



ST. JOHN'S ARTS AND RECREATION CENTRE

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NEW BLUE CHAIRS for the Main Hall

Many of you may have noticed the lack of comfortable, blue chairs in the Main Hall. These are used for seating at many events, notably the lunchtime concerts on Fridays. Originally, the ARC possessed 100 of these, but their condition has deteriorated over the years and we have to inspect them regularly and discard those which are unsafe to sit on. As a result, we now have just 61 chairs, the shortfall being made up of the black plastic chairs. For large events, we need to be able to seat 130 people in the Main Hall and a further 35 people in the Vestry Room. Currently, this is not possible. The ARC Management Committee plans to purchase 100 new blue chairs and to dispose of the 61 old chairs. The reason for not just purchasing additional chairs is that the design, linking mechanism and chair dimensions are different from the original chairs and it is vital that all these chairs are stackable and linkable without any distinction between them. The existing chairs are nearly 20 years old and the covering material is also deteriorating, so it would be unwise to mix old and new chairs.

We have applied for grant aid to several organisations, without success, so the time has come to ask our supporters to donate to a Chair Fund. The money received will be kept separate from our normal running costs and any surplus (after the fund is closed and the chairs purchased) will only then be transferred to our normal revenue account. Should the chairs not be purchased, the donations will be returned. It is for this reason that we request completion of the form below. If it is possible for you to Gift Aid this donation, please mark this on the form, as well. We have received various quotations to supply chairs and the supplier we are most likely to place an order with is currently quoting £82.00 per chair (assuming the purchase of 100 chairs). Your generosity is much appreciated and we look forward to receiving the completed form and donation, which should be made payable to St Johns ARC, sort code 20-36-98, account no. 60787345, either by cheque or bank transfer.

John Bilton (Hon. Treasurer)

to: St. John's Arts and Recreation Association. The undersigned is donating the following sum of £ _____ to the St. John's Arts and Recreation Association Chair Fund:

☐ Please treat this Chair Fund donation as Gift Aided from the date of this declaration.

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