



Reg. Charity No 1063075

Annual General Meeting May 28th 2013

Chairman's Report April 2012 to April 2013

The past twelve months have, as ever, been a challenging, but progressive time as we have again attempted to balance hall income with a programme of maintenance and improvement.

As you are all hopefully aware, we applied for and were successful in receiving a grant from Sport England's Olympic Legacy fund to the tune of £50,000 to enable us to build changing rooms and shower block extension to the hall. This work is almost complete and certainly enhances our community facilities.

I would like to thank Tim, Colin and David for their input and commitment to this development.

We have also recently received a grant of £1950 from the Howardian Hills management board to help with the cost of providing dramatically improved public toilet facilities at TVH. This should also improve the donations element from people visiting the area and using our car park.

During the year we also received funding from Ryedale D.C. towards maintaining the children's play area, which hopefully will be sorted very soon.

Last summer saw the total renovation of the Village Hall kitchen, which seems to meet with everyone's approval, this development was a major undertaking and was brought in just over budget, with the majority of the funding coming from fundraising and the selling off of surplus equipment.

The decision was also made to reclaim the snooker room, which had seen very little use over the previous year, and reintegrate this room into a more community based, user friendly room.

During the winter months this room was converted into a lounge bar, which by opening up the double doors into the Wimbush room changes the whole dynamic of the offering to hirers wanting a smaller space than the main hall.

Of course turn this around and open the double doors into the main hall and the larger offering also become more attractive.

The lounge bar can also be used as a stand alone room for meetings or, now the TV has been re-sited into this room, a successful bar area for watching sports events etc. This project is being financed by the sale of the snooker table and profits from the bar, which since opening in March amounted to around £350.

The Wedding Venue project has been put on the back burner until the building work is complete, but initial soundings are proving very positive, with interest from Rural Action Yorkshire regarding a joint marketing project.

Fundraising was very disappointing during the last twelve months, with the 200 club only attracting around 150 shareholders, which with the take up this year begs the question whether to continue with this scheme next year.

After another successful tribute night in September with Almost the Bee Gees, the Christmas dance was a bit of a let down due to numbers attending, but we did cover the costs.

With very slow ticket uptake for the Tamla Motown night in February, I decided to cancel the show; this was at no cost to our hall funds.

In March we were very well entertained by the Harrogate Band, who provided us with a superb night of fantastic music. Again, unfortunately the night was let down by poor attendance from the village and what should have been a major fundraiser only just covered the cost of the band.

2013 should have been the year for the second Terrington Feast, but unfortunately it was all left a bit late to organise and there was no central figure available to “ringmaster” the event. It has been decided to try again in 2014, which will also be the 20th anniversary of Terrington Village Hall.

Fundraising needs addressing, as it is a major contributor to the success of our hall and over the last couple of years has enabled us to make some major improvements to this community asset, these improvements are nearly complete, with only the main hall needing attention, to this end I have booked bands for two more dances this year which hopefully will cover the costs.

This should then leave us in the position of just funding maintenance, which should be covered by our lettings.

We have had two lettings so far from scouts and sea scouts groups which were very successful and we are getting interest from schools involved in Duke of Edinburgh’s awards. These are a different type of letting for us which should be built on.

Elaine has also had an enquiry from a caravan club with regard to using our venue for an event in 2014. These are all positive signs for the future.

The newly formed Acoustic Club seems to be a winner and is contributing a small amount to our income.

Terrington Village Hall was runner up in the Ryedale Village Hall of the year competition and congratulations must be extended to our local football team, who surprised some of the “big boys” in the Premier League by finishing in a very respectable eighth place, claiming some good scalps during the season.

Thanks must be given to Christine Ballantyne for her work as treasurer, who along with Jane Nicholson has had to resign for family reasons.

Also to Gerry Bradshaw for his dogged determination with the accounts.

A must for the success of the hall is to recruit more active working members and after a three year freeze I think it is time to review the hire charges, bearing in mind the enhanced facilities that we now offer.