

Bar

We are proud of our bar and skilled bar staff. Starting from scratch we have built up a bar which, as well as providing high quality wine and beer, serves a range of mixed drinks. Our speciality highball cocktails (all doubles) are as good as you will find in professional bars and at half the price. Of course, a range non-alcoholic drinks is also available.

Bar snacks

This is a work in progress. With a finish time of midnight we should provide bar snacks. But we started doing so only in May and haven't yet got it right. The recent introduction of empanadas looks promising. We'll keep working on this.

Dance floor

At the beginning of the year we had a few instances when the dance floor was a little sticky. We agreed a cleaning regime with the Conway Hall administrator and this is working well, giving a good and consistent surface. As the hall may be hired to someone before us during the day on Friday there is sometimes a further brief clean immediately before we gain access. For anyone who needs it there is a small amount of talc placed on the floor just below the right-hand side of the stage.

Lighting

Since January there have been many changes to the lighting, some with benefit of professional advice. The original 1920s lights on the side walls have been fitted with gels which reduce the amount of light and add red to the yellow. At our request, Conway Hall replaced the stage spotlights with more reliable ones and provided full control over their brightness. We have introduced further lighting mounted on the balcony pointing both down to the floor and up to the ceiling. Finally, we have provided free-standing floor lights for areas near the walls which would otherwise be dark.

Coats

It's astonishing that Conway Hall makes no provision for coats. Our first attempt to remedy this was by placing three free-standing coat rails in the main hall. This turned out not to be enough for winter and was sometimes an obstruction to the flow on the dance floor. We have now more than doubled the hanging capacity and with Conway Hall's agreement place all coat rails in the corridor. This seems to be enough but if more capacity is needed we will provide it.

Suggestions

Most of the things we've done have been as a result of your suggestions. If you've read this far you may have more. Please keep them coming.

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