



New Name
Tees Valley Rural Action
 New Year, New Name,
 fresh start! Tees Valley Rural
 Community Council (TVRCC) are
 now rebranded along with a
 fantastic new name Tees Val-
 ley Rural Action. We have

launched our new website, teesvalleyruralaction.co.uk
 and this is where you can sign up to be the first in
 the queue for our brand newsletter, our tag line
#raisingtheruralvoice through community action and
 our community transport services.
 Please sign up for more information.

ARCHERY AT (OR NEAR) YOUR HALL



This is a really good opportunity to offer
 your people something different
 if you have some open ground adjoining or
 near to your hall. Mark Murphy from
 Seamer Village Hall is a national archery

coach and can offer the archery experience for
 both children and adults. Contact him on me-
 dinnov8@hotmail.com or 01642 712311.

CHAIRS - FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Grindon Parish Hall has 60 chairs for disposal.
 If your hall is a possible taker, get in touch with
 Carole Sharkey at csharkey43@gmail.com



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NEWSLETTER

2019

A Light-hearted Look at our Light-hearted AGM.

Brian, the man that looks after the chairs, that's him
 on the right, started our meeting by asking everyone
 to go and talk with someone we did not know about our
 own halls. This worked that well that he had problems
 moving on to the next item. This was getting our
 fantastic administrator (me) to give a fantastic
 display of our fantastic website. This went down ---
 fantastically.



Next we had a quiz the likes of which I have never
 seen before. We all had to stand up, if we got a
 question wrong, then sit down, (I must like
 sitting). The last person standing won,
 congratulations Harry. PS, did you find out who
 stole your chair?

Then on to the AGM. It was a
 normal AGM, you know the type,
 starting with "If your not here put your hand up"
 and finishing with "Looks like we are in for another
 year". Oh! The treasurer, that's him on the right,
 Peter, counting money again and
 getting it wrong, did announce
 that we have £2400 in the
 kitty, so that's OK.



Then onto the main Item of the night, FOOD. As
 you can see the lovely Ladies from Lazenby laid
 on a luxurious spread (is that too many L ' s) ?
 Can I ask the lady that made the cheese savoury
 sandwiches, are you married?

All in all the best AGM I have been to. So Brian
 can we have another in six month's, a year is too
 long?

Loftus Town Hall



We wish to congratulate and welcome Loftus Town Hall on becoming the latest recruit to our network.

As you can see Loftus Town Hall is a handsome Gothic structure situated at the junction of Loftus High Street and Water Lane, adjacent to St Leonards Church

and close to Loftus Market Place. The Hall was built by the Earl of Zetland, and was first opened in 1879.

The Town Hall clock has faces North, East and West, but no face to the South as the residents of South Loftus were reluctant to contribute to the cost.

The Town Hall remained in the ownership of the Zetland family until 1948, when it was purchased by the former Loftus Urban District Council. In 1992 Loftus Town Council moved into the building and took over responsibility for maintenance. The Town Council Office was moved out in 1996, but the Town Council still organises functions in the Town Hall. The Town Council has accessed funding from Heritage Lottery Board and SRB in order to sensitively refurbish the building, equip it and promote it for use as a modern venue in an historic setting.

Following refurbishment, the Town Hall now comprises:
Ground Floor Council Chamber (with formal furnishings),
Carpetted Meeting Room (Seats up to 30), Small kitchen,
Toilets

First Floor Function room with wooden floor (Seats up to 150), Fully fitted Kitchen

There is disabled access to all rooms by ramps or a lift.

Audio-visual and display equipment is available.

Full details of the hall, how to hire Etc., can be found on the Loftus page on our website

Loftus High Street & the Co-Op



Loftus High Street has been beset with empty shops and businesses. The closure of Barclays bank, Bells the butchers and possibly the Post Office do not help. Now you can't even get a direct bus in from Liverton. Redcar & Cleveland Council have plans to revitalise the high street but they do not have all the solutions or funding.



But help is at hand. The CoOp society is trying to lend a hand to not just Loftus but any village or small town with problems. Contact a Member Pioneer, Stay in touch with your local Co-op community. If you've got any ideas on how Co-op could help your community, or want to know what Co-op is doing near you then contact your local Co-op Member Pioneer. Member Pioneers work to join up and help the communities around our stores, including members, local causes and local community groups.

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