

**TVHC General Meeting**  
**ADVANCE NOTICE**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
**7.00pm**  
**Venue to be confirmed**

**easyfundraising - has your hall registered yet?**  
easyfundraising is a FREE fundraising service where funds can be raised for any charity, trust, school, club, good cause or community group simply by shopping online. You can choose from over 500 of the UK's best known retailers including many popular names such as NEXT, Amazon, Debenhams, John Lewis and HMV, and when you shop online using links on the easyfundraising website up to 15% from every purchase you make is donated to the cause you choose to nominate. We are encouraging all of our member halls to register on to the easyfundraising website to allow their local users and supporters to raise funds for them when they shop online. Halls can register on the website by visiting <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/referral/10331> and completing a simple questionnaire. Alternatively you can contact Helen at TVHC on 01833 696650 and she can help you with the registration.

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Visit our website at [www.teesdalehalls.co.uk](http://www.teesdalehalls.co.uk) for up to date information on the Consortium and the halls including full events listings. Copies of this, and previous newsletters are also available on the website.

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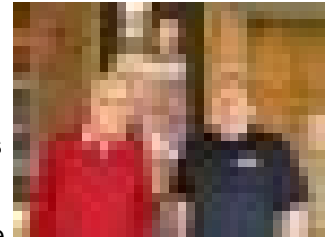
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## The Newsletter of the Teesdale Village Halls Consortium

Giving information on opportunities, ideas, contacts and much more for the management committee members and user groups of community buildings in Teesdale, and other related organisations.

### Nicholas Parsons brings laughter to Teesdale's village halls!

Teesdale Village Halls Consortium is delighted to announce that the renowned actor, radio and television presenter Nicholas Parsons OBE will be performing a series of stand up shows across the village halls in Teesdale in September. Nicholas will be performing his Laugh a Minute show at five village halls across the Dale on his return from the Edinburgh Festival Fringe where he will be returning again after seven successive years as the festival's oldest performer with his Happy Hour comedy chat show. He is most famous for hosting the Radio 4 show Just a Minute in which he keeps control over a roll-call of celebrity contenders attempting to talk on a subject for sixty seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation; he has presented this show for over 40 years. Nicholas is also famous for presenting the quiz show Sale of the Century for a record 14 years in the 1970s and 1980s which attracted over 21 million viewers at its peak. In 2003 he was given an OBE for services to the theatre and broadcasting.



The shows will run between Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September:

- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Bowes Village Hall**  
Tickets available from 01833 628343
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Newsham Village Hall**  
Tickets available from 01833 621300 or 621020
- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September – St Mary's Parish Hall, Barnard Castle**  
Tickets available from Connelly's Toy Shop, Mrs P's Country Kitchen Shop or by telephoning 01833 690873 or 695006
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Eggleston Village Hall**  
Tickets available from The Three Tuns Inn, Eggleston or by telephoning 01833 650798 or 650519
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Stainton Village Hall**  
Tickets available from 01833 690233 or 638348

All shows will start at 7.30pm (doors will be open earlier) and tickets for the shows will cost £10.00 per person.

Helen Thistlethwaite, Marketing Officer for Teesdale Village Halls Consortium who has organised the shows with Sue Simons who works with lots of celebrities said: "We are thrilled that Nicholas has requested to perform his show in Teesdale's village halls. After the success of the Paul Daniels shows in 2005 it is a privilege that a well known celebrity wants to perform intimate shows in our community venues and we look forward to welcoming him to Teesdale."

