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Mind your head



Remember this? The old bar hatch was just 50cm high (that's less than 20" if you're an imperialist). But it's now a comfortable 82cm, proving that, when it comes to standards, we're always raising the bar.

The hatch was just a small part of the complete bar refurbishment which took place in November and December of last year. Walls, floorboards and joists, cupboards and worktops were all replaced. A new ceiling was fitted, new plumbing, sink and water heater installed, and under-counter storage for glasses now makes the bar much easier to manage. All this is a huge tribute to our village experts and volunteers, notably - as always - Derek Owens and Richard Terry.

Hardly had they finished that job than they were planning the next: replacing the Gents toilet and table storage cupboard with a modern Gents facility and Disabled loo.

In short, *from this ...*



to this ...



Others have helped with these projects, special thanks being due to Bill Heybourn for his time and expertise.

What happened to the old disabled loo? It's now a storage room, mainly for short mat bowls mats, with the WC pan covered but fully operational. This means it can be used as a backstage toilet when shows are performed. Moving the bowls mats has freed up the adjoining room where tables can now be conveniently stored on trolleys.

Phew! Makes you tired just thinking about it!

It happened here

In October we celebrated *Trafalgar Day* with a traditional evening of food, song and immortal memories put together by Pat Lynch. As usual we were grateful to those who helped with food, speeches, singing and organisation, including the village shop which sells tickets for all our functions.

The *Maasai Warriors* (Take Art) were a sell-out in November, bringing a touch of Africa to Charlton Horethorne. They sang, they jumped, and they whistled. Touring the UK had its high moments for the warriors (KFC in Wincanton and 'Two For One' at The Magpie) but they were longing to get back to their families in Kenya.

December sees the pensioners' *Christmas Lunch* here in the Village Hall, ably organised this time by David & Jenny Peet. Sixty-six people enjoyed a hearty meal and were entertained with songs and sketches by *Nota Bene*.

A *Burns Supper* was arranged in early February, the brainchild of Douglas Maxwell who worked tirelessly to