

News Update – November 2022

we've got lots to tell you this month

Grants Update

A Grant application to replace the kitchen has been rejected by the National Lottery (we are not able to submit additional proposals until the work covered by existing grants [Disabled Toilets] has been completed). However, funding from the recent 'Corporate Sponsorship' and 'Buy a Brick' donation drive is in place and we have agreed the below design proposal for the Village Hall Kitchen – The refurbishment work to the Electrics, Plumbing, Ceiling and Flooring will commence at the end of November and the Kitchen will be ordered in the January sales for installation in the early part of the year.



A submission for Lottery funding will be considered for the refurbishment of the Male and Female Toilets (This is not a fundamental requirement for our re-opening schedule).





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Renovation Update - £48,000 of purchase orders placed

From mid/end of this month three contractors (Alder Preece Electrical, Phil Williams Builders and Ideal Carpets) will be working on the following elements –

Electrics, Heating & Lighting (Alder Preece Electrical)

Ceiling (Phil Williams Builders)

Flooring (Ideal Carpets)

Refurbishment of the Disabled Toilet to DDA requirements, this will include a separate child's toilet and baby changing facility (Phil Williams Builders)

Fire Alarm System (HFAS)

We are working on a co-ordinated programme with the contractors so that internal works can start and be carried out in sequence.

Volunteer Request

External Painting

We are now looking for a new set of volunteers for help finish off the exterior painting. We have the North face side wall to complete which will need chemically cleaning prior to painting. Taking up a suggestion from Age Jeanes, which we all think will look very smart is to paint the window lintels, the surround to the entrance and the brick work under the damp proof course an accent grey.

Internal Painting

At a suitable point and in order to save money we would like to paint the interior of the Village Hall. Due to the height of the main hall ceiling and taking into account the Health & Safety requirement of this element, the painting of the ceiling will be contracted out.

If you would like to join us and make your mark on the walls (literally!), please email Brian who will co-ordinate these two projects <u>millerhallb@gmail.com</u>

General Information

Dishwasher Donation

You may have noticed on the kitchen design we have left out the Dishwasher that was kindly donated to the VH by Rebecca Baker. The necessity for a double sink meant we are unable to accommodate a dishwasher. This was discussed with Rebecca who kindly agreed to allow us to sell the dishwasher and put any proceeds towards equipping the kitchen.

Fridge Donation

We have kindly been donated a Fridge from John and Jenny Berry, ready to slot into our new kitchen. Thank you both.

Piano Donation

We have kindly been donated a Bechstein Piano from Mike Cunningham. After consideration of the offer including talking to 'The Bramptones' Community Choir who confirmed they would love to use it, we have agreed to trial it's use for a year. Pub Nights at the VH could be fun!!!

Signage

We are currently exploring the feasibility and cost for adding the Brampton Abbotts Village Hall logo to the exterior of the building as per the below design visual – more information to follow as we progress.



The Village Hall as it currently stands.



Visual of Hall with branding, painted window lintels, surround to the entrance and the brick work under the damp proof course.

Electricity Pole Removal

1st November 2022 Western Power started the process for the removal of the electricity pole in the back garden and channelling the cables underground.



Fundraising Updates

Gift Aid

We have just received notification from HMRC that Brampton Village Hall is now registered for Gift Aid.

Corporate Sponsorship Package

The Trustees are reaching out to local companies and contacts outside of the Parish to help raise funds for the Village Hall. Based on this another five Corporate Sponsorship Packages have been sold during October raising a further £10,500.

The total raised to date is £18,250 plus £875 for Gift Aid giving a total of £19,125.



Christina Tee, CEO of the Cape Group in Malaysia Gold Package (£5k)



EC Drummonds Silver Package (£2k)



Andrew Nutman of The Gaswerx (Australia) Bronze Package (£750)



Badminton Developments Silver Package (£2k)



The Scudamore Family Bronze Package (£750)

Buy a Brick Campaign

The latest update on the '**Buy a Brick**' Campaign is that 17 Bricks have been purchased by Parishioners and 23 Bricks purchased by 'Friends of the Village'.

The total raised to date is £4,000 plus £1,000 for Gift Aid giving a total of £5,000.

You may have noticed the current amount raised has dropped since last month, this is due to The Scudamore Family upgrading from buying bricks to a Corporate Sponsorship – thank you so much for this upgrade.



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Fundraising Appeal

We are working really hard to get the Village Hall open as soon as possible. Funds are still very tight, so we would really appreciate all financial support you can give us.



Trustee Meeting

The next Trustee's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd November.



... Thank you for taking time to read this November News Update.