

TVVH Network: Raising the Profile of Village Halls

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Dates For Your Diary

Swap & Share

It's one of the Network's sharing sessions. Four halls, as disparate and diverse as Heighington, Ingleby Barwick, Middleton St. George and Egglecliffe C.C. will make a presentation on 'What we did in 2016'. Your hall will be bound to get some useful ideas so make sure someone comes along. To be held on the evening of **20th April at 7:30pm** at Saltburn Community Arts Association.

Safety Alert

It has been brought to our attention that the NHS has banned the use of safety covers (that is dummy plugs) on electrical sockets. All socket covers do is to permanently prise open the built-in safety guards that usually prevent the possibility of any external object coming into contact with live wires. Over time this can lead to the socket becoming damaged, at worst it is possible for a socket cover to be used to expose live contacts that would otherwise be kept

Wanted

Can you help? Wolviston Village Association, registered for Charitable purposes, is looking for someone suitable to undertake an independent examination of their books on a permanent basis. If anyone can help in the search, please contact Mike Dowson on **01740 644455** or michael.dowson@ntlworld.com.

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We are pleased to announce that we now have 43 Village Halls In the Network. Sorry, space prevents us from showing all 43, but check the Halls shown to see if you are one.

Kieran Maxwell



Heighington Village united to light up their houses early and bring the festive season forward for a poorly teenager.

Kieran Maxwell, 18, opted against another gruelling round of chemotherapy after it emerged the rare terminal cancer he has battled for years has spread to his heart and lungs. Kieran remains defiant in the face of his illness and wants to raise awareness of Ewing's Sarcoma so that one day a cure can be found.



Our Chairman, Hugh Jackson, wants to give a big **THANK YOU** to all the halls in our Network, which put up a candle, a bauble or something else for Kieran.

News Bulletin

It's all about murder! 'Following a recommendation in an article in a TVVHN publication, we recently arranged an evening put on by Murder Mystery Productions. It was excellent. Many people commented that it was the best evening they had been to in the hall' This is a quote from Anne Duffus at Maltby Village Hall. 'Google' Murder Mystery Productions Supported by the Tees Valley Rural Community Council.

If you think your hall would like to put on something similar, Contact murdermysteryproductions@googlemail.com or phone 07854810758

Is your Hall insurance valuation up to date? At least half a dozen halls have taken advantage of the services of senior valuation surveyor Andrew Benzies Dip.Surv. MRICS who spoke at one of the Network's events a year or two ago. He does a special deal for Network halls and The Wilson Centre saved over £400 on its insurance premium after Andrew's re-valuation. He can be contacted on 01642 616616 or abenzies@rs ltd.co.uk.

Cheque refused? Is your local authority refusing to take cheques? Stockton Licensing Department was. But, after intervention by a local councillor, it has now agreed that it will take cheques from village halls if they are also a charity and send an e-mail to the department saying that they are a charity and do not have a bank card. If you come across this sort of difficulty, this may be how to overcome it. Thanks to Joyce Brown, treasurer at Egglecliffe Community Centre for this.

Why not gift-aid it? Two halls are now asking people paying to come to events organised by them to make a gift-aided donation equal to the entry cost. If your hall is a registered charity this can significantly increase its income and most people are willing to fill in the relevant details on an envelope and pop the money in it! Given the financial benefit, your treasurer will surely be ok with doing what is necessary with HMRC.

Network AGM

This was a very well attended event and we thank all who attended for their continued support.

The elected committee were Hugh Jackson (Chairman), Brian Wake (Treasurer), Joyce Gregory (Secretary), Peter Brown, David Barker, Denise Nesbitt, Glynis Thirlaway, Peter Byers and Janice McColm (TVRCC).

The Hallmark Awarded was presented to Melissa Lane (Middleton St George) by Rita Lawson (CEO TVRCC).

