



Reg. Charity No 1063075

Annual General Meeting March 15<sup>th</sup> 2011

### Acting Chairman's Report December 2010 to Present

Following the unfortunate resignation of the previous Chairman, I, as vice-chair took over Chairman's duties on a pro tem basis until the 2011 AGM which as you are aware has been brought forward to enable the trustees and committee to elect new officers to maintain the smooth running of the village hall.

I would like to thank the members of the committee who have given me great support and encouragement during this difficult period for which I am very grateful.

I would particularly and personally like to thank Doug McQueen for agreeing to delay his departure until this AGM and also for his amazing generosity in providing the wonderful hampers for the concert raffles.

The period of my stewardship started off very well when over 100 people attended a Christmas concert by Kerfuffle which raised in excess of £450 for the hall funds, but unfortunately the month of December was to go down hill rapidly with the extreme weather conditions that we endured.

Over the Christmas period we discovered that we had major problems at the hall with around seven burst pipes, which had leaked water through the ceilings and down the walls in the lobby and all the toilets.

Thanks to Rod and a local plumber the pipes were soon replaced, Doug very quickly sent in an insurance claim to pay the plumber's bill and the cost of redecorating the damaged rooms.

The opportunity was taken at this time to change (at the request of some) the colour scheme of the ladies, the colour is now lavender which has resulted in some very complimentary comments.

Due to the water damage in the loft, we lost one of the lights in the lobby. As this was important to get replaced, it also contained an emergency light, we took the opportunity to replace the missing outside porch light.

At this time we checked the fire alarm system and realised that other emergency lights were not working. These have now all been repaired by our electrician along with other minor electrical repairs that needed sorting.

As well as checking the fire alarm and emergency lighting, we carried out a fire risk assessment in anticipation of a Fire Brigade audit later this year.

Unfortunately it appears that the fire extinguishers have not been tested since 2008 and that three of them are now obsolete and need replacing. GMC in Malton have quoted £480 + VAT. We are currently looking at getting better value elsewhere.

We also think that there should be break glass key boxes next to the kitchen door and the external committee room door, which with committee's approval will be installed.

Back to more positive things and February saw the arrival of Elvis in Terrington, which proved to be probably the most successful concert held in the hall. It was very gratifying to put "SOLD OUT" on an event and even more so when we realised that the profit for the evening was an amazing £930. Many thanks to those who bought tickets or helped out on the evening. The paying public have demanded more of the same, so following a similar format we have booked an "ABBA" tribute band for Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Plans are coming together nicely for Terrington Feast, more of which will be discussed under AOB.

The 200 club proved very successful last year, particularly for those that won. We have currently sold 97 shares this year, so some hard selling is needed before April 1<sup>st</sup> which is the date of the first draw in the second year.

The division of the cloakroom seems to have been a success and has been met by general approval and as of today we have a car parking donation box at the hall.

As ever there are always problems and niggles, most of these can be overcome by common sense and a modicum of goodwill. The one that never seems to go away is storage and the stockroom in particular. Any ideas welcome in resolution of this one.

There are a number of things that need sorting in the coming year, some of them more necessary than others.

Top of the list should be the children's play area, which is in need of a bit of TLC. Hopefully the Playgroup and village school parents can get a working party together to sort it out.

We also need a working party for tidying and gardening to be arranged probably for sometime in April.

And should 2011 be the year when we repaint the doors and windows on the kitchen side of the hall?

Finally a decision is going to have to be made regarding the Saxon mower that the previous Chairman bought and also the grass topping machine.

Ian Hughes  
Chairman (pro tem)