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VILLAGE HALL

EXTENSION

1983

PARISH COUNCIL OF BRIDGE



Bridge Village Hall

10 Conyngham Lane,
Bridge.

November, 1982.

To all residents of Bridge

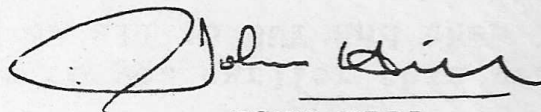
I wrote to you earlier this year about the Council's plans first of all to BUY and then IMPROVE the Village Hall.

Following this, I received a number of very generous donations from individuals and also village organisations and, as a result, last week (after protracted negotiations) we were able to sign the contract for the purchase of the Hall so now Bridge Village Hall belongs to Bridge!

Now we can turn our attention to the much needed IMPROVEMENTS. Cllr. Gulvin has drawn up plans (shown overleaf) and these will cost approximately £28,000. This may sound daunting but we are applying for grants from Canterbury City Council and Kent County Council and hope to get substantial help from them. Nevertheless we still have to help ourselves and a small committee has been formed to raise money for the project by holding fund raising events, starting with Carol Singing on 14th, 15th and 16th December (see Parish Notice Board for details) - come and join us!

I would like to ask YOU to help and you can do this in a number of ways - we would welcome DONATIONS in any amount either once and for all or even better an amount per year covenanted for 4 years so that we can recover the income tax, or LOANS in multiples of £20. These would be interest-free and repayable at the latest by 30.4.88. A fifth of the loans would be repayable each year to be decided by ballot at the Parish Annual Meeting. These may be from individuals and also we hope from other village clubs and societies. Please don't delay - complete and return the form below NOW to me.

As I said in my previous letter this is a tremendous opportunity for the village. Everybody will benefit from the hall at some time and I am sure you will want to help.



JOHN HILL
Chairman,
Bridge Parish Council.

Bridge Village Hall

I would like to help with the village hall plans by means of a -

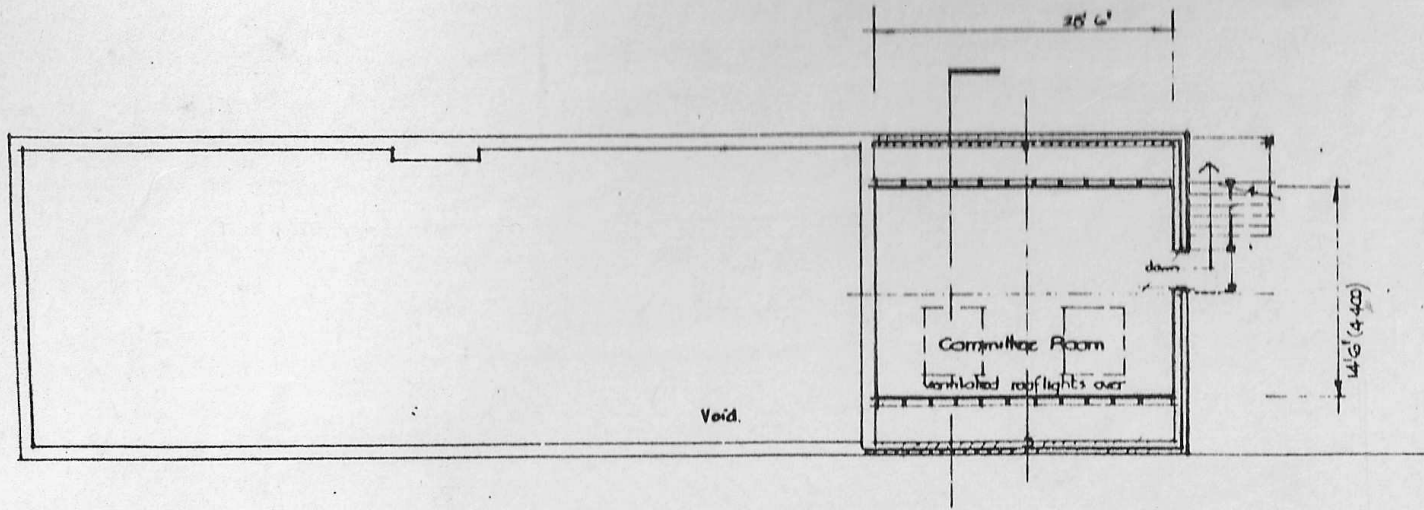
1. Donation (single amount £
2. Donation (any amount over 4 years covenanted) £
(we will provide the necessary forms)
3. Loan in units of £20 repayable before 30.4.88 £
Annual repayments to be decided by ballot at
A.G.M.

NAME.....

