

Newton & Noss Village Hall 200 Club Lottery **April 2021 Draw**

With grateful thanks to all those who have entered and to the donations made by both businesses and local residents, we have carried out the first of the twelve draws.

1st Prize (£50) Name withheld, Noss Mayo.

2nd Prize (£30) Rob & Jackie Cuthill.

3rd Prize (£20) Jonathan Rhead.

4th Prize (Wine, kindly donated by Luscombe Maye Estate Agents) Jane Barnett.

There is still time to join for the remaining 11 monthly draws if you have not entered yet. Sign up on the ebsite <http://www.nnvh.org.uk/lottery.php>

Alternatively, forms are available in the box outside Luscombe Maye in Newton Ferrers or at the veggie stall in Noss Mayo.

Aside from the cash prizes detailed above, we have some fantastic donations from local businesses which will be won each month.

Covid-19 Update

As you will be aware, the Newton and Noss Village is closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

However we are taking provisional bookings for later in the year

For details, or to book the Hall, or Revelstoke Room, please email: bookings@nnvh.org.uk

Chairman's AGM Report April 2021

I am producing this report to cover the Management Committee's work under the Charity Newton and Noss Village Hall and their work under the Newton and Noss Village Hall CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). At the moment, these Charitable Organisations are running side by side. We have made progress in the last twelve months in that the Village Hall has been officially registered at the Land Registry; we have subsequently applied to the Charities Commission and they now recognize that fact and have agreed that we may make an application to the Land Registry to transfer the Village Hall building from the Charity to the CIO. The application has been officially made through our Solicitor's, Bowcock and Pursaill of Stoke-On-Trent. We are awaiting for confirmation from The Land Registry that this application has been successful and then the Management Committee can wind down the Charity and continue business under the CIO. This road has been a very complicated and long winded affair but we have steadfastly stuck to our plan so that the Trustees can be afforded financial protection in the future and therefore will not deter anyone from applying for the post. We hope therefore to have safeguarded the future of the Village Hall ensuring that future Trustees will come forward.

I would like to thank the Committee for supporting the Village Hall in a very difficult year blighted by the pandemic caused by Covid 19. Carrie Story has spent a lot of time going through Covid related legislation ensuring that the Hall was ready for opening and Covid compliant. Unfortunately, it never really happened as the pandemic progressed but the main thing was we were ready. Philip Parry-Smith fitted automatic hand sanitisers, I uploaded the notices relating to the pandemic on the Notice Boards and the QR- Notices were affixed.

It has been a strange and difficult year. Having decorated the Hall last year, we were then faced with water ingress in the main façade. The balcony from time to time had water leaking through the main front elevation onto the balcony and down the stairs. Although this we have been told had happened before with wind and rain in certain direction, it felt it was the right time to address it. The newly decorated interior archway was becoming black and the plaster was bubbling everywhere. Paint was becoming flaky. From the outside you could see water penetration with a green residue being visible. We had three Heritage Stonemasons look at the site and they agreed that the exterior wall needed attention. It was suggested that major works were needed confirmed by a local architect Derek Butler.

A huge fund raising ensued. Letters were dropped to most of the Houses in the two villages and an Appeal for financial help was made. Our treasurer will update you on this. Things had been made worse when it was discovered that the corner of the building by the stream need repointing as the stream had goudged out most of the mortar during the winter. Matters deteriorated further when one of the boilers needed replacing as it was borderline with its emissions. Finally, the Revelstoke doors flew open in a storm and would not shut. It was discovered that fungi was growing in the woodwork and the ants were gorging on it. The wood turned out to be soft wood and had reached the end of its life. It was an Annus Horribilis.

Yet we just buckled down and got on with it. A really proud moment for us all. Val Lomax looked into and got Gift Aid. People locally responded amazingly and money started coming in. Suddenly things were happening and we thought there was light at the end of the horizon. Then we encountered Listed Building problems mixed with Covid and everything slowed down. A pre planning application was advised and undertaken but to little or no effect. Meetings were tentatively made and subsequently cancelled with the planning department. We had chosen the Heritage Stonemasons, raised the cash and then we were stagnant with our progress. In desperation we sought the help of our local helpful Architect Stuart Green who took the burden on. Thank you Stewart, for your invaluable professional help. We have now paid a Surveyor on his advice and together with Richard Gage, the Conservation Planning Officer and have now got an Application before the South Hams Council for permission to repoint. When the scaffolding gets up we may have to prepare for some unexpected emergency works, but hopefully we will have repaired the exterior wall and made it a better site. We hope to repair the clock and check the safety of the Bell Tower and the bell hanging.

The Revelstoke Room doors had been ordered and installed aswell as two double glazing units in one of the atrium doors; the work carried out by Hayman's Joinery from Ivybridge and the installation by Divine Developments from Holbeton; Bishop and Wheeler replaced the boiler in the Revelstoke Room and repaired the other one in the main Hall. Newton Garden Services attended to the repointing by the stream. The Revelstoke Room is now looking wonderful and along with the new Low cost lighting installed last year and the double glazing installed this year it will help bring our emissions down. We are waiting to hear the outcome of our planning application from South Hams to be able to book the Stonemasons. David Walker is hopefully starting the PAT tests so we are compliant before the elections in May.

Now to welcome a new Committee member, Roger Ball.

Roger has hit the road running and started up a 200 lottery club. We wish him every success as the start date in April 2021. Another huge thank you to Alan Lomax who has painted the Revelstoke kitchen units and made good the painting where the new doors and windows have been installed. Also a thank you to Val Lomax for her expert ebay skills. Val and I have raised approximately £1500 for the Hall by selling the donated goods from Horswells. Lisa and Charlie Bullock asked Philip and I to do a house clearance for them and along with Carrie on one of the 2 days spent packing the bric a brac, we removed it to the Hall and have been selling the items locally and on ebay. It has been a mammoth and successful venture so far adding funds to our renovation funds.

We sadly had to say farewell to our cleaner, Caroline Woollam. Philip and I have from time to time cleaned the Hall but we shall have to look to replace Caroline once the Hall is reopened.

The Annual Maintenance check was done in May 20 in the usual way and any matters attended too like replacing outdated goods in the First Aid kits. Gas certificates have been granted and the boiler replaced as recommended.

David Whelan continues to do our Health and Safety checks and we thank him for that.

We have cancelled our WIFI with BT because of the costs in the pandemic. We hope to be able to take up Gigaclear's offer of free wifi and hope to reach an agreement with them.

Lastly, a thank you to Phil Hughes and QualityWebs; the website has been updated by Phil and a lot of the work has been kindly donated by him free of charge. We now can display our events and pay for goods/services/tickets on the website.

Apologies that the AGM has to be cancelled this year other than by zoom. The report will be on the website for all those interested.

The Village Hall will remain closed until Government Guidelines allow us to reopen. You can be assured we will be ready.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND KEEP SAFE IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

Amanda Parry-Smith
CHAIR
24/03/21