

Village Hall: Annual Report

As Trustees, it is our responsibility to ensure that the hall is both well maintained and available for the community as much as possible. To generate the necessary income to keep the hall running we have regular bookings, including Pilates & Yoga classes and a church group, as well as the occasional out-of-parish private or commercial event. That allows us to make the hall available at a subsidised rate for parishioners to hire as well as donate it for community events.

It's good to see the hall back and operating healthily after the challenges of the last two years.

It's particularly great to have the Mock Pub and Cafe up and running again, and we have organised or supported several seasonal events including the Summer Fete, Halloween Party, Christmas Carol singing and the recent Art exhibition. The hall is a community asset and none of these events would happen without the support of the community either through organising, volunteering to help or turning up to partake.

Special thanks must go to Zoe Orbell, Louisa Nahhas, Mariette Pringle, Pat Jones and the Mock Pub Volunteers for their contributions.

Other headlines from the last year include:

- Supporting Zoe Orbell and Mariette Pringle getting a food hygiene qualification which allows the cafe to run more safely.
- Purchasing & installing a bench dedicated to Peter Rawcliffe which was used to create a new seating area at the front of the hall.
- A moving to card as well as cash payments for community events
- Increasing the number of plug sockets, removing old radiators and refreshing the kitchen crockery
- We also have a new online booking system that better manages scheduling, invoices and receipts

Thanks to a grant that helped us through Covid, we have managed to maintain a surplus over the last year and expect that to be increased slightly in the future. This will help with the long-overdue curtain replacement and other essential & non-essential improvements.

Doing our bit to combat inflation we are keeping the hire rate for parishioners to £13/hour – this is the same as it was in 2019. We can't promise it won't rise at some point, but we will keep it as it is for as long as we can.

South Hinksey Annual Parish Meeting 2022

And finally, we have welcomed both Keiron Blay and Mariette Pringle to the Village Hall Trustees, and said a huge thank you to long-standing friends of the community Louisa Nahhas, Linda Slater and Maggie Rawcliffe who have stepped back from their Trustee roles.

We will continue to promote our events through Shinfo and the parish notice boards, with the next Mock Pub on the 11th June and the Summer Fete on the 11th September.

Adrian Porter

(on behalf of the Village Hall Trustees: Martin Lester, Claire Wilson, Keiron Blay, Mariette Pringle, Ann Allsworth & Adrian Porter)