

Chairman's Report 2020

Well what a year, we started with high hopes of another trouble free run with bookings slowly increasing and no major issues arising with the building everything seemed ok!

In March we noticed that with the increase in Covid-19 awareness people were cancelling their bookings and so by the lockdown the hall had effectively shut down. We announced closure and turned off the heating and all electrical devices. I applied for a rural relief covid grant from South Lakes and received ten thousand pounds to cover loss of earnings and to put in place measures necessary before reopening. Notices, risk assessments, hand sanitisers and gloves were the first purchases. As a precaution the hot air blowers are being replaced with radiators and possible new front windows to increase ventilation. At all times we are following government guidelines and information via CALC and South Lakes. Hopefully we should reopen in October and the hall will offer free lettings until the new year in order to support the community.

Other news includes the porch is to be re rendered around the door and the right hand wall. The car park wall has been rebuilt by volunteers from the National park and thanks also to Roger Taylforth for providing additional stone. Our website has been incorporated with the parish site so everything is now integrated and Celia Roblin is now our webmaster and looks after the new site.

We say goodbye to our Secretary Moira who leaves us for new challenges in Paris. We wish her and her husband well and I thank her for the support she has given me over the years. We also lose Sue Hotchkiss who leaves to concentrate on other commitments and thank her for her input and advice as a Pilates teacher at the Hall.

I would also like to thank Richard Ellwood for assisting with technical matters and keeping records on our electricity usage, much appreciated.

We gain Irene Hrynkow and Celia Roblin so our committee is back to full strength.

Finally, we are in an excellent position to weather the current problems and I can only thank the Committee for their continual support through this difficult time.

Rob Dove

Bookings

There is little to report except that up till March the number of users was slowly increasing with new lettings swelling our regular users. The new web arrangements do not alter the booking arrangements and so when normal service is resumed our online calendar will still offer an efficient trouble free system for booking the Hall.

Rob Dove