

ST MARY THE VIRGIN RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN CHURCH HALL REPORT - APCM 2019/2020

The years 2019 and 2020 (until the Covid crisis) had been fairly uneventful. We have six regular clients who use the hall on most days of the week for some part of the day. One of these clients has been with us since we very first opened the hall and a couple of the others for many years.

Our regular clients are extremely loyal, treat our property with respect and pay their invoices on time. Obviously we also hire out the hall on a more casual basis for parties and "one off" events. Mainly we have no problems at all with them, just occasionally having a complaint, usually because they have ignored the "no discos" clause in the agreement. We have recently acquired a new hirer who uses the hall during the school holidays when the other regulars do not require it and is a lucrative addition the revenue.

During 2019 the hall received £13900 in rent and made an overall profit of over £7000. However the figure in 2020 up to closure of the hall in March was £3700 with very little hope of much in the way of income for the remainder of the year. We are making every effort to reopen the hall as soon as possible, taking into account the many precautions and restrictions that the current pandemic imposes upon us. We are aware of the effect that the closure of venues such as church halls, village halls and school halls are having on some businesses.

There has been considerable thought given to safeguarding measures that have to be in place when renting out buildings such as halls to the general public. The PCC have discussed this at length. Letters referring to safeguarding have been sent to all users of the hall so everyone is aware of the requirements.

At the conclusion of this report I wish to express my grateful thanks to both Margaret Holman for doing the very thankless task of the bookings and Kathryn Woodward for keeping the hall very clean and tidy for everyone .

Margaret Nicholas