

Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall



Context and History

- **Built and opened in 1961**
- **Shared facility – two adjacent villages (previously in two different local authorities, Hambleton and Harrogate)**
- **Various additions over the years – 1993/94 and 1998/99**
- **2014 – building beginning to look a bit dated and jaded**
- **Villagers and users asked what they wanted for the future**
- **Resounding response for enhanced facilities**

The tired looking hall - external



Tired looking hall - internal



Major refurbishment

- Plans commissioned for improvements
- Scheme initially priced at around £130,000
- New toilet block extension
- Enhanced entrance hall and external look
- Old toilets converted for storage
- Totally new kitchen
- Improved mobility access ramps and rails
- Planning consent sought and approved

Major fund raising campaign launched



- Committee had about £20,000 in bank for improvements
- Brick in the Hall
- Dozens of grant applications
- Donations
- Fundraising events
- Lots of hard work

Kitchen replaced as first stage - £15,000



Work started on main project - £100,000





Third Phase – the added touches - £15,000

- Refurbishment of excellent dance floor
- New projector and screen
- Hearing loop system
- Redecoration of all existing facilities
- New soft furnishings and blinds
- Ramps and railings
- Reduction in front wall height
- Signage and lighting

Re-opening event

- Construction work lasted nearly nine months
- Final cost was close to £150,000
- £130,000 raised
- Re-opened in October 2016
- By Thirsk Vet – Peter Wright
- And Topcliffe's eldest resident at the time, Nellie Ascough, aged 97
- Big social event and celebration

Peter and Nellie



A bit of a party





Refurbished hall is very popular

Race Nights



Warm Hub lunches



Annual Produce Show



Dances and parties



BBQ nights



Weddings



Ceilidhs



Quiz Nights



ALSO

- Parish Meetings (Asenby and Topcliffe)
- Boot Camp Keep Fit classes
- Weekly art class and additional workshops
- Boccia for seniors
- Home Education classes
- Scouts, Beavers, Cubs and Squirrels
- Knit & Natter group
- Warm Hub & Soup and Sweet lunches
- CFY Network event and other occasional meetings

Hire charges from 1 September 2024

| | Main Hall | Meeting Rooms |
|--|------------------|----------------------|
| • Regular activity user (clubs and classes): | £12 p/hr | £6 p/hr |
| • Topcliffe/Asenby parishioner: | £16 p/hr | £8 p/hr |
| • Non – resident / parishioner: | £32 p/hr | £16 p/hr |
| • Parish Council Meeting: | No Charge | |
| • Day hire for elections: | £270 | |
| • 30-minute free buffer time for setting up and cleaning up. | | |
| • Cleaner on honorarium – Sunday mornings | | |



- Introduced 2022.
- Bookings Administrator appointed in 2024. Also became a committee member.
- We use modules covering:
 - Bookings
 - Invoicing
 - Payments
- Costs £294 p.a

- Booking Process



- Invoicing
- Payments

- Hallmaster training
- Other modules available:
 - Accounting
 - Heating and lighting
 - Access
- Good reporting tool for the Village Hall Committee
- Excellent Booking Management System

Questions and Answers