

# THORNTON LE BEANS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

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Registered Charity No. 523436

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

**1 Jan 2017 to 31 Dec 2017**

### TRUSTEES:

Peter Baker (Chairman)  
David Baker (Vice-Chairman)  
Jo Linthwaite (Secretary)  
Margaret Boustead (Treasurer)

Tom Banfield	Bob Baker
Maureen Bullock	Will Coates
Nick Capstick	Gordon Campbell
Brenda Dennison	Maureen Hague
Mark Linthwaite	Lesley Mckenzie
Stephen Woodall	Michael & Claire Binns ( <i>ret'd Apr 2017</i> )

Secretary's address:  
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AUDITOR: Mr G Bateman

## **Governance**

Thornton-le-Beans Village Hall Charity was founded by a Conveyance dated 29 January 1953 whereby North Riding County Council sold the Hall and land to Arthur Davison, Thomas Coates and John Dale for £550. Management of the Hall was formally vested in the Trustees under a Charity Commission deed dated 26 July 1953.

The Hall was originally the village school, dating from about 1907. The Trustees own the building, all outbuildings, and the land.

## **Appointment of Trustees**

The general management and control of Trust Premises is the responsibility of a Committee of Management. All members of the Committee are ipso facto Trustees and retire at each Annual General Meeting which must be held every April. There is however no limit to the number of years in succession a Trustee may serve provided that, he or she be duly re-elected each year.

The Methodist Church and Women's Institute in the village are both entitled to appoint one member to the Committee.

## **Objectives**

The Trust deed requires that the Hall shall be run "for the purposes of physical and mental training and recreation and social moral and intellectual development ... for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions".

## **Hiring and Licences**

The Committee runs various events throughout the year (see Review). The Hall is also available for hire by any other local individual or organisation at a cost of £14 for a morning, afternoon or evening session for Parish residents, or £7.50 per hour (min 2 hours) for non-Parish residents. These rates were increased in September 2013 following a review by the committee. The rates had not changed since 2005. The Hall has a premises licence (for which the Secretary is the named licensee). Hirers who wish to sell alcohol or put on public entertainment must obtain a separate Temporary Event Notice from Hambleton District Council.

## **Insurance**

The Hall is insured with Allied Westminster with respect to property damage, contents (including those belonging to other organisations stored at the Hall), public liability, employers' liability and legal assistance. Cover extends to all those activities away from the Hall associated with the Village Show. The Hall is a member of Rural Action Yorkshire, an organisation working to promote community development in rural areas, which has expertise in the management of Village Halls.

## **Building and Maintenance**

2017 was a quiet year, with the main expenditure being on repair and replacement

of the outside security lights and the installation of exterior floodlighting all around the Village Hall, illuminating the whole car park area. Thanks must go to Martin Myers for all his help and expertise with this project. The trees in the car park were cut back and the Solar Panels continue to provide a regular income. Plans for this year include painting the lower half of the Hall and possibly re-sanding the floor.

The mains electrical installation is checked by a qualified engineer every 5 years. Periodic checks are made of the emergency exit lighting and an annual discharge check is completed on all electrics. The fire extinguishers are checked annually under contract and the Hall is compliant with current Fire Safety guidelines. Volunteers from the Committee and others carry out other regular maintenance as and when required.

### **Review**

2017 was once again a busy year for the Village Hall, with a high level of usage and one-off events. Monthly bookings are usually more than 30. The main regular bookings continue: the weekly Move Well and Pilates classes on Monday mornings, the bi-monthly Parish Council on Monday evenings, the weekly Local History group on Tuesday mornings, the weekly Craft and Chat on Tuesday afternoons, the monthly WI meetings on Tuesday evenings, and fortnightly Whist on Wednesday evenings, with weekly Bridge on Thursday and Friday evenings. In addition, there have been monthly bookings for Quilting, a series of events organised by the local church, Thirsk Carers and the NHS, and a musician who uses the Hall regularly for rehearsals.

There has also been a good level of private hires for parties, a Charity Craft Fair, Domino Drives etc. The high standard of facilities on offer is appreciated by hirers as shown both by their comments and by repeat bookings. The excellent facilities have also been recognised by the Local Council who continue to have us listed as an Emergency Rest Centre.

If you wish to check a date in advance or make a booking, please contact our Bookings Secretary Maureen Hague (01609-774325) or check out our website which displays a full list of all forward bookings. The site is easy to navigate and has photos and information regarding all activities and groups, including the Village Show. Please visit us at [www.thorntonlebeansvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.thorntonlebeansvillagehall.org.uk)

The Annual Children's Sports and Show was held on 12<sup>th</sup> August. A good time was had by all and the rain towards the end added some excitement to the Tug of War and a sudden surge in demand at the Tea tent! It was great to see so many people attending and a good number of quality entries in the Tent. There were plenty of children in the Sports and some drama and controversy in the men's baking! The Village Hall Committee were pleased at the level of support from Thornton le Beans and neighbouring villages, and hope to build on the success of last year's show and encourage even more people to participate this year on **Saturday 11th August**.

North Country Theatre made a return visit to the Hall on October 11<sup>th</sup> with 'Nightmares in Norfolk' The event was slow to sell this year, but we were near to capacity on the night, it was an excellent production, appreciated by all who attended.

This year the Committee decided to finance the provision of a Defibrillator for the village. It is positioned outside The Crosby and we are very grateful for Chris and Moira's support. It was provided in co-ordination with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service who also provided an Information Evening hosted by The Crosby on 21<sup>st</sup> November which was very well supported by the village.

The Christmas events were once again very successful, providing an enjoyable run into the festive season. The Senior Citizens' party remains popular and everyone enjoyed a delicious tea and sing-along, led by village maestro Tom Banfield. The Christmas Whist and Draw was well attended. After the Whist had been completed and everyone had enjoyed their supper the Christmas Draw was made. The Committee are most grateful to all those who helped with refreshments. The proceeds from the Christmas Draw go towards financing the Senior Citizens' Christmas Tea and the Village Show.

The Beantown Bookstore has had another successful year, providing vital funds towards the running costs of the Village Show, and we are especially grateful to Chris and Moira at The Crosby for the excellent sales they achieve on our behalf.

### **Finances and Investment**

The audited accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at our AGM at 7.30 pm in the Hall on **Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>** to which all are invited.

### **Thanks**

The Committee wishes to thank everyone who supports and helps the Hall activities in any way, including all subscribers to the 100 Club. Much thanks must also be given to Mike and Claire Binns who retired from the Committee at the 2017 AGM. In recognition of their unfailing support for the Village Hall over many years they were asked, and we are pleased to say, accepted our invitation for Michael to become Honorary President and Claire an Honorary Vice-President. We also thank our other Vice-Presidents Margaret Hill, Penny Pilling, Judith Renton, and Norman Allison.

**The Trustees declare that they have approved the report above.**

*Signed on behalf of the Trustees:*



Date: 06 March 2018

**Peter Baker (Chairman)**