

## TRENT MEMORIAL HALL - ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

1. After two disrupted years caused by the pandemic, 2022 was the most normal year we have had for a while and the first since the major programme of improvements finished. In many respects we have had a really good year, with hall usage up and a number of important investments in its facilities. Those investments have included some clear new signs on Down Lane, wi-fi internet access, a new projector, screen and speakers which have enabled us to start showing a range of excellent films, as well as enhancing talks at, for example, the Garden Club. At the start of 2022 we also installed an outdoor table tennis table, courtesy of a grant from Sport England and a generous donation from The Plume of Feathers in Sherborne. The table was “christened” with a great competition at the Jubilee celebrations. It is primarily designed for older children and teenagers and certainly complements the new playground for younger children which is very well used.

2. Financially, we have the resources to invest in a number of further improvements

in the coming months. These include an induction loop system to help those with hearing aids listen to films and an awning or sail to provide shade for the patio on hot days.

3. There were a good range of **social activities** during 2022. There were 8 “Early Doors” Friday evening drinks events, which remain very popular. As well as a great way to meet friends and welcome new people, these events have provided significant income for the hall. Many thanks to everyone who has helped organise and attend social events.

4. Probably the two main events last year were the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in early June and the Annual village Fete. The Jubilee event was very well attended in lovely weather and was a very happy, village “do”. In July we held the first fete since 2019 but here the weather was not so kind, with several heavy downpours. Nevertheless the fete raised over £3,000 for Church and Hall so was financially pretty successful. Again, huge thanks to all those who were involved in the big job of organising and running these two events. They really helped bring people together.

5. Other events held in 2022 included a Wine Tasting hosted by the Reverend David Bond, a Christmas Drinks party, four Coffee Mornings and a Pancake Mardi Gras.

6. Income from hall hire improved markedly between 2021 and 2022. For instance, a dozen birthday parties were held in 2022, which says a lot

about the hall's attractiveness. This is encouraging but reminds us of the need to keep investing in our facilities to keep the hall well-used. At the moment there are some eight regular users of the hall, including the Post Office, dog and yoga classes, quilting groups and so on. If we really want the hall to continue to be a community hub, we need to build on this.

7. The **100 Club lottery** had another pretty good year, although the number of members was slightly down on previous years. As well as delivering great prizes, the 100 Club really helps to boost Hall funds.

### **The Hall Accounts for 2022**

8. The Treasurer, Ray Thomson, and bookkeeper, Nick Dyer, were thanked for putting together the accounts. Also thanked was Max Snow, Treasurer of the Queen Thorne Benefice, who had again kindly reviewed our accounts this year. The headlines from the accounts are that:

- Income from hall hire and events was up by some 70% between 2021 and 2022.
- Our total assets stood at around £22,600 at the end of 2022, compared with some £19,500 at the end of 2021. This is despite the investments made in 2022.

9. However, our costs are rising like everyone else's and electricity prices are a particular worry. The Committee has therefore decided that we need to raise our charges, having not done so for three years. So from 1 May our charges will rise by an average of 20%, although we remain a very competitive venue locally. Charges will henceforth be reviewed annually. An important aspect of these changes was the introduction of a "locals" discount to go alongside the "regular users" discount we have offered for many years. People living in Trent, Adber and Hummer will therefore receive a 20% discount on hire charges. It was confirmed that discussions were continuing with the Ernest Cook Trust (ECT) over the repayment terms for their loan towards the Hall improvement project.

### **Election of the committee for 2023/24**

10. There had been only one change to the Committee during 2022/23. Mike Hayton resigned on health grounds and was replaced by Alistair Morgan as the representative of the Parish Council. Following this AGM and the introduction of our new booking system, Amelia Capewell, our Bookings Secretary for several years, decided to stand down. Amelia was

thanked for her sterling service to the Hall. As part of bedding in the new booking system, David Walden is handling bookings for the time being.

11. The following committee members had indicated their willingness to stand again for the coming year. As well as Paul Harris (Chairman), they are David Walden (Secretary), Ray Thomson (Treasurer), Peter Phillips, Jen Barron, Nicola Harris, Wendy Phillips, Neil Carpenter and Michael Herrmann. Alistair Morgan represented the Parish Council. Paul Harris again thanked everyone on the current Committee for all their help and support. The Committee was duly elected for 2023/24.



# Trent Memorial Hall

## Profit and Loss

January - December 2022

	TOTAL	
	JAN - DEC 2022	JAN - DEC 2021 (PY)
Income		
100 Club Subscription	3,228.00	3,327.00
Bank & National Savings Interest	1.66	0.80
Donations	983.47	767.40
Events	6,339.23	4,105.80
Fete	2,834.20	
Gift Aid	227.00	375.80
Grants		
Bernard Sunley Grant		5,000.00
Dorset Council COVID Grants	2,667.00	12,918.00
Garfield Weston Grant		4,000.00
National Lottery Grants		1,250.00
Queen Thorne Parish Council Grants	650.00	
Tesco Bags of Help Grant		1,000.00
Thomas Coughtrie Charitable Trust Grant		3,000.00
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>3,317.00</b>	<b>27,168.00</b>
Hall Hire	6,224.75	3,224.50
Playground Income & Donations		3,528.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£23,155.31</b>	<b>£42,498.00</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>£23,155.31</b>	<b>£42,498.00</b>
Expenses		
100 Club Winnings	1,300.00	1,300.00
Accountancy	355.00	235.00
Cleaning	1,312.86	1,332.70
Donation		430.00
Events Expenses	3,553.78	3,229.70
Fete Expenses	1,699.13	
Ground Rent	150.00	150.00
Hall Renovation	3,921.05	2,072.60
Insurances	866.52	798.10
Internal Furnishings and Equipment	3,143.95	2,450.70
Light & Heat	804.80	926.40
Lottery Expenses	20.00	20.00
Playground Expenses	1,172.38	21,968.50
Printing, Postage and Stationery	21.48	55.50
Rates & Water	165.41	154.00
Repair and maintenance	596.49	387.70
Subscriptions and Licences	192.00	140.00
Waste disposal	168.40	163.80
Website & Internet	585.10	133.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£20,028.35</b>	<b>£35,948.10</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£3,126.96</b>	<b>£6,549.80</b>
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