

THE HALLS – ST. ANDREWS AND BLACKFRIARS

“All thanks to Henry VIII. If you want to learn about Stalin, study Henry VIII. If you want to learn about Mrs Thatcher, study Henry VIII.”

Alan Bennett – The History Boys. 2006

Cutting our carbon emissions by 80% by 2050 requires a very different energy system, which means that we embrace change and do things differently – yet we are a nation with an energy policy which perpetuates the historic (fossil fuel) way of doing things.

In this image, St. Andrews Hall has an array of solar hot water tubes covering the copper roof, and the plaza space outside has been paved with solar PV. Not only is it important that we demand that politicians allow innovation to thrive, we also need to engender a sense of pride in knowing what sustainable living in the 21st century means. Perhaps St. Andrews Hall will be redesigned to welcome 50,000 Syrian, Iraq and Afghan people, using solar hot water and electricity from the plaza to provide a bathhouse and kitchen.

“The very least we can do after the Blair/ Brown/Cameron/Osborne – reign of terror is over?”

Mrs Lintott – The History Girls 2015