



The Cornerstone

Report to the APCM for August 2020 - May 2021

Cornerstone Manager - Amanda Lambourne
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Cleaner - James Nkum

Members of the Cornerstone Committee
Canon David Hodgson
Amanda Lambourne
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Robert Vacher
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Bookings

I joined The Cornerstone in unprecedented times; during my first month I managed to reopen the CS and have some familiar hirers return; by three months, the CS was closed again. At six months, still working from home, planning to re-open in April, hopefully; thankfully we were able to reopen.

Since; now in post nine months, I'm really pleased with progress; in May we have 4 daytime bookings on a Monday, 2 of which are new hirers; Tiny Tunes and Sunflower Pilates, with the Art Society back too. On a Tuesday I've got Home Start in for a whole morning; they've also booked a number of Wednesday mornings; pleased with progress they've now booked for the rest of the year, including school holidays. Wednesday's has another new hirer, Platform YP under 5's singing and drama; Jo Asplin (Willing Spirit) is coming back, U3A Tap and Ballet and 1, 2 Step Dance Academy are also back on a Thursday. I have a group called Perform, (from the Bradbury Centre which is currently not available); with us on a Friday and all-day Saturday for some months. Another new class has started upstairs for Pilates also on a Saturday morning. During the Summer holidays we have the Dance Academy for 1 whole week; I've given the Grub Club available dates; High Close School for a week in September too. The CS was successfully a new polling station for WBC; now on their list of venues, we are starting to receive other enquiries too; the first from the Wokingham Recovery College booking several dates throughout the Summer and beyond. I also have a number of other new potential hirers that I'm working with at the moment. I'm