

Television One

At the 52nd Annual General Meeting held on 13 June 1975 David McMurray mentioned that the coming year may prove to be difficult due to the general conditions that are prevailing and suggested that there may be an opportunity of approaching Television One with the view of offering the hall for their use in the preparation of TV productions. At the following committee meeting in July, it was agreed that an approach be made to the Television One property officer regarding the leasing of the hall on a regular basis and that a meeting between the Committee and the Officer be arranged.

The meeting was held at the residence of Stanley William Wyper¹ at 43 Gordon Street and afterwards a letter was received from Television One outlining the requests and conditions for the hire of the hall. At the October committee meeting it was agreed that a lease figure of \$4000 be submitted for a yearly lease of the Hall from January 1976 with the Hall being responsible for the annual rates and insurance.

In April 1976 a letter was received from Television One requesting that the Hall be made available on the terms contained in a letter sent on 29 October 1975. In response the Secretary outlined the present situation whereby the Hall had arrangements with the Hutt Valley Lawn Tennis Association. It was further explained at the Annual General Meeting in June 1976 that the arrangements requested by Television One were not acceptable due to the regular bookings that had already been confirmed earlier in the year.

Television One wrote again in July 1976 asking to use the Hall during the day and that they would ensure that the hall would be left clear at stipulated times for other users. Stanley Wyper was asked to contact Television One to request a formal application before any negotiations were commenced. Arrangements were agreed and the Hall was used for rehearsals of scripts for the soap opera *Close to Home*. The program ran until 1983.

In March 1985 the caretaker, David McMurray, received a complaint from Television One of too many flies in the Hall and in response the interior space was sprayed. A month later McMurray told the committee that Television One will use the hall continuously until November thereby delaying interior painting.

At the Annual General Meeting in June Mrs Trask² asked if the Hall would review the rental charged to Television One. The matter was to be decided by the incoming committee. David McMurray contacted Television One and discussed the probability of increased charges to cover telephone expenses.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 8 June 1990 Mr Snell stated that since we have lost Television One and the Church bookings we will probably have to advertise for more bookings.

¹ Stanley William Wyper (1921-2002) – elected to the Hall Committee 1946

² Mary Lillian wife of Jack Bruce Trask (1938-1993) – she was elected Hall Secretary 1988