

TVVH Network: Raising the Profile of Village Halls

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TVRCC New Chairman

Congratulations to Hugh Jackson, our own Chairman, on becoming the Chairman of Tees Valley Rural Community Council. We expect this appointment to further cement the ties between our two organisations which can only benefit us all. Again, thank you Hugh for taking on this role and for all the hard work you have done so far.

TVVH NETWORK New Committee Member

I'd like to welcome Peter Brown from Eggescliffe Community Centre who has joined us on the Network Committee. Peter is no stranger to village halls as he is on the Management Committee of Eggescliffe CC. He has taken on the role of editor and production of the Newsletter for which we are very grateful. We look forward to seeing him at our meetings. An Engineer by profession he should provide an interesting addition to the skills and knowledge of the Committee

Hugh Jackson, Chairman.

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OUR QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



As you can see, just about all of the Community Centres in the Tees Valley, from Heighington to Liverton celebrated Her Majesty's 90th Birthday .
Our message, " Happy Birthday " and "God save the Queen " .

Spotlight On Charltons Community Centre



Charltons is a small village approximately two miles from Guisborough on the moor road to Whitby. The village was developed as a result of ironstone mining in the 1860's, with three mines within a one mile radius. Originally three rows of terraced houses for the ironstone miners Charltons community was very close and a hive of activity.

The institute was the hub of the village in the 1920's and 30's offering a library, reading and billiards room, and a hall for dancing. Underneath were the miners' baths. The institute burned down in the 1970's, but was replaced with a new community hall which is still well used and loved by the residents of Charltons.

Most recently, the Community Centre has undergone a major renovation project, including installation of a full disabled access, refurbishment of the toilets and kitchen, and redecoration throughout. Funding opportunities have also allowed the Centre to be dragged kicking and screaming into the 21st century with the purchase of a £2500 entertainment package including projector screens, sound and audio equipment and games console, as well as purchase of a bouncy castle, funded by the East Cleveland Villages Big Local Project.

The Community Centre now offers a wide range of events and activities for the residents and other local communities including roller booting, discos, psychic, ballroom dancing and jewellery making classes. The Centre and all of its modern facilities are available to hire for private parties, functions and meetings at low cost rates, with discount for Charltons residents.

In the summer of this year the trustees of Charltons Community Centre was proudly awarded a special commendation in the outstanding voluntary group category of the RCVDA volunteer awards for their hard work and dedication to the community centre and its patrons. Furthermore, 2016 also saw Charltons Community Centre achieve Hallmark Level 1 Acre Quality Standard; this is a huge milestone for the new generation of Charltons where unfortunately community spirit is notably reduced compared to back in the 1920's.

The work of the most recent board of trustees has undoubtedly modernised and re-energised the Community Centre and re-inspired the village's passion and community spirit without which the centre would have almost certainly faced closure, however Charltons Community Centre continues to provide an invaluable heart of the community for our future generations.

Tilly Bailey & Irvine Seminars

During the summer TBI gave two seminars.

The first seminar, presented by Nicola Dalzell at Maltby Village Hall, discussed Wills and Probate. The importance of having a will to ensure that your money and possessions are given to those who you want to receive them as well as appointing someone of your choice to deal with your affairs after your death were explained. Also covered were lasting powers of attorney and care fees. Everyone found the hour long presentation very clear and interesting. Most of the audience remained afterwards to ask questions in private.

The second seminar, presented by Martin Levinson at Kirklevington and Charltons Village Halls, discussed hall ownership. He covered the whys and wherefores of owning or leasing your community halls. As one member of the audience put it, "when the points were broken down into easily understood sections, a little bit of clarity filtered through. Enough to finally have the confidence to begin to sort these matters out".

There is nothing like having professional advice, in a relaxed atmosphere and at no cost to our halls.

TVVH NETWORK SWOT PROJECT

I'm pleased to be able to say that the Team of five who have been working on the project have completed phase 1. Thirty three halls have been visited and all the data collected. SWOT Reports have been written and shared with individual halls and a SWOT Analysis for each hall has been produced. From this the Team have produced a series of 'Emerging Findings' which are the issues the Team have identified from the Analysis. Some of these issues relate to matters which perhaps the halls should address and other issues relate to good practices which could be shared with other halls. These will be written up in the final report and which will form the basis of ongoing event sessions throughout 2017. Our thanks go to all halls who have taken part in the Project for their time and contribution to the discussions

Hugh Jackson, Chairman.