

Chairman and Trustees Report for 2022/2023

Another memorable year has passed as quickly if not more quickly than those before.

We have been used, increasingly, over the past year by The Holderness Health Group for the distribution of medications between 50 and 80 packets each week, for both Covid and Flu jabs, Diabetes awareness groups and staff training.

Our regular classes go from strength to strength. We have Baby and Toddler, Moo Music, Young farmers, Yoga, Garden Club, Short-mat Bowls, Art, Craft and Beading groups, Film shows throughout the Winter months, two craft fairs a year and this year sees the return of Burton Pidsea 10K (the BBQ boys have just done a Food Safety Course (oh to be a fly on the wall!))

The Pop in Café continues to provide a wonderful meeting place with the best cakes in the area. In January after a successful Grant application by the Hall “Tuesdays became Fun-Days” the Pop-In were able to offer free soup and refreshments plus entertainment, free chair yoga sessions were available – activities that have helped improve the physical and mental health of users. Feedback from users of these projects were amazing.

We continue to host many family celebrations and commemorations too. All these activities demonstrating our ethos of providing recreation, education, entertainment and celebration.

Work has begun on our outside store which should be finished very soon.

Just before our last AGM Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died and we got a new King. King Charles III's coronation was celebrated in May by the hall hosting a concert which was much enjoyed. Four planters with plaques were bought for the car park.

A group of committee members attended Safeguarding training; we opened this training up to several local groups as well as user groups within the hall. Arrangements are in hand for a First Aid course too. We continue to work closely with the East Riding Village Halls Network who provide information training and guidance.

The trustees are very pleased to see that 3500 poppies have been knitted for a cascade to be placed at the front of the hall for Remembrance Day.

One of our foci for this coming year is raising the money for the refurbishment of our tennis court.

Someone was heard to remark why haven't you done anything about it before now?

This got the trustees thinking and they would like to recap what has been achieved since this new hall opened in 2018. No names are included because there would be bound to be someone left out but you know who you are and we know who you are and are so grateful for your input.

When the Trustees received the keys to the Hall they had to set about stocking the place, Committee members fitted and stocked the bar including coolers and fridges, the kitchen was stocked including pots and pans dishes and glasses and fly killers. Mirrors, clocks, hearing loop, sound systems both fixed and mobile, shelved out cupboards were all added as well as extra tables and chairs, desks and a top of the range cctv system.

The online booking system has worked extremely well many thanks to the administrator.

Outside there has been a drainage system added to the play park as well as new rides and a completely new fence.

The car park has been mostly re-surfaced, and lights added. A running track has been built with exercise machines around it. The

management of the surrounding trees has begun with the removal of those whose roots were lifting the tennis court surface. A woodland path has been created. We also have a new flagpole.

We have a web site which regularly advertises classes and events provides information and links to our online booking system, Facebook, Nextdoor and the Newsletter are all used too.

All these provisions have been provided alongside the maintenance of the Hall and grounds, no small job in itself.

The transition from the running of the old Hall to now has been successful due to the continuity, experience and dedication of each and every Trustee and Committee Member.

Yes, there is still work to be done but we face it with equanimity knowing that each Trustee and each member of the Management committee will give their utmost.

The trustees and I would like to thank all the members of the management committee for their unstinting hard work for the benefit of this hall and the community it serves. As well as attending meetings where policy and decisions are made each member works to their own strengths behind the scenes, online, on the bar, in the kitchen and front of house. This committee works as a friendly and professional team, one of which I am very proud to be a part.

We are very lucky in this village to have the support of so many people, who help in so many ways. They do fund raising events, they come to the film shows, sales and events and they help behind the scenes and the thank you cards and expressions of appreciation really help. We would like to thank you all.