



Committee's Report – Annual General Meeting 2020

The Committee for the past year comprised 11 members. Its chairman was Alex Pryor.

Every Committee member is a volunteer who has helped in various ways to ensure that the Hall provides a high-quality venue for leisure and recreation activities for the benefit of Tansley and its neighbourhood, the Hall's charitable objective. The Hall was financed through hiring to the area's community and to the wider public and from the proceeds of two shows.

As well as funding running costs and repairs, proceeds from hiring paid for new equipment. We bought a low trolley (dolly) for moving bulky items like a fridge and to provide a mobile base for the Christmas tree. We also bought a pair of bookcase loudspeakers for the public address system.

Many regular activities took place at the Hall this year, namely: Tansley Tai Chi, Nicky Mumford's yoga, ballroom and sequence dancing classes, Sharon Price's yoga, Zumba, lace-making, pilates, Tansley Ladies Group, Tansley Tuesday Club, Tansley Garden and Countryside Club, Tansley Film, the U3A Local History Group, Matlock Camera Club, a private knitting group, a private German class, pre-school children's cookery classes, new pre-school phonics reading classes, Chris James' photography classes and Purple and Grey's art group's meetings.

Other uses included wedding receptions, hen dances, christening receptions, funeral receptions, children's, adults' and family parties, social events and the Christmas Proms Concert by Shirland Welfare Brass Band through David Hill.

In response to our suggestions to Tansley Primary School's new headteacher, Mrs. Sophia Barker, about the school's lack of use of the Hall, Derbyshire County Council no longer makes quarterly block payments to us. Instead, the school will book and pay as an when it hires any space.

The Committee promoted three concerts this year through Live and Local's rural touring scheme. The first two were well attended but the third was cancelled owing to the national outbreak of coronavirus.

We closed the Hall from March 24th 2020 owing to the government's instructions to do so to help to prevent the spread of coronavirus. As a consequence of enforced closure, we were offered a leisure business support grant of £10,000 from the government through Derbyshire County Council. As we had adequate savings in our bank account and outgoings could be contained at around £200 per month, we decided not to accept the grant. Being unable to hire out the Hall, our typical hiring receipts for the four months of closure have been lost, totalling around £3,500.

We re-opened the Hall on 16th July for a lace-making workshop. For the near future it will be hired only to regular users who we will trust to manage social distancing and to follow our COVID-19 Safety Conditions.

Tansley Film may use the Hall again in the autumn to screen films for around 50% of its usual audience size, to comply with social distancing and other safety rules. We expect to host shows in the autumn, for around 40 people, again complying with social distancing and other safety rules. We would not provide a bar but would facilitate BYO drinks and snacks at front-facing tables and chairs.

We do not expect to allow parties and receptions for many months, possibly not until 2021.

The Hall is promoted well online through its web site managed by the Publicity Officer, Jane Flanagan, and through social networking using a Facebook page managed by the Secretary, Chris Knightley.

The Committee thanks everyone for their custom and support, enabling it to provide a flexible and attractive venue for a broad range of purposes and events. We wish the new Committee success in the coming year.