refreshment break we serve drinks and our legendary chocolate Tiffin! Pay on the door or book online...

<https://www.ccchimps.com/>



## IN AND AROUND THE HALL.....

Additional switched power sockets have been installed in the main hall. These have been provided to reduce the number of extension leads required by some of our regular users.

A new welcome sign for the entrance foyer has been designed and should be in place soon.

A hot water temperature control valve has been installed for the hand basin in the disabled washroom. This will prevent someone from possibly burning themselves when washing. New lever taps have also been installed on the basin.

In early August, the cooker top and oven were thoroughly cleaned by a professional company. Please remember to clean the cooker top and oven if you use it during your hire.

If you find damaged or broken equipment, fittings or furnishings in the hall, please report it on the 'Faults' form which can be found in the rack by the kitchen door.

### STORAGE

*The shortage of storage space for equipment of regular users has been a problem for some time. Several regular users are limited to using kitchen cupboards.*

*Moving the older and less used equipment out of the storeroom is the only way to free up space to accommodate a few more blue cupboards, so options for external storage adjacent to the hall are being considered.*

*Whether it will be a refurbished shipping container or a bespoke "shed" is not known yet. The Parish Council are supporting the initiative and it seems that a grant may well be available to cover some, if not all, of the cost. More news in the next newsletter.*

### 60 YEARS YOUNG

To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the village hall next year, several new events to raise funds and people's awareness of the hall, are being considered.

An events committee is being formed, to which Pat Patterson has agreed to be the secretary.

So, watch out for news on a 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party involving anyone involved with the hall over the years, friends, builders, volunteers etc.

Also in the running is an Art Show, a Yuletide Festival, Carols on the Green, as well as the Village Hall Fete.

It's going to be a busy year, and if you would like to help please speak to Alwyne.