

‘ALL CHANGE

Lisa Danch, who has been the hall booking clerk and cleaner for several years, has decided to step down from this role. The committee would like to thank Lisa for her dedication and the hard work she has undertaken for us all whilst in this post.

After advertising locally, a new cleaner has been appointed. The committee are pleased to welcome Linda Prentice to the team. Linda lives fairly locally and is a keen supporter of village life.

Although Linda will be ensuring the hall is kept clean and ready for hirers she will not be involved in taking bookings. This task has been taken on by a volunteer that many of you will already know. Jackie Crooks has kindly offered to take all bookings and carry out the necessary paperwork involved in the hiring of the hall. Please contact Jackie on 01622 820226 for all future bookings.

A further change within the committee is the resignation of the secretary Alison Williams. Alison is resigning only because she and her family, who currently live in Yalding, are moving away from the area. The committee now need to fill this post. There is not a lot of work involved, just the monthly minutes and one or two letters. If you are interested and would like to learn more about this role please contact Alan on 820775 (daytime) or 820683 (evenings).

Bring Your Own Paintbrushes

In an attempt to keep costs down you will recall the appeal for villager volunteers to help the committee redecorate the interior of the hall over two Saturday mornings in February. Although painting to the walls of the main hall, foyer, kitchen and toilets was completed, sadly too few volunteers turned up to finish the job. However, the committee would like to thank Lorraine Redfarn and Alan Blackledge-Smith for turning up and for their hard work. The committee plan to set aside another time later in the year to complete the painting to the woodwork.

Fly Tipping

One task that was not planned to be carried out by the committee was to clear away the leylandii cuttings that were dumped in the village hall car park. Some of you, we are sure, would have noticed the huge pile of waste and the subsequent bonfire in the car park on Saturday 19 February. Our apologies go to those of you who found this fire unpleasant. However, it was the simplest and quickest method of clearing away someone else's mess. Please be vigilant and report anyone you see fly-tipping to Maidstone Borough Council, this is our village and we deserve it to be kept neat and tidy.

Dates for Diaries:

Sat 7 May – Applause Event – Senegalese Band – Seckou Keita
3rd Tuesday in every month – Village Hall Meeting – 7.45 pm