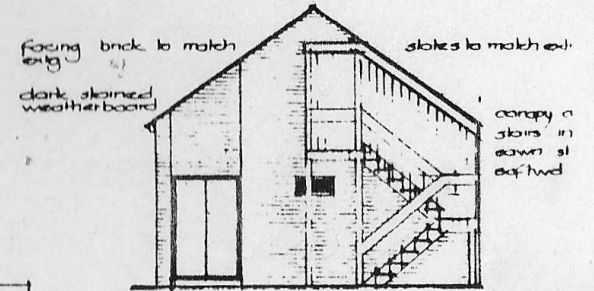
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Please complete and return to me, John Hill, at
10 Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

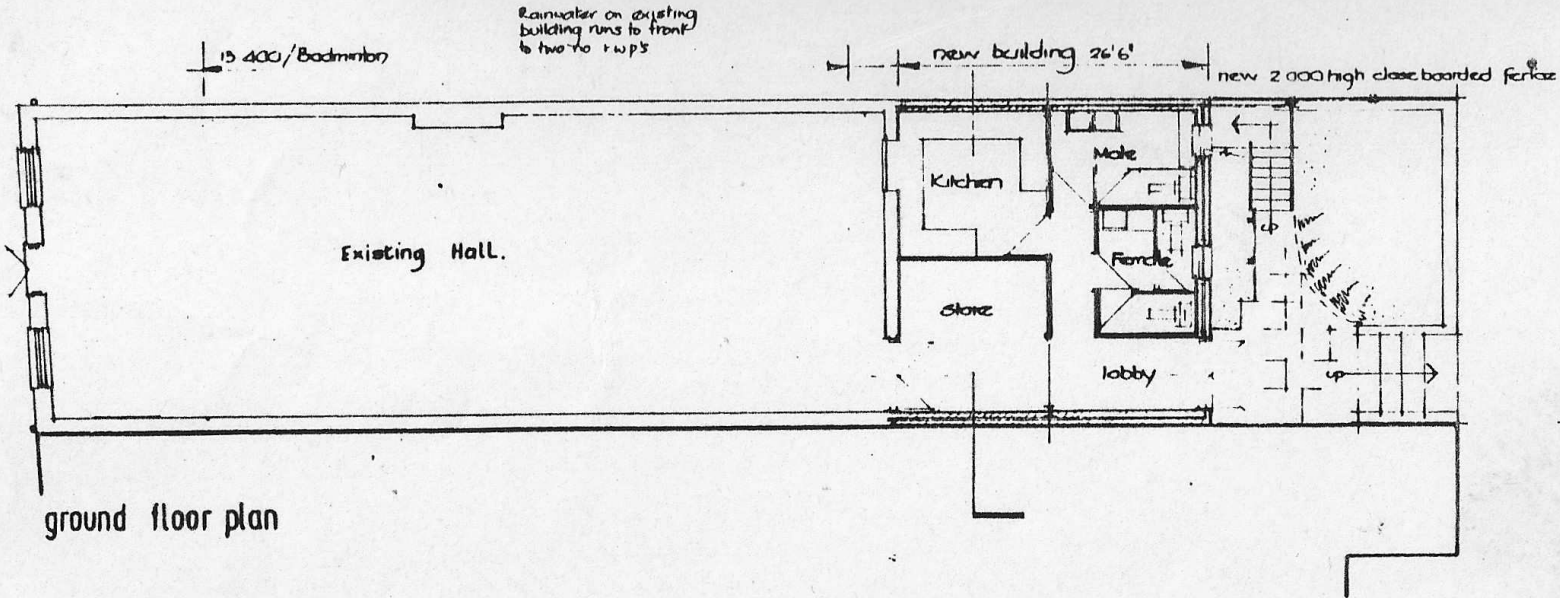
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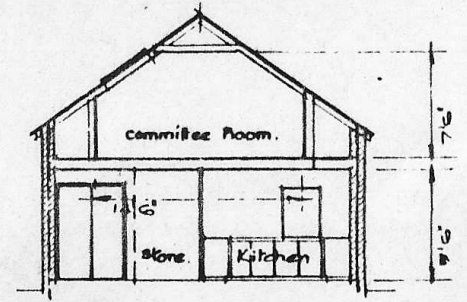
first floor plan



rear elevation



ground floor plan



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*The Chairman of the Bridge Parish Council
has pleasure in inviting*

*to the opening of the extension of
BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL
by the
7th MARQUIS CONYNGHAM
at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday,
27th September 1983*

R.S.V.P.

*10 Conyngham Lane,
Bridge, Canterbury,
Kent CT4 5JX*





Lord and Lady Conyngham (right) with Dr Roger Hunter and his wife, Joyce, and Mr John Hill (centre), chairman of the parish council, after the unveiling.

Marquis opens hall extension

A NEW £28,000 extension to Bridge Village Hall was officially opened on Tuesday by the 7th Marquis of Conyngham.

The two-storey extension provides the village hall with a new kitchen, extra storage space and lavatories on the ground floor and a large upstairs committee room.

Many villagers attended the opening

ceremony with City Cllrs Tim Hoare and David Pentin, and County Cllr Laurence Shirley.

Parish Council chairman, Cllr John Hill, said the village hall committee preferred to extend the current hall rather than build a new one, and the Marquis had agreed to sell the hall to the village.

The hall was built before 1867 and was used as a reading room. Villagers were taught to read there by one of the Conyngham family before the 1870 Education Act was passed.

Old ink wells were found during the extension construction and it is hoped to display these inside.

Cllr Hill thanks donors, especially Dr Roger Hunter who has lived in the village for over 40 years and paid half the purchase price of the hall. The committee room will be named the Hunter Room.

He also thanked architects Cllr Mervyn Gulvin and his partner Mr David Marsh, builders Chapman and Humphreys and Mrs Mary Perridge from Kent Voluntary Services Council, which advised the village hall committee and helped obtain grants from the City and County Councils.









