

Tunbury Village Hall Annual Report: 2020-2021

Charity 1012641

Covid has made its mark, but owing to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council not asking for payments for Council Tax, and a grant of £10,000 which they obtained from central government, and the continuation of use by the two biggest users, the Hall finances are in a somewhat better position than they were pre-Covid.

The two users in question are the Catkins Pre-School and the Bluebell School of Dance. Catkins continued to function to accommodate the children of essential workers throughout the pandemic and the Bluebell School of Dance went from providing dance classes face to face to using the hall as a Zoom studio most evenings. A Karcher steam cleaner was purchased in order to improve sanitisation.

The various clubs and societies which used to use the hall, and hope to do so again, are Badminton, Medway Amateur Receiving and Transmitting Society, Model Car Racing and Short Mat Bowls. Tunbury Rainbows and Walderslade Brownies have ceased to meet because their leader has moved away and Mike O'Malley Fitness was unable to find enough customers and gave up. Casual bookings for parties at weekends are being pencilled in, in the anticipation that they should be able to go ahead after June 21st 2021.

The hall still has no honorary chairman or honorary caretaker. Both positions remain available. Ms Kinga Galikne Horvath remains in charge of bookings and cleaning and Mr Len Horne has taken upon himself the task of ensuring that servicing and maintenance tasks are undertaken as required.

The annual report has been filed at the Charities Commission. <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/1012641>

As can be seen from the report, thanks to the government grant, the finances are £10,000 better off than they were before Covid. It was agreed that this money should be spent on refurbishing the toilets. While they remain hygienic, there is room to improve them, especially the taps and floors. So far the only company that has been found willing to do this quoted £24,872.60 plus 20% VAT. An alternative contractor is being sought and the Hall Committee remain open to offers.

Thomas Shelley, Treasurer.

May 4th 2021.