

## Re: The Future of the Victory Hall

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Hi Ali, How great that you have a celebration with the hall being 100 years old!

Such a big milestone deserves a big village celebration and how better than to hold any celebrations at the hall itself.

I have spoken to Tina and to Sarah who helps with the class and we all agree that the locations is key to the village and where it is at present is ideal, the centre of the village with the Thirsty Farmer close by it is not far from the Church and the other hub of village life.

The parking is ample for our needs and out of our 4 venues used for dancing Whimble is not the smallest but the size of our class works well in the hall.

If our classes increased we would struggle to accommodate everyone dancing at the same time. Whimble is our second smallest hall and when we have a full class - approx 14 at present - it works well. We only find that because dancers learn at different levels we do have to split Beginners from the intermediates and this is when they clash slightly.

So thinking about the size although it works it could be a bit larger, this would then be great for dances where people need tables to rest drinks on etc whilst dancing.

On the down side - we struggle with the floor. Whilst we appreciate that when so many different clubs and different activities are using the hall it is hard to maintain a smooth spotless floor to dance on. We encourage our dancers to buy and wear suede bottomed shoes for maximum comfort and to be able to swivel their feet without getting problems with knee and ankle joints.

When looking for venues we always stay clear of concrete floors as can only dance on pure wooden floors.

We discourage the wearing of trainers to dance in as they are not suitable although most do - the find that most dancers do buy the correct shoes but the floor in the Victory Hall has not treated our dance shoes very well. I and Tina tend to wear our older shoes as have had a few occasions where we have stepped in something sticky - i think from the use of the school? But all this is acceptable and we would not have stayed at Whimble so long as we have if it had been a real problem.

There are a few areas of the floor that badly needs repair as we had a lady step back towards the wall and her heel went down between a gap in the floorboards. We then put chairs along the side so that it did not happen again and I think this has been reported back to you by friends of ours that are involved with the hall?

Dance TW Exeter are very happy at Whimble and we love our Mondays in the village, we could do with a few more but who knows who will join when we come back at the end of this month.

Thanks to you Ali and the team behind the upkeep of the hall for all your help and hope Whimble can come to a solution for the hall

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