Nicholas said of the shows: "I particularly wanted to come up to the Teesdale area to meet the local people and explore the beautiful countryside and surrounding areas. The village halls are an ideal location as I love working with small audiences as there is so much interaction with my show and everyone will feel part of it"

For more information on the shows please visit [www.teesdalehalls.co.uk](http://www.teesdalehalls.co.uk) or telephone Helen Thistlethwaite on 01833 696650

**Photograph courtesy of Radio Teesdale:** Andrew Harrison of Radio Teesdale interviewing Nicholas at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

## FUNDING SOURCES UPDATE

### County Durham Foundation Grassroots Grants 2008 – 2011

The purpose of this programme is to support small informal voluntary and community groups and organisations. Groups must:

- Be a not-for-profit, third sector voluntary or community group, active in their local community for not less than 12 months prior to 31 December 2007
- Have an evidenced income of less than £20,000 per annum, taken as an average turnover for the last three financial years (or over the life of the group if it is less than three years old), and net of any grants received through the Grassroots Grants programme
- Be volunteer led (i.e. with largely volunteer based input)
- Be connected with and/or meeting the needs of the local community
- Have a governing document that has as a minimum the name, aim/purpose, objects, a dissolution clause for the organisation, a list of Trustees/Committee members, and Trustee/Committee member signatures
- Groups and organisations do not have to be registered charities

#### The following cannot be funded:

- Statutory organisations, such as Local Authorities, schools and the Police Force
- Regional or local offices of a national organisation
- Arms length public sector organisations that are controlled wholly or in part by, for example, a Local Authority, a Primary Care Trust or agencies of these
- Any party political activity
- Commercial ventures
- Organisations that are for the sole benefit or relief of animals or plants.

#### Information for Grassroots Applicants

- Maximum grant £5000
- Minimum grant £250
- Organisations can apply for either a one off payment or a grant spread over the three year period (2008 . 2011), but with no portion of that spread being less than the minimum grant amount
- Funding can be used for either capital or revenue purposes
- An application for Grassroots Grants could be entirely for capital purchases (e.g. computers, photocopiers, digital projectors etc.) or equally all for operational costs (e.g. rent, stationery, telephone costs, activities etc.)
- Capital costs are defined as being for any single asset that costs more than £1,000 (net of VAT), and that has a life of more than one year

#### Examples of what can be funded include:

- Purchase of equipment e.g. computers, oven, furniture
- Costs of putting on a local event or workshop
- Staff costs to enable the employment of individuals
- Contribution to rent costs (related to activities/services delivery)
- The cost of attending a conference or event
- Training for volunteers
- Additional activities to expand an existing funded project
- Activities that support community activity
- Activities that meet an identified need in the local community
- Funding to support an organisation to achieve a quality or other standard relevant to their activities

#### How to Apply

You need to complete a County Durham Foundation Expression of Interest form - this can be downloaded from their website at [www.countydurhamfoundation.co.uk](http://www.countydurhamfoundation.co.uk) or contact Helen in the TVHC office on 01833 696650

### Durham County Council Education in the Community Supplementary Grants

Village halls and community centres can apply to Durham County Council's Education in the Community Department for supplementary grants towards the cost of undertaking essential structural repairs or replacements. Copies of the application form can be obtained from Helen at TVHC or for more information about the grants contact Education in the Community on 01388 662577

## FUNDING SOURCES UPDATE (continued)

### Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Trusthouse was formed in 1997 when the Council of Forte inherited shares in Granada. Grants are made from the total return on its investment portfolio and it is governed by a board of trustees. Trusthouse currently awards around 350 grants a year totalling circa £2million. The average grant is £6,000 though they can range from £1,000 - £30,000. The Trustees completed a review of the grants criteria in 2008 and have given two overarching themes to their grants:

#### Rural Issues

They accept applications from local and national charities or not for profit organisations which are addressing issues in needy rural areas. Rural in this context means cities, towns, villages and areas with 10,000 or less inhabitants. They are interested in, for example, projects providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged; contact networks for young disabled people; projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls; employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts and projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness.

#### Urban Deprivation

They accept applications from local or national charities or not for profit organisations which are working with residents of urban areas (i.e. more than 10,000 inhabitants) which are classified in the latest government Indices of Multiple Deprivation as being in the lowest 20%.

