Henley in Arden Guild Hall

Roof refurbishment and other repairs

I am delighted to tell you, if you haven't already noticed, that our Guild Hall now has a beautiful new roof and that the chimney stacks have all been repaired, in one case rebuilt.

The project took a few weeks longer than planned because, once the old tiles had been removed, we were better able to see the structure underneath and improve the insulation design and specification for which we needed Listed Building Consent. Nevertheless, I am pleased to report that the project has been completed within budget, albeit with not much room to spare.

Given the complexity of the project and the potential for unforeseen issues I would like to pay tribute to two of my fellow Trustees, Peter Chana and Peter Ford who worked tirelessly to ensure that our appointed Architect, Structural Surveyor and Contractor were on the ball and that the project management aspect was top drawer.

Such projects require an extraordinary fund raising champion. Another fellow Trustee, John Latham, has been that champion and it is no exaggeration to say, without John's undying effort over a number of years, the Guild Hall would still have a roof in a state of disrepair. It is testament to how important and cherished the Guild Hall is to the community that such financial support from so many was forthcoming.

On behalf of the Trustees, therefore, it is appropriate to thank the many individuals and local businesses who donated to the fund and organised fund-raising events or otherwise supported the project through to completion.

Unfortunately, we cannot end there. The next project is to address the elevations where the white infill panels are beginning to delaminate and there are much needed repairs to some windows. Watch this space.

Geoff Norman

Chair, Board of Trustees

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