



Volunteers at work in the Churchyard.



Members of Harlow's Task Force tackle the ceiling.

St. John's Arts & Recreation Centre Old Harlow

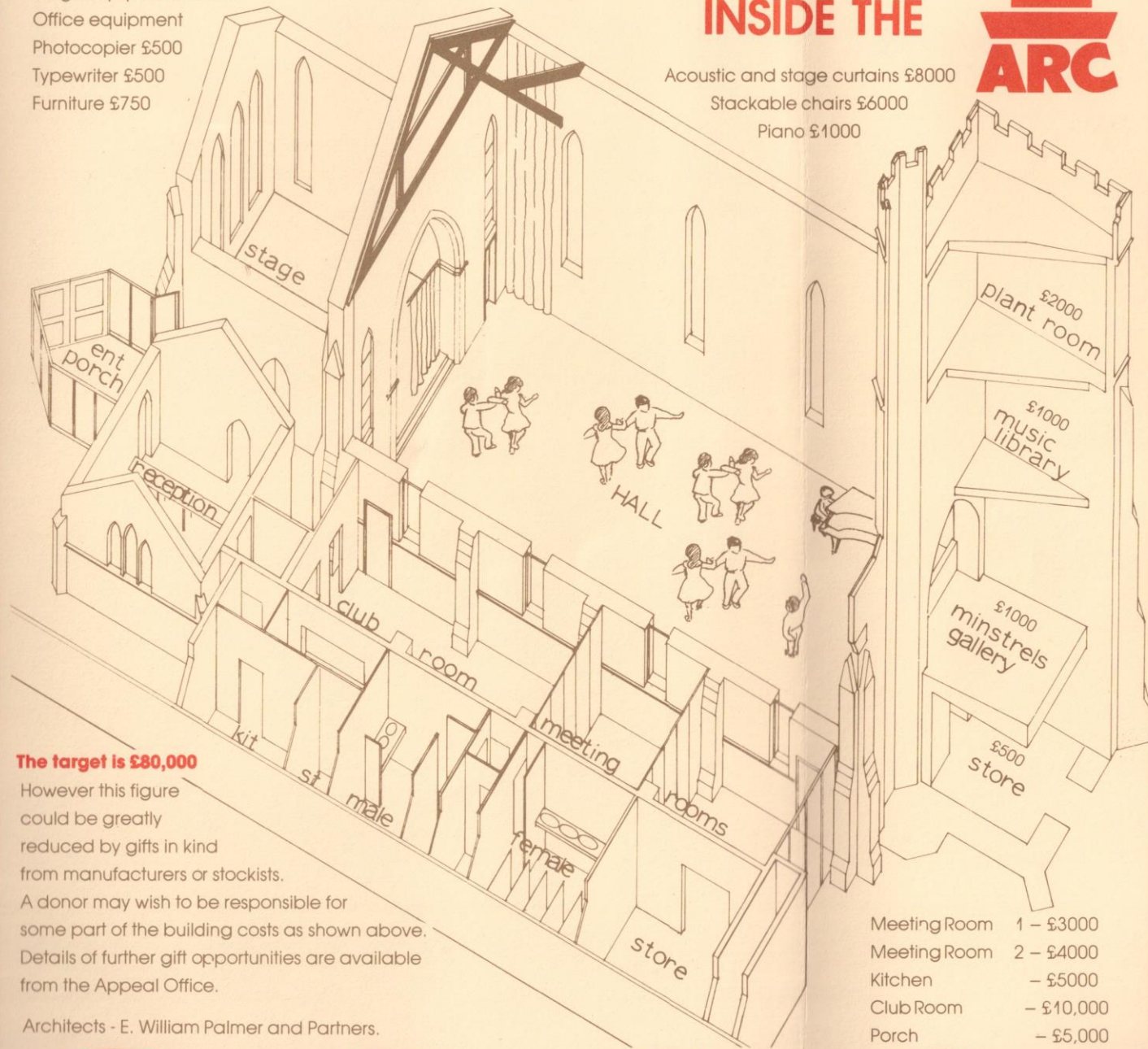


Stage equipment £2000
 Office equipment
 Photocopier £500
 Typewriter £500
 Furniture £750

INSIDE THE



Acoustic and stage curtains £8000
 Stackable chairs £6000
 Piano £1000



The target is £80,000

However this figure could be greatly reduced by gifts in kind from manufacturers or stockists. A donor may wish to be responsible for some part of the building costs as shown above. Details of further gift opportunities are available from the Appeal Office.

Architects - E. William Palmer and Partners.

Meeting Room	1	- £3000
Meeting Room	2	- £4000
Kitchen		- £5000
Club Room		- £10,000
Porch		- £5,000

Restoration work started on the building in 1983. With help from Harlow District Council and the Department of the Environment, the roof was repaired, a new floor laid and a damp proof course provided.

Much work has been carried out by volunteers from the ARA and by Harlow's Task Force and Sheltered Employment Team. Harlow Development Corporation has provided substantial funds for the next stage: repair of windows, electrical and heating installation, provision of drainage and new doors. This means that the building will be ready for limited use, with temporary toilet facilities.

To enable the ARC to be fully used, we need to raise £80,000 for an extension to house not only permanent toilet and kitchen facilities, but also meeting rooms for small groups and a Club room.

As the Community Association grows additional funds may be needed to increase the range of activities.

Already some generous donations have been received, but your help is now urgently needed.

All donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged unless a request is made to the contrary. Details about methods of giving are contained in separate enclosures, and the Appeal Office will gladly supply additional copies and information.

Cheques should be made payable to:

St. John's Development Trust.

(Charity Reg. No. 290504)

and sent to:

The Appeal Treasurer,
 St. John's Arts & Recreation Centre,
 Market St. Old Harlow, Essex, CM17 0AJ.
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A MESSAGE FROM THE APPEAL CHAIRMAN

What can be done to save a redundant Church from decaying through lack of use? One answer is to convert it into a Community Centre, maintaining at least a part of its traditional role.

St. John's Church, just off Market Street was made redundant in 1979, and Old Harlow did not have a Community Centre.

A number of organisations were in need of space, and got together with local people, who wanted the Church building to serve the social and recreational needs of the Old Town. Investigations were made, Harlow Council approached, public meetings held, and a Community Association, known as St. John's Arts and Recreation Association was formed. One of the groups involved, Harlow Chorus, took the initiative and negotiated a long lease from the Diocese of Chelmsford. This has been passed on to the the ARA, which will manage the Centre, catering for young and old with such varied activities as: Art, Archery, Dancing, Drama, Keep-fit, Needlework, Music of all kinds, Table Tennis, and Social events.

The plan is to restore and repair the building, and build an extension at a cost of £150,000. An equivalent new building would cost £350,000. The Association has charitable status, and so far grants and loans have been offered, and money raised to the sum of £70,000. Members of the Association have done an enormous amount of skilled, hard, voluntary work on the building and it is now structurally sound, waterproof and redecorated. We now need to raise £80,000 as quickly as possible.

As you see from the brochure, the Appeal has already attracted considerable support, in the form of money, labour, materials and expertise.

I am appealing for your help to provide a unique and outstanding addition to our town. I urge you to support St. John's Arts and Recreation Centre as generously as you can.

Erica Higgins.

Dr. Erica Higgins, Appeal Chairman.

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