Within these two overarching themes, Trusthouse funds in three broad areas: Community Support, Disability and Healthcare and Arts, Education and Heritage. There are three grant schemes: Large Grants for applications between £10,000 and £30,000 for capital appeals only, Small Grants for applications between £5,001 and £9,999 for revenue and/or capital costs and Fast Track Grants for applications of £5,000 and below for revenue and/or capital costs. All grants are for one year only.

Application forms can be downloaded from [www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk](http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk) or if you do not have access to the Internet please contact Helen on 01833 696650 for a copy.

### TVHC Grant Schemes Community Building Improvement Grant Scheme

TVHC has an energy improvements chest that member halls can apply to for grants. Grants, up to a **maximum of £500** or up to 50% of project costs, related to energy improvement work can be applied for.

**Please note this grant fund has been increased from a maximum of £250 to £500.**

#### TVHC Grant Fund

This is a general grant scheme that all member halls can apply to. Grants, up to a maximum of £500 or up to 50% of project costs can be applied for.

If you would like to find out more or would like an application form please contact Helen on 01833 696650 or email [helen@teesdalehalls.co.uk](mailto:helen@teesdalehalls.co.uk)

Grant applications are considered at TVHC's monthly directors meetings. The dates of the 2008 meetings are: 24<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### The Darlington & County Durham Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Community Development Service

This service has a team of seven Community Development Workers and a Service Manager. They are employed by Mental Health Matters and have been commissioned by County Durham and Darlington Primary Care Trusts, in response to the National Programme of Delivering Race Equality in Mental Health Care (DRE).

Delivering race equality is a five year action plan aimed at tackling discrimination in the NHS and local authority mental health services. The DRE is an intrinsic part of the Department of Health's wider equality and human rights strategy. By implementing the DRE it will mean that standards under the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 will be adhered to.

The aim of the scheme and the DRE action plan is based around three main objectives:

- better, more responsive services.
- better engagement of services with their local communities
- better information.

It is understood that together, these three areas of development will reform mental health care and other areas of public service.

The team, based at the County Durham PCT Building, Merrington House, Merrington Lane Industrial Estate, Spennymoor, DL16 7UT can be contacted on 0191 3013851 or email:

[bmeservice@mentalhealthmatters.co.uk](mailto:bmeservice@mentalhealthmatters.co.uk)

The Community Development Worker covering the Teesdale region is Catherine Cowans, Tel: 0787 2190296 or email:

[c.cowans@mentalhealthmatters.co.uk](mailto:c.cowans@mentalhealthmatters.co.uk)

### HOT TIP!

A Windows Microsoft update KB951748 may have caused sudden loss of Internet access for Zone Alarm users on Windows XP/2000. If this has happened to you, you need to turn off Zone Alarm then install the latest version Z/S 70 483 000 to rectify the problem.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR HALL

*Dance your way to health and fitness...*

**SLAM CATS**

Enjoy a fun filled evening of fitness exercises

Improve Cardiovascular fitness, endurance, agility, balance and more skills

Burn up to 500 calories per session and get a healthy life style

The SLAM CATS fit any occasion after school club, team training, evening, private party, festival, social event, promotional day or charity fun

*'School children, youths, adults, older adults, sports teams, clubs, workplaces and people of all abilities can enjoy SLAM CATS...'*

For more information & booking enquiries please contact:

John Pillington  
SLAM CATS Project Manager

01388 762220  
in 2008-2009  
a programme of activities

Contact your nearest  
Teesdale Hall, Volunteer  
Centre or Community  
Centre

01388 762220  
www.csv.org.uk

### CSV Make a Difference Day

#### The UK 's biggest annual day of volunteering!

The simple idea behind CSV Make a Difference Day is that ordinary people across the country become community heroes by organising an activity.

It takes place this year on Saturday 25 October 2008.

Your local Volunteer Centre at 2D, thought they'd give you a head start to give you time to get together with your friends, family, colleagues, your community group, social group or place of worship and organise an activity. Just look around and find something you'd like to change, and 2D can help you do it.

It's completely up to you what your activity is, but here are some ideas to help you decide how you'll make a difference!

