



Reg. Charity No 1063075

Annual General Meeting May 15th 2012

Chairman's Report April 2011 to April 2012

The past twelve months have, as ever, been a challenging, but progressive time as we have attempted to balance hall income with a programme of maintenance and improvement.

The early part of the year was taken up with organisation of Terrington Feast, which proved to be a very successful event, both in terms of income and visitor enjoyment. The event raised, for village groups, in excess of £3,500, of which over £2000 was specifically raised for village hall funds. Thank you and well done to everyone who helped make this event a success.

The 200 club, whilst not as successful in the second year as the first, brought in a valuable contribution to the hall income. Many thanks to all who joined.

In September, we held another memorable tribute night when Counterfeit Abba entertained a sell out audience and in December a brilliant night was had at the Christmas dance.

In February we welcomed Rod Stewart to Terrington village hall, well Almost Rod, he was really called Paul and came from Grimsby. Nonetheless he entertained a capacity audience very well and enabled us to make another substantial profit for VH funds.

This extra income generated by this fundraising has allowed us to carry on with our maintenance without having to dip into the VH reserves.

Some of this work is unseen work i.e. electrical and plumbing and I can report that all our electrics are now in excellent condition and certified by our qualified electrician. All electrical items that require it have been PAT tested and the heating and plumbing is all in excellent working order.

The old committee room has been rebranded as the Wimbush Room and has been totally refurbished to a very high standard which will hopefully help us acquire future lettings.

All the windows and doors to the north of the hall have been repainted, using a very long lasting Scandinavian paint.

Thankfully, at last, we seem to have got to grips with the problems in the storeroom, but this will only last if the playgroup keep to their side of the bargain, standards soon slip if not enforced.

The picnic area to the north of the hall is well on the way to being completed and thanks must be given to Merrick and John Prest for their efforts here and with other aspects of ground maintenance.

This year we have lost Rod Taylor from the committee through ill health. Rod's commitment and productivity in maintaining our hall over a lot of years should not go un-noticed and his effort will be sorely missed.

Colin and David Bradshaw stepped up to the plate regarding grass cutting. With a programme of spraying and rolling and regular cutting, I don't think the football pitch has ever looked better. The condition of the pitch obviously made a difference to our local team, Terrington Glory, who made us all proud by winning their league and progressing to the top tier of local football as champions. Hopefully this will be the catalyst to develop more sporting facilities at the hall and recreation ground.

Unfortunately, the splendid stand built by their supporters suffered irreparable damage recently during a storm, but the determination by the team and supporters is there to replace it before next winter.

I would like to place on record my thanks to Gerry and Christine for their endeavours with our accounts, they seem to make a good team and they are building a system that should be easily transferrable. Thanks also to Doug McQueen for looking after our investments so well.

Due to other commitments, we are also unfortunately losing our booking clerk, Jennie Potter. I would like to thank Jennie not only for her stewardship of the booking diary, but also for all the help and support that she gave me during the planning of Terrington Feast. Hopefully she (and Chris) will be able to be called on if needed for other fundraising events.

Hopefully the WI and Tennis Club will appoint new representatives to the VH committee as it is imperative that all user groups are represented, not only to secure the efficient running of our village's greatest asset, but also to have their group's voice heard in the management decision making.

According to the treasury team's accounts, we seem to be keeping our heads above water, so personally, especially in these austere times; I feel that there should be no change in our hiring tariff.

Over the last year we have managed to encourage a few new groups into using our hall and this momentum needs to be kept up. Terrington Village Hall is the finest hall in the area, but is not being used enough. There has been very little marketing of the hall for a lot of years whereas the competition from other local venues has increased considerably. We cannot stand still, we need to get out there and let potential hirers know what we're offering.

To this end, I have had a new brochure designed and printed which needs distributing far and wide. Combined with the superb website that David Bowring has built and maintains for us I feel that we now have the tools to develop new business for the hall.

Looking to 2012 / 13 our main project for the hall is the total revamp of the kitchen facility, again this should enable us to market the hall better.

We would also like to develop the snooker room into a more user friendly asset.

Major fundraising events have been booked for September, December, February and March and with the opportunities afforded by the Jubilee, European Football Championships and the Olympics there is potential to have a good year fundraising.

Ian Hughes

Chairman Terrington Village Hall & Recreation Ground Trust