

Interest Group Reports for 2021 Beckley Village Hall AGM

Art Group

Because of COVID Beckley Art group had to stop its weekly Friday morning meeting in the village hall. This activity was replaced by a weekly zoom meeting where we discussed what we had done the previous week and had a 'challenge' to do by the next Friday. This turned out to be good fun and kept a number of us from sinking into artistic despair. This stopped over the Summer holiday period so we were delighted to be able to go back to the hall and all meet up again, with appropriate social distancing of course. The hall is big enough to take the 10-15 members of the art group suitably spread out. The art group is grateful to the committee for managing to get the hall open again and COVID secure, something many other halls have not been able to do. We meet every Friday morning from 9:30 to 13:00, with the last day this term being December 11th. <https://beckleyart.com>

Book Club

Beckley book club used to meet in people's homes roughly every 5 to 6 weeks. Once COVID hit this was of course no longer possible. However when the weather was good we were able to meet in someone's garden suitably distanced. When this became impossible we decided to meet in the village hall because, again, it is large enough (and warm enough!), to accommodate the 10 – 14 members of the group. The hall is an amazing facility and the group may decide to continue using it even if (when?) COVID issues end. There is room for more members to join, contact helen.mcbeath@doctor.net.uk

Table Tennis

As with every other activity in the village hall, Monday morning table tennis had to stop. A few intrepid ping-pong addicts moved a table onto the terrace and played outside where the wind played interesting tricks on the players. We recently moved back into hall ensuring maximum ventilation with all the doors open; this encourages more vigorous play! The presence of three tables ensures that up to 6 people can play singles at one time, and doubles can happen if the players side with their domestic partners. So far this had not led to any divorces!

Bells

After lockdown the bells group reviewed if they could meet again for regular practice. Due to several factors it was decided that it was impractical to resume but that we would keep the situation under regular review.

150 Club

In 2019/20 we had 109 members from 70 households and this year our target was to sell 150 shares to support our Village Hall but I am pleased to report that we sold 168 shares.

This will raise the following income which includes some prize money which has been donated back to the fund: -

BVH 150 Club summary of funds 2020/21			
Shares sold	168	£12.00	£2,016.00
Prize Money	13	£70.00	£910.00
			<i>£1,106.00</i>
Donations to date			£60.00
			£1,166.00

Monthly prizes are being presented as follows: -

	Cash	Voucher
1st	30	35
2nd	25	30
3rd	10	N/A
4th	5	N/A

Prizes for the December Draw will be **doubled**.

Vouchers are kindly sponsored by the Abingdon Arms

Dave Drew