~ Have a team challenge to transform wasteland into a play area or sensory garden..

~ Decorate a classroom, care home or community centre.

~ Paint a mural to brighten up walls at a hospital, school or nursery.

~ Organise a tea party or entertainment at a local day centre.

~ Share your talents by giving a free workshop in music, arts, dance, cooking, sports etc to a youth group or day centre.

~ Collect and donate unwanted items to charity shops and children's homes.

2D and The Volunteer Centre can provide groups and individuals with all the resources they need to make it a success, funding advice, how to recruit and look after your volunteers, free publicity to help raise awareness of your event/ activity, free promotional packs including balloons, stickers, t-shirts, plastic tabards etc.

Contact the Volunteer Centre team on 01388 762220.

To order your own MADD packs from CSV direct call 0800 284 533 or go to [www.csv.org](http://www.csv.org).

### Free Legal Education Courses for Community and Voluntary Sector Organisations

Newcastle Law Centre is a charity that employs solicitors and they are currently running a project funded by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission to provide free courses on Discrimination Law: Disability, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex, Sexual Orientation, Age, Gender Re-Assignment. The courses will give an overview of the law, your rights, your obligations and information about discrimination claims. For more information contact Cleo Gregory on 0191 2304777 or email [cleogregory@newcastlelawcentre.co.uk](mailto:cleogregory@newcastlelawcentre.co.uk)

### TVHC Criminal Record Bureau Checks Service

Teesdale Village Halls Consortium is offering a Criminal Records Bureau check service to voluntary and community organisations in Teesdale. Helen Thistlethwaite has been trained as an appointed person to assist those wanting to apply to have a CRB check carried out. People who work unsupervised with children or vulnerable adults should have a CRB check carried out. TVHC can assist with completing a disclosure application form and carry out a check on the required identification documents.

The Consortium is offering this service in conjunction with CAVOS (Community and Voluntary Organisations Sedgefield) who are a registered body with the CRB. TVHC wants to provide this service locally to make the process as simple as possible for voluntary and community organisations in Teesdale. For more details please contact Helen on 01833 696650 or email [helen@teesdalehalls.co.uk](mailto:helen@teesdalehalls.co.uk)

## NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FROM SEPTEMBER...

# Go for it!

## Enrol now for your place on a fantastic course at Teesdale Training (Enterprise House)

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Auckland  
College

Teesdale  
Training

**IT COURSES:** Flexible "drop in" sessions to suit your busy lifestyle. Absolute Beginner to Advanced.

**FREE OFFICE RETURN TO WORK COURSE:** Gain the Skills, Confidence, Experience and Qualifications to start a new career or return to work after a career break. 1 day in the Centre 9.30am - 3pm and 1 or 2 days work placement.

**FREE MATHS & ENGLISH COURSES:** Day and Evening classes available at a variety of locations.

**FREE CHILDCARE COURSES\*\*\*:** Gain the Skills, Confidence, Experience and Qualifications to work in a Childcare environment. Tuesday evenings at the Randolph Centre, Evenwood. \*\*\*Eligibility criteria applies

**COMPUTERISED ACCOUNTS:** Using SAGE Line 50 - Level 1.

**LANGUAGES:** French and Italian.

**APPRENTICESHIPS:** (Business Administration) You will be paid a minimum of £80 per week (16-24 years of age) and will spend four and a half days a week with your employer and half a day at Teesdale Training Centre.

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**Call in to find  
out more & enrol:  
1, 3, 9 & 11 Sept 10am - 5pm  
2 & 10 Sept 10am - 7pm  
or get in touch on:  
01833 696616  
01833 696620**

### Education in the Community Dales Adult and Community Learning Autumn Course Guide

#### Barnard Castle Witham Hall

- **Class:** Spanish (Beginners) **Day:** Monday **Time:** 6.00 . 7.30pm **Start Date:** 22/09/2008
- **Class:** French **Day:** Monday **Time:** 7.30 . 9.30pm **Start Date:** 22/09/2008
- **Class:** Painting and Drawing **Day:** Tuesday **Time:** 1.30 . 3.30pm **Start Date:** 23/09/2008

#### Butterknowle Village Hall

- **Class:** Computing **Day:** Wednesday **Time:** 6.30 . 8.30pm **Start Date:** 24/09/2008
- **Class:** Aerobics **Day:** Wednesday **Time:** 7.45 . 8.45pm **Start Date:** 10/09/2008

#### Eggleston Village Hall

- **Class:** Art Day: Friday **Time:** 10.00am . 12noon **Start Date:** 26/09/2008

#### Evenwood Randolph Centre

- **Class:** Art Day: Wednesday **Time:** 1.30 . 3.30pm **Start Date:** 10/09/2008

#### Gainford Village Hall

- **Class:** Dressmaking Day: Tuesday **Time:** 10.00am . 12noon **Start Date:** 23/09/2008

#### Romaldkirk Reading Room

- **Class:** Watercolour Painting Day: Friday **Time:** 10.00am . 12noon **Start Date:** 19/09/2008
- **Class:** Floral Art Day: Monday **Time:** 7.00 . 9.00pm **Start Date:** 20/10/2008

#### Woodland Village Hall

- **Class:** Aerobics Day: Thursday **Time:** 7.30 . 8.30pm **Start Date:** 11/09/2008

For more information contact Ernie Sarsfield at Education in the Community on 01388 603543

### Ask the Experts: Village Hall Licences for Music

#### Performing Rights Society (PRS) and Phonographic Performance Limited (PPL)

Please can you explain the difference between a PPL and PRS licence and are these both required by a village hall. What does each cover?+

#### **Performing Right Society (PRS) Licence**

When music is played in public the owner of the copyright is entitled, by law, to payment from the music user. The Performing Right Society is an organisation that collects and distributes this money (known as 'royalties') to its members - the owner of the copyright (usually the composer or their publisher). A PRS licence is required for the live performance or public playing of copyright music by any means. This includes jukeboxes, CDs, video, radio, TV or live bands and discs. **Contact PRS on 0800 068 4828**

#### **Phonographic Performance Ltd (PPL)**

A PPL licence is needed for the public playing of original sound recordings; e.g. CDs, tapes or records, including jukeboxes and background music systems and by means of radio or TV in the vast majority of cases. PPL represent the record companies who own the copyright in the recording.

- *In most circumstances when background music is provided, both PRS and PPL licences are required.*

**Contact PPL on 020 7534 1000**

#### **Why do we need both?**

PRS administers the performing right in musical works such as songs or instrumentals etc. Phonographic Performance Ltd (PPL) licenses rights similar to PRS but in relation to copyright sound recordings rather than original musical works which may have been embodied in them. So, if you play CDs, tapes or records you may also need a PPL licence as well as one from PRS. PPL represents record companies and performers. PRS represents composers, songwriters and music publishers.

#### **And don't forget...**

Video Performance Ltd (VPL)

A VPL licence is needed for the public playing of music videos. VPL represent the companies who own the 'film' copyright in the music videos themselves. Contact VPL on 020 7534 1000.

*Information provided by Experts Online which is designed as a resource for voluntary sector organisations and small businesses working in rural and urban regeneration. It is a panel of real people with specialist expertise who will interpret and understand your question and reply usually within 24 hours.*

### Active First Aid Training Limited

Active First Aid Training Limited is an independent first aid training company based in the Upper Eden Valley in Cumbria. They specialise in the delivery of high quality first aid training to organisations, businesses and individuals who wish to gain knowledge of first aid and life saving procedures. They provide a range of courses such as Appointed Person First Aid, Basic Life Support, Baby and Child First Aid, and can tailor a course to meet the needs of your organisation. David Watt who runs the company is hoping to develop the business more in Teesdale so if you require any first aid training please contact him on 07530 274921 or email [activefirstaid@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:activefirstaid@hotmail.co.uk)

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