

Orwell Village Hall Management Committee



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Sadly, our hopes for a return to something approaching 'normal' early in the New Year were dashed. Due to the resurgence of the virus and the reimposition of national restrictions we were forced to close to all hirers in December and at the time of writing we remain closed.

We were, however able to host the Pannier Market over the weekend of 5-6 December which proved a great success. We'd like to thank all those involved, organisers, stallholders and customers, for working with us to ensure necessary precautions were observed throughout the weekend.

We were unable to host the pannier market in February, but as ever we will keep abreast of national and local restrictions and as soon as it is safe to do so we will be delighted to open the hall to this and our other regular and ad-hoc users.

We have not been in total hibernation during the winter. Repairs to the emergency exit ramp and the re-decoration of the lobby and toilets flagged in the December Bulletin have been completed. Numerous other repairs and upgrades have been undertaken, ranging from unblocking waste pipes to updating the building log and improving fire safety provision and mandatory signage.

The hall's finances remain sound. We are grateful to the Parish Council for its financial support in respect of major projects and we have benefited from grant schemes operated by the District Council designed to mitigate against our total loss of income for this protracted period.

As so little had changed we cancelled the meeting of the Committee scheduled for January 2021, although the normal suite of reports was produced and circulated to trustees. These, together with the minutes of past Committee meetings can be viewed at www.orwellvillagehall.com

Depending on how the landscape changes it may be that the next meeting of the Committee is the AGM due to be held in May. Hopefully by then enough of us will have the vaccine coursing through our bodies and the virus will have been beaten into retreat sufficiently for the hall to be welcoming visitors once again.

Hope springs eternal...

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