

North Tyneside Parish AGM Report from the Vicar's Hall

The new hall committee has now completed a full year in office.

During the past year we have initiated a root & branch investigation into our records, responsibilities, property and accounts.

We have taken instruction from the open meeting we held to discuss the role of the hall.

We have scoped out the requirements for a new kitchen, taken professional advice on the construction, made a plan, got quotes for the work, appointed the contractor, overseen the work, carried out a number of functions within the project ourselves, delivered the project 4 weeks behind schedule and on budget.

We are grateful to the council for their contribution of Community Benefits funds to the project.

We now know what the hall costs to run each year and we have set our tariff rate to reflect this.

The committee is full and strong with a further representative position having been recently created being a rep for the Craft + Produce Show.

We have not seen a representative from either ~~shillies~~ ^{teams}

~~Our spring event was a very~~
The hall has been used for coffee mornings, lunches, wine & widdows, private events

~~successful Pancake Breakfast and a Coffee Morning~~

Our focus now is on our Centenary Celebration ~~at~~ on Sat. June 2nd, thanks again to the Community Benefits fund contribution

You will have seen we are constructing a Century Arch to mark the occasion, this will also improve our Southern entrance. Please note the project is being funded by private subscriptions and underwritten by the Hall.

The Hall committee has suggested the transfer of the team at the Craft & Produce Show, as a sub committee of the Hall we are delighted to welcome new members to the team, the show remains one of the central pieces of the village calendar.

Hall committee members continue to work very hard to ensure the Hall's financial stability, we undertake the car taking ^{and cleaning} ~~the~~ ^{we maintain the property} ~~roles~~, we cut the grass ourselves, and we negotiate carefully all our costs.

Our Hall is clean, the grounds tidy, we are reasonably energy efficient we hope you share our pride in our community space, the Hall is well used and we are frequently complimented on its functionality and now particularly on the new kitchen.

We resent some of the antagonism towards the Hall from some parish councillors and would suggest to you that you should view our Hall with pride and allow us to continue to be able to deliver community benefits in the most direct and efficient manner possible.

We have recently flagged up two projects that will ~~have a direct~~ improve our facilities and image, we respectfully request that the council act in a positive ~~and~~ proactive and timely manner to deliver these projects.

If the council cannot or will not deliver on a ~~reasonable~~ reasonable time scale, we are happy to take on the delivery of both projects.

The benches are needed for June 22nd and the information/history board need to be in place for the summer holidays and Tenara Way.

We would like to see more engagement and commitment to park events from parish councillors as well as more involvement from other groups. We are such a small community that everyone needs to get involved. Taking part and taking responsibility will help councillors understand better the requirements of residents and the needs of our community.

We also want to see the updated emergency plan to ensure all the contact details are correct and the role the hall may be required to play, given any circumstances.

We are also disappointed that the PC do not engage or contribute ^{content} to the Tenara Times, we also suggest that a meeting with the new editor should be called to discuss many issues surrounding the publication of our local magazine.