

homes - We acknowledge the hard work & sense of ownership they have towards the building. I would say compassionately that we, the committee, understand how some of you feel, but we also want you to know that the committee & the steering committee have spent many long hours to secure a future for our members & we are all happy with. We have a special ethos around us. One of caring, no barriers, friendship & a great place for meeting. Unfortunately, older buildings need constant maintenance & modernising, & just to repeat what Jane said at our last SAM in Sept. We are faced with a list of required improvements - to mention most of them:

1. Roof needs? replacing & repairing
2. Rising damp in back wall
3. Carpets need replacing
4. Asbestos in ceiling
5. Toilet block needs modernising
6. Air con not effective despite a large sum of money spent.
7. Building needs painting
8. ? Is this building earthquake proof?

And to that, the difficulty getting members to contribute both for maintenance - to serve on the committee. This creates extra cost as Jane has told us.

The OSUSC approached this committee in 1998, had previously been in discussion 1995, to increase their space in conjunction with SUS. It had been offered the gross space at the re-