

I would love to see a completely new hall built (somewhere). Current location, Scout hut location or Old Cricket Ground (or even Diesel's field). The current one is structurally unsound and would probably cost as much to repair & maintain in the short term as it would to build a new, efficient and usable one. Maintaining the old one would require a constant flow of cash into the future, as well as increased heating bills etc.

Vic raised an interesting observation earlier. If the hall is demolished, it would not be available for the school to use, so the school may struggle to continue (without some temporary accommodation provided). With the 2<sup>nd</sup> new primary school being developed at Cranbrook, this could be a trigger to shut Whimble school for good. (As well as the station once Cranbrook's 2<sup>nd</sup> station is in place, but that's not a hall issue).

A new hall would need to be larger than current, and would benefit from a higher roof to enable e.g. badminton. This would, however, be detrimental to the acoustics which are surprisingly OK currently 😊. Any new hall should include facilities for shows, as the current one does, as well as integrated sound/light facilities.

(It would be perfect if some rich local benefactor saw fit to make a substantial donation towards the build, but that's wishful thinking, perhaps.)

So no definitive suggestions from me, I'm afraid. A bit like Brexit, I've heard it discussed for so long with no action, it's almost fading into the background.

Regards,

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#### The Future of the Victory Hall

At the last Hall Committee meeting we agreed that all representative members would consult their respective organisation to seek their views on the future of the Victory Hall.

To help with that I am attaching a copy of a short briefing note for you to use in your discussions. I