



Thornborough Village Hall Annual Review 2016

The village hall management committee have met their main objective of keeping Thornborough Village Hall open for use by villagers and village organisations.

Our 49 club is now a 59 club since October 2015, due to the change by the National Lottery and as a consequence we have several vacancies for people wishing to join. As a fundraiser this seems to be losing popularity so the committee is delighted and relieved that the parish council has stepped forward to offer an annual grant to support the village hall.

Now at last we will be able to start improving the hall and over the next few years attending to all the maintenance jobs that we have been putting off doing.

One big improvement that has already happened, through the generosity of John Williams, the parish council and Ray Goodger is the provision of a projector, screen and excellent sound system. This is free for use by hirers (subject to a refundable deposit and training), but is securely locked away in a steel cabinet on the wall. Among the first users were the TSSC Annual Spring Party for senior citizens with the 'Thornborough Grand National' on 9th April and the Thornborough Fundraisers 'Film and Curry Night' on 7th May.

The hall use for school dinners continues and is set to do so until 2019. The school pays rent for one hour a day but is allowed free use of the hall any time in the day that it is not booked by a fee-paying hirer. The school reciprocates by making alternative arrangements for important conflicting rentals, like funerals and elections. The village hall committee hope that this support is of great value to the village in helping to keep our village school.

We have a new arrangement with Thornborough Outreach Post Office. The PO has the use of the lockable food preparation area on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. But during this time the rest of the hall may be hired commercially (in the knowledge of use by PO) or of course by the school. The management committee also encourage any villager or organisation to the hall for free on Wednesday afternoons for activities such as teas, book sales or other fundraising activities as long as it is not being hired or used by the school.

Our bookings secretary Sue Kenyon continues to do an excellent job, requiring little or no work from the committee. Aside from the school, hall lettings have a few regulars like weekly fitness classes, monthly Bingo and a smattering of parties, etc., but even with the 59 Club not enough to balance the books, so we are very grateful to the Parish Council for ensuring the future of the hall.

Excellent work was done behind the scenes from honorary secretary Cath Sayer, David Wise as honorary treasurer, Steve Wilkins as vice chairman and Tracey Sapwell as honorary examiner of accounts.

At the AGM on 8th June 2016, all positions, including chairman, are open for nominations. This AGM is open to the public, please contact the secretary if you would like to attend.

Bernard Garbe
Thornborough Village Hall Committee Chairman

For bookings please contact Sue Kenyon on 07704 730466 (call or text anytime), or call 01280 824783 (between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.)

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