

Bookings Secretary Report for the year - 1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020

Bookings continued as normal from October 2019 until mid March 2020 when lockdown came due to Covid 19. This included Yoga with Hannah Stewart, Art Classes with Maggie Roberts, Life Art with Marion Lynn, and Pilates with Farida Keen. Emily Balmer who ran the dance school for a number of years decided to close at the end of 2019. Home Schooling with Charlotte Cole also continued with their monthly meeting. The Brook Theatre Group held their rehearsals but had to cancel the performance which had been planned for the end of March. Coffee mornings were held in the hall after the pub closed in January up until March. There were private bookings as usual for parties, and on a few Sundays during January and February the hall was booked for a church service. Unfortunately, everything had to be cancelled from mid March due to Covid restrictions.

With the help of Bill Delamare and his Health and Safety advice, the hall was made Covid Secure and we had a few bookings from Kent Food Hubs during June and were able to restart Yoga and Life Art from September 2020 but then these activities were cancelled from the beginning of November. Currently, the hall is closed and no activities take place due to the restrictions.

Total income for the year from bookings came to £1,904, which is down from £3,377 last year and we have only had six months when the hall has been open. Breaking this figure down, this is £1,069 from regular users and £835 from 22 private bookings.

There have been no events arranged by the committee as these all had to be cancelled. We hope that when restrictions are lifted, bookings will return, starting with our regular users and then private bookings when parties are allowed again. The only booking so far for 2021 is the combined Police and Crime Commissioner and Kent County Council Election which is due to take place on 6th May 2021, having been cancelled from May 2020.

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