

Campton Village Hall Management Committee**AGM 7.00pm 06/04/22****Bookings Secretary's Report****January 2021 to January 2022 , plus 2022 first quarter update**

Almost a year ago on the 10th of April 2021 the hall reopened for a limited number of activities after the Covid lockdown. However, it was not until September that most of the restrictions were lifted and it was October before weekdays in the booking calendar started to look like pre-Covid years.

Back in May we had the Police Commissioner's Election and in September the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. Election bookings are a welcome additional income for the hall.

2021 ended with a reasonable number of regular weekly bookings, which included:

Tae Kwon do

Fitness class

Dance fitness class

Two children's dance classes

Adult dance classes

Mum and baby Yoga class

Carpet Bowls

Mondays to Wednesdays still prove to be the peak days for bookings with just one on Thursday and none on Friday.

Additional bookings were the monthly meetings of the Gardening Club and the Parish Council Committee.

November and December were good months for one-off bookings these were generally at weekends for Children's parties. However, there were two Christmas Wreath making workshops and the Church Christmas Craft and Tree Festival.

All accounts regarding payments were brought up to date at the end of December and there were no debtors.

2022 started much the same with the regular weekly hirers.

We had the welcome return of a regular business hirer in February, who booked four full consecutive days, Thursday to Sunday. We must thank the bowls club for giving up one Thursday session to allow this four-day hire.

We have also to thank the Parish Council Committee for moving their monthly slot from the first Wednesday of the month to the first Thursday to accommodate extended dance classes on Wednesday evenings.

Regarding one-off bookings, 2022 started with a high number of enquiries, unfortunately they did not all lead to bookings. The explicit ban of bouncy castles in the emailed response to enquiries and in the terms and conditions of hire probably influenced bookings. However, it is the correct decision based on the hall insurance terms and conditions and advice from ACRE.

It is evident that Covid has not gone away with cancellations and re-bookings occurring.

At the end of the first quarter all weekly hire accounts have been brought up to date on payments. The annual PAT test and fire extinguisher inspection were completed last week.

Looking forward weekend bookings are very low at this time, as the weather improves and hopefully Covid cases decline the situation should improve.

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