

Chair's Report NYCE AGM 21 October 2010

The committee continues to work to meet its charitable objects (the provision of educational and recreational opportunities for young people) whilst at the same time striving to preserve and enhance its landmark building at The Cross, Bath Road.

The current Committee has worked closely together for the last two years and it is gratifying to see the changes that have been brought about. I would like to thank everyone concerned for their individual contributions.

Improvements to the building – inside and outside

- Extensive building works – improved entrance hall, new toilets, improved kitchen facilities, new fire security system, improved heating, hot water and electrical systems. Project managed by Fern and John Bratby to whom grateful thanks
- Decoration of new entrance area – completed by committee members
- Further improvements to the Lower Ground Floor – managed by Community Workshops
- Clearance of land at the rear of the building- beneficial to the fabric of the building and now easier to maintain
- Tennis Club members continue to maintain the tennis courts to a high standard;
- Grateful thanks are also due to our helpful neighbour Shirley Gardner who carries out cleaning and key-holding duties.

Bookings

- The Hall is used regularly for badminton, Tai Chi, yoga and has been used for dance and film making
- The Phoenix Table Tennis Club has 2 sessions a week and is actively encouraging youth participation
- The Hall has been rented out for private parties and musical events
- There have been art and photographic exhibitions on the lower ground floor
- The Hall was used by Nailsworth Film Club to show a film – the first film show in the building for 50 years.

Links with other charities

- NYCE continues to have a good working relationship with the National Association of Clubs for Young People who as the custodial trustees of the building are kept informed of all developments
- NYCE is now a member of the Gloucester Association for Voluntary and Community Action (GAVCA) and members of your Committee are taking advantage of their training sessions on all aspects of running a charity;
- NYCE has completed negotiations with the Tennis Club for the renewal of their lease for another 21 years. The new lease will also include the 5-a-side court allowing the Club to expand its Junior provision. The tennis club will also have use of the new toilet facilities.
- NYCE has close links with the Nailsworth Youth Worker

Improvements to channels of communication

- NYCE 's website www.nailsworthsubrooms.org.uk is regularly updated and carries information about all aspects of NYCE's work. Usage figures show that it attracts a lot of interest
- NYCE held another Open Day in May 2010 as part of the Nailsworth Festival
- Membership of NYCE has been extended to all interested parties and there is a steady growth in numbers.

- NYCE has undertaken a survey of local people to try to identify the range of activities that would be of interest to various age groups, particularly young people
- NYCE publicises its activities through the Nailsworth News, Stroud Life and Stroud News and Journal and using posters around the town.

Funding

- In March 2010 NYCE received £30,000 from the trustees of a Nailsworth bequest and this, together with existing funds, has been used to complete the improvements to the facilities already mentioned.
- NYCE is negotiating with Central Networks for the re-siting of an electrical substation onto NYCE land. Subject to satisfying the necessary requirements this could provide NYCE with the funds to complete some essential structural work which would, amongst other things, improve access to the building.
- The income stream from lettings and parking at the front of the building is growing;
- NYCE rents out the lower ground floor to Community Workshops who in addition to paying rent have agreed to provide one half day a week for routine maintenance of the building.

The Future

- NYCE has produced a Business Plan for 2010-2013 which identifies its key objectives and the ways in which it hopes to meet them. The Business Plan is available on the website.

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