

TVVH Network: Raising the Profile of Village Halls

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RECENT CHANGES IN TVRCC

TVVHN have been advised of recent changes in TVRCC. Some staff have been redeployed and their current positions are :-

Janice McColm is now the Community Development Officer.
Nick White is Economic Development Officer.
Sue Naylor is Office Manager/Finance Officer and Transport lead.
Karl Reeve will spend two days as Administrator and three days as East Cleveland Transport Officer.
Mary McDermott is West Tees Valley Transport Officer.
Liz Toon and Glenda Middleton are Community Agents, Redcar and Cleveland.

Just as a reminder TVRCC (Tees Valley Rural Community Council) has the following remit - TVRCC works with rural communities to enable them to identify and respond to local needs; provides direct support to groups and individuals, organises activities in health, transport etc, gives information, informs and influences policies, lobbies on rural issues, develops and actively participates in appropriate partnerships and by commissioning relevant research and development.

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Let us know your Hall stories Is there an achievement of which your Hall is particularly proud? Have you tried something new recently which has worked well? Or are you just starting out and wish to make contacts?

Would you like the history of your Hall to feature in the TVVHN Newsletter? Please contact the committee with your article and photographs.

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NEWSLETTER

2015

The Network Steering Committee invites all member Halls to contact the committee with any information they may wish to share with other Halls or perhaps have a query or problem the committee could help with. Contact Hugh Jackson on hugh.jackson41@btinternet.com

NEWS, NETWORK MEETINGS, TRAINING AND EVENTS

TRAINING EVENT— IS YOUR HALL SWITCHED ON?

- Hear about recent changes in Premises Licence regulations.
- Hear about likely changes to PPL/PRS Licences.
- Hear how to gear up your IT system to make your hall more marketable.

The date: Tuesday 2nd June 2015. The place and time: The Wilson Centre, Long Newton at 2 pm or Lingdale Village Hall at 7 pm.

Free for Network members, £5 pp for non-members.

MALTBY VILLAGE HALL ACHIEVES THE HALLMARK AWARD



Congratulations to Maltby Village Hall on acquiring Hallmark 1. Hallmark is the acknowledged quality standard for the management of Village Halls. It is worthwhile for halls to put themselves forward for this assessment, and, once achieved, it is wonderfully reassuring to be able to hold up the certificate to demonstrate to all, the community and potential funders alike, that your hall is being managed in line with best practice.

The certificate was presented by Brian Wake to Es Crossman, Maltby Village Hall committee member.

Maltby's committee is rightly proud of its achievement. Es said "We are very pleased to have attained the award. It is good to have a nationally recognised certificate showing that we are managing our hall well". For information on the Hallmark scheme contact Janice McColm at TVRCC 01642 213852.

NETWORK WEB SITE

<http://www.teesvalleyhallsnetwork.org.uk>

Guisborough Sea Cadets Hall



Image - G&EC Sea Cadets

The Hall was passed onto the Sea Cadets in the early 1960's. The building is unique as the Hall is not allowed to advertise its use for different groups as it was gifted on behalf of Lord Guisborough's estate, being bound by a twenty year lease and can only be used for the benefit of the Sea Cadets. This brings its own frustrations as we would love to share it with other group's events and activities in the area.

Part of the frustration is that both the Army and the Royal Air Force provide their cadets with purpose-built buildings provided by the MOD and offered at a peppercorn rent whereas all Sea Cadet units across the country have to be run as a charity and be 100% self-funded.

The running cost for the Hall is £5,000 per year so we rely heavily on fund raising to reach this annual figure, hence the tireless efforts on fund raising.

The Hall has its own naval training ship name – 'TS James Cook'. The idea of a training ship comes from the 1800's when traders would have purpose built ships for orphans to, live, work and train on.

At present we have 20 cadets under training in the Guisborough and East Cleveland Unit 532, supported by 6 uniformed adult volunteers and a Unit Management Committee.

Recently TS James Cook welcomed a number of new cadets to the unit as well as seeing the phase one of the work being completed and the building becoming structurally fit for purpose.

The Hall has received some substantial funding from the National Lottery to refurbish the current facilities, these include a new boiler system, two new shower and changing rooms, new toilets for both able bodied and disabled people and roof insulation. Other very welcome funding comes from the Local Council and commercial organisations in the area. We are preparing our own allotments so we can grow, cook and sell our own produce.

The cadets and adult volunteers help out with local community projects, fetes, fairs, parades and much more. Through summer we do a great deal of water-based activities including rowing, sailing and power boating. Through the winter we concentrate on promotions and qualifications in the Hall.

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THE 2015 NETWORK AGM

Once again we held a successful AGM at the Lazenby Village Hall on 17 March 2015. As always this was an interesting and enjoyable evening. 29 members turned up representing 9 Halls. Our thanks go to the Lazenby ladies who organised the fantastic refreshments and to the providers of the entertainments including an interesting talk by Peter Cook of the 'Now and Then' magazine and Hugh Jackson's intriguing pop quiz.

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VILLAGE HALL SWOT ANALYSIS

The TVVHN committee are continuing their visits to the Village Halls to conduct a SWOT analysis. This a programme funded by the Tudor Trust to identify Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to each hall. By carrying out this analysis we can determine what has worked in one hall and why. We can then transfer these experiences throughout the Network to the benefit of all.

BULK BUYING THROUGH THE NETWORK

Insurance Valuations – All halls have been circulated with the details of a surveyor, Valuation Surveyor, Andrew Benzies. He is offering a hall evaluation at a cost of £125 plus VAT per hall.

PAT testing -

As per Brian Wake's letter to the halls of 07 April there are two options available:-
1) Safe Pat will charge £60 for up to 50 items, provide a full test report, certificates and replacement plugs and fuses. He will also provide fire extinguisher servicing at £4.50 each provided it is on same day as PAT testing.
2) East Cleveland Youth Housing will charge £3 per item up to 35 items, and £15 for the certificate. If 36 Halls sign up it would be £2.80 per item up to 35 items.

Do you have any area of hall management that you believe would benefit from a future training event? Please let the TVVHN committee know about it. Contact hugh.jackson41@btinternet.com