Old Kea Report Nov 19

Old Kea Feast was a success and well attended. As I was grounded after my operation, it was very nice to experience Old Kea as a part of the congregation. My grateful thanks to all the ladies for their flower arrangements and to Jenny Quinn and Frances Gray for the catering. Also thanks to Bunty Hood and Jill Desumarez for their ongoing support through October and now.

The Evensong service will now revert to 3.30pm for the winter months.

With regard to the plans for the Toilet and Access, we have now achieved the funding needed. The ground has been cleared by the working party and the farmer and the professional survey has been carried out. Malcolm Henderson is dealing with the issues raised by that survey.

You will have all seen the Staged Plan that Maureen has set out, hoping to start the work in February with completion in April.

Heaters

Malcolm Handford is in the process of finding favourable quotes for this work.

At the Leadership meeting it was proposed that we ask in the notes and news if people would be willing to donate to the heaters, several people have approached me with this in mind.

Maureen and I met up with Lindsay Morgan Lundie, regarding a future Art Exhibition at Old Kea, to help raise funds for the repairs of the pillars. Several events were discussed for the summer, and we will report on them as they develop.

I have contacted several funders regarding the repair of the pillars ,unfortunately we don’t meet the criteria. However we have three funding applications awaiting a response.

After discussing with the Leadership Team, I have contacted Historic England to put the Tower on their At Risk register, which should help raise more funding for repairs in the future.

With regard to the grounds we will be continuing clearing after the winter months.