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Lazenby Village Hall



The Nags Head Inn, that has stood derelict in Lazenby will remain that way for the foreseeable future after plans to turn it into a community centre were refused.

Residents were not happy, with many believing the plans would affect traffic and parking in the area and that the village hall

was already a meeting place for the community.

Redcar and Cleveland Council finally refused the plans in December, saying: "The proposed change of use, due to the lack of parking provision, would have a detrimental impact on highways safety".

Many people living in the area insisted that the village hall was good enough as a community hub.

"Also, we already have a village hall opposite which people work very hard to make it work."

A woman who lives in Guisborough said: "I use the village hall on a weekly basis and also for other events throughout the year".

"The village hall already provided what is necessary in a community center and I feel it is the hub of the village."

"Furthermore, we already have a village hall which can be put to good use for the children and youth of Lazenby, which has been a long standing building of many years". The applicant has up to 6 months to appeal, and Lazenby are keeping their fingers crossed this doesn't happen.



BIG GET TOGETHER



Egglescliffe Community Centre hosted its second Big Get Together event late last year. The Big Get Together is designed to help residents to gather information on issues such as welfare support, saving money on energy bills, volunteering opportunities and befriending groups. MP Matt Vickers who at the time worked for Coles Solicitors was manning a

stand which provided legal advice. The first Big Get Together was held at the Centre in 2018 and was such a success that Stockton Council wishes to use the format in other parts of the borough.

If your hall would like to run a Big Get Together event contact:

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This Year's AGM will be at 7.00pm at Charltons Village Hall on Thursday 16th April.



- If you saw the Darlington & Stockton Times for 21st February you will have seen a feature on the JPC Community Farm. Paul Connaughton will tell us (and show us) the fascinating story of what it is and how it came into being.
- We will have the first showing of a video about the Network produced by a group of students at Teesside University.
- We will have an excellent buffet supper.

Book the time and date and make sure at least one of your Committee members comes along!

Who Owns Your Hall?

A daft question? In a sense, yes. But right now the Network is helping three halls which are struggling with how to establish who their hall is (as lawyers say) vested in - who has the power to deal with its ownership. Come along to this event and find out who it is in your case. It may not be important right now but if you don't find out now, sooner or later you will wish you had found out. You will learn;



- What is the Land Registry and how it can be used.
- Who is The Official Custodian for Charities 'Land and how he might be useful to your hall.
- How to sort out the problem of the last trustee who has just died.
- What to do about a lost lease.
- How to know what the lease allows you to do or not do and the possible consequences.
- What happens when your lease comes to an end-do you get kicked out or can you stay.

The Event is in the afternoon of Thursday 30th April at Gleneagles Hall in New Marske. You will get more information nearer the date but do get it in your Committee's diary now.

HELPING, SWAPPING AND SHARING – AN UPDATE

During the last few months the Network and its members have been able to provide help and information about all sorts of things. Here are some of them.

Safety and insurance in Zumba events.

Comedy nights and murder mysteries.

Becoming a Charitable Independent Organisation. Independent ac-

counts examinations. Disposal of a spare indoor bowls mat. Hire

charges and documents. Problems with out of date deeds (*see above event*) Indoor markets.





Our Own Yellow Pages (Or Something Similar)

If you have had a good experience at your hall of caterers, bands, DJs, speakers, singers, actors, Beer Festival people etc. why not let us tell other halls about them via a new element of our Website? It has a working title of **Yellow Pages**. We can't call it that because for copyright reasons. Please suggest a suitable name with the word 'yellow' or similar in it so that people will recognize its purpose.

So please send both your entries and name suggestions to admin@teesvalleyvillagehalls.net and we will add the entries to our website once we have had enough from you to make the project viable.

Don't worry about GDPR, our Website editor will take care of that!

VE Day 8th May—75 Year Celebrations



We understand that some halls are already preparing to celebrate this important event. If you let us know (admin@teesvalleyvillagehalls.net) what you intend to do we could advertise your event on our webpage or via a bulletin. Also if you could send me pictures of your event we could add them to our next Newsletter.

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