

- 4.2.10 At the back of the room, on the south side, a small alcove is formed below the upper section of the stairs of the first floor. To the front side of this is a cupboard in the under stairs space.
- 4.2.11 The cupboard doorway has softwood painted lining and surround similar to that for that into the sitting room from the lobby and similar comments apply. The door was missing and had been hung on a pair of 62 mm steel butts.
- 4.2.12 The cupboard floor is finished with a granolithic type surface similar to that seen within the entrance lobby.
- 4.2.13 The walls inside of the cupboard are plastered with a lath and plaster lining to the underside of the staircase and this has all been painted.
- 4.2.14 Leading from the sitting room into the kitchen to the rear is a door opening that was missing that would have opened into the kitchen as suggested by the position of the door stop and there was no indication of where hinges were. It has softwood linings similar to those to the entrance lobby and it has also been dressed around with applied timber beading on the sitting room side.

### **4.3 Kitchen**

- 4.3.1 The floor is of solid construction with a hardened smooth granolithic type surface over which has been covered with what appears to be vinyl asbestos tiles that from their overall size and type would suggest a date to the 1960, these being approximately 225 mm square.
- 4.3.2 The walls are generally as that described for the plaster and paint finish that were originally decorated with a dark red or maroon colour to a height of approximately 1.5 m high and above that with cream colour. Over the top of that there is a considerable build-up of fairly modern plastic or polymer based paints and been subsequently with wall papers.
- 4.3.3 It is possible to see ghost lines within the decorations on the surface of the south wall where a wall has been removed. Generally on this wall the decoration pattern would suggest that that was applied at a more recent dating.
- 4.3.4 On the north wall, it is possible to see where a chimneybreast has been cut off and plastered over with modern pink gypsum plaster. At ceiling level there is a form of boxed trunking or similar.
- 4.3.5 Around the base the walls, where it survives, is modern standard joinery splayed and rounded timber skirting board that has been painted.



Fig 4.3: Kitchen

- 4.3.6 The ceiling, where it survives, is of lath and plaster and onto which a stippled finish of an Artex type has been applied over the top of lining paper.
- 4.3.7 In the wall below the original window board to the rear window has been lost and shows the remainder of glazed ceramic tiles on a rendered bed. Below the cill it is possible to see where waste pipes and similar from the kitchen sink were located.
- 4.3.8 A modern small gas fired instantaneous hot water heater was mounted on the wall to the left hand side of the window. Over the rear door head is what appears to be a cast in situ concrete lintel using breeze or clinker as an aggregate.
- 4.3.9 In the position that would have been the rear external door any door frame that might have been there was missing so there is just an opening to the bathroom / rear entrance lobby.
- 4.3.10 On the right hand side of the lobby opening it is possible to see where an earlier external door opening fitted. The opening, on the left hand side, has been bricked up or reduced in more recent times using an LBC Fletton type bricks laid in a grey cement mortar.

#### **4.4 Bathroom / Rear Entrance Lobby**

- 4.4.1 The floor is of solid construction with a screed type finish with no applied covering.
- 4.4.2 The walls are of solid construction with a painted plaster finish and standard joinery profile skirting boards to the base.



Fig 4.4: Bathroom / rear entrance lobby with external door

- 4.4.3 The external door is a standard joinery door with a Georgian wired glass panel in the top and a standard joinery weather bar at the base. It is fitted with an aluminium lever lock set of a late 20<sup>th</sup> century pattern.
- 4.4.4 The door to the bathroom is a standard joinery 35 mm thick hardboard flush door that is fitted with an aluminium lever lock set.
- 4.4.5 The ceiling is of plasterboard.



Fig 4.5: Bathroom