

PROGRESS REPORT ON REFURBISHMENT OF VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN

This note will bring you up to date on the progress made towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall kitchen and practical ways in which you may be able to help.

Over the last few months, we have been pursuing, with varying degrees of success, various options to obtain grants towards the cost of this project, to supplement the proceeds of the Silent Auction. Unfortunately, on this occasion, Awards for All are unable to assist but we have promised support from the Parish Council, Viridor, Age Concern and South Somerset District Council. We are still awaiting the outcome of an application to Somerset Community Foundation but we feel that we can proceed, albeit with a modified plan. We are very grateful to Derek and Val Owens who, having themselves refurbished their own domestic kitchen, have kindly offered a range of floor units for use in the Hall which we have gladly accepted.

The modified project will necessitate the use of more voluntary labour and we are particularly looking for assistance from people with

electrical, plumbing, plastering and gas fitting (CORGI) skills to help the Committee in the more specialist work, which is integral to the refurbishment. If you feel that you are able to help in this regard, or offer your services in other ways, would you please get in touch with Keith Gudgeon on 220249 or Derek Owens on 220911 as soon as possible. A final decision has not yet been taken on the exact commencement date but it is anticipated that this will be March 2009 and the plan is that the project would be completed within 8 to 10 weeks.

Whilst the main kitchen will be out of action during this refurbishment the remaining facilities within the Hall will be largely unaffected and its use will carry on in the normal way. It is planned that, anyone wishing to use kitchen facilities, will be able to use alternatives, which we will put in place. Please discuss your requirements with the Booking Secretary, John Evered, on 220910.

**Charlton Horethorne
Village Hall Committee**

2009 Village Hall Kitchen Refurbishment –

Undertaken by the Hall Committee and
Volunteers



Some of the Committee and
Pat Caskin, John Evered,
Val Owens and Lee Tyson

THE VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN Progress Report

The work on the refurbishment of the Village Hall kitchen continues at a pace and with no little enthusiasm from a group of "willing" volunteers from the Village Hall Committee.

The photographs in the last parish magazine gave an indication of the early stages of the work when, after the initial ripping and stripping out, we met the unwelcome, if not totally unexpected, reality that not only should the floor boards be replaced but the

Now, following decoration and new floor covering, we have electrics and plumbing installed and are well on the way with the fitting of floor units, sinks, cookers and the new commercial dishwasher – great excitement! The plan is now for the kitchen to be operational by the end of April and an "official opening" is scheduled for 31st May – see elsewhere in the Magazine.



The Committee has appreciated the continued support

supporting joists as well. Undaunted, and following the valued advice of Dave Chippen and the skilled assistance of Richard Terry, the willing group of volunteers set about installing a new wooden floor as well as the previously planned new plaster boarding of the walls with insulation and damp-proofing. Work was also undertaken to improve the under-floor ventilation, not only in the kitchen area but around the Hall generally.

of users of the Hall during this period, particularly those requiring kitchen facilities. In some cases, we have "flown by the seat of" but managed to provide at least basic facilities. Thank you all for your forbearance!

We now look forward to everyone enjoying the benefits of the new kitchen for many years to come.

The Village Hall Committee

Volunteers shown include:
Keith Gudgeon, Derek and