



# Wetheral Village Community Hall

Cumbria

## VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL GRAPEVINE

### *January news*

**The sale of the old village hall** finally went through on January 20th after some legal delays. Jonathan Rees and Felicia Campo are now the owners of the whole property and they hope to convert it into their own home, keeping most of the architectural details in place.

#### **Snagging**

Now that we are all getting settled into the new Hall, some things still need adjusting to meet the demands of the village community.

**A new website** for the community hall is currently being developed, led by James Aitken. This will give information of events, facilities, activities as well as the ability to book online for any courses. It will also be possible to hire any of the facilities within the Hall for private events.

**Signage** is currently being designed and completed for doors and directions, along with a logo for the Hall paperwork.

Notice boards are also being added to the porch and outside the Parish Council offices.

**Acoustics** in the main hall has proved to be problematic. Discussions with an engineer will take place this week to place baffle boards to the upper walls. This should cut out most/all of the current echo of an empty space. We hope this will be in place before the end of March.

**Stage and lighting bars** are also a requirement. WCA hope to get some funding towards this.

#### **Paintings and pictures**

An essential part of making the whole place feel part of the community. We have two paintings by local artists of the old school and the old hall in the foyer, one commissioned by the WCA and one presented by Eileen Clark. Playgroup are gradually adding small paintings and framed images to the lower meeting room. We now have a large framed painting for the upper meeting room, presented by Jenny Kendall.

WCA would like to make a large community collage of photos of village activities and scenes in the foyer. If you have any interesting images of special occasions within the community - from any time over the last century - please get in touch! The idea is to make a black and white photographic copy, and return the image to you. This could then become part of the whole village collage. Your comments, thoughts and photos will be much appreciated!

Finally **Men with Hats** had their last ever memorable performance on Saturday 24th! A great evening for all, as many danced to the sounds of the 50's 60's and 70's. The band commented that 'Wetheral folk really know how to enjoy themselves!' ...and we do! £900 was also raised to go towards the baffles!

