

One of our willing painter volunteers about to change the Albert Room back to the original Ward family Dining Room name!



All the function room doors in the House are returning to their original room use. The Medina room (after the Council) will revert to the Drawing Room, the Albert Room goes back to the Dining Room and the Victoria back becomes the Ballroom as in the grand old days. The doors have been painted by Alan Stroud (father of Tom of IOW Radio) a rich burgundy, to tone with the carpets and curtains and their panels finely decorated with gold surround and matching door furniture. The Albert room is no more!! The rooms will shortly be sign written with their original names.

Alan Stroud has been one of our regular volunteers and came to help at the House last year, wearing an experienced retired BT engineers hat and removed literally hundreds of yards of defunct telephone wires dating back to the 1920's. 3 different systems had been put in place and the previous one had never been removed before a second was put in – and then a third! He removed around 150kg of lead covered telephone wires – which was gratefully exchanged into cash at Somerton Scrap Yard to help Trust funds. Regular walkers will have seen the removal of miles of defunct and untidy cabling from the outside of the building.

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