

Dear Miss Farnham

I would be very grateful if you would give us a ruling on the following matter. In the event of the local Labour party wishing to hire our Hall for a political activity, are we bound to let them have it?

It has been the custom for many years for Conservatives, Whigs, Anglicans & other social activities to be held there, & following on the precept that the h. f. w. s. is non political, it would seem reasonable that other political parties should enjoy the same privileges.

On the other hand it seems hard that a body of women should go to the trouble, & expense, of erecting & maintaining a hall & then have to agree to it being used for a purpose with which the large majority are opposed to.

It is obviously impossible to obtain the views of the members on this matter as this would amount in fact to asking them their own political views.