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Since 1899 we have had 7 Monarchs, 25 Prime Ministers (as of writing) although some served more than once. In an ever changing and uncertain world it is nice that some things don't change – the bedrock of the community and village. What you ask? The Ticehurst Village Institute is nearly 123 years old and over the years has some additions and changes, but it is basically the same building that was designed by the award winning architect, Sir Aston Webb.

Thank you to all those who have offered help to pay for extra heating if we need to have some warm rooms for those who may struggle with heating if we get a hard winter. Fingers crossed it will be mild although as blackcurrant grower I really could go with 2,200 hours below 7 degrees centigrade.

We have been fortunate to have been offered a 3D survey of the whole building. The Beatrice Cottage has a cellar which I never knew about! We will wait for the results to see what other hidden gems are tucked away.

As with many Village Halls we are faced with increasing running costs – electricity and gas in particular. We have decided that as of January 1st we will be increasing all prices by £2/hour. Still remarkably good value I hear you say, especially as you get John Brooker's happy demeanour when you chat to him or make a booking.

In previous years large family gatherings have made use of the facilities for Christmas. We can seat up to 60+ in the Lounge, assuming you have that many friends and family. If interested, please call John to discuss. 07716 086931

We are delighted to be hosting the Ticehurst Chamber Christmas event on Wednesday December 7th 6pm- 7.30. This will be a great opportunity for some networking and to see what we have in the building – Hall, Stage, East Wing, Lounge, old Club Bar, Pool and Snooker rooms (mainly for the Youth Group), Library, 2 kitchens, Outside patio and a small annex – ideal for an office.

Hope to see you there.

Peter Reeves

Chairman, Beatrice Drewe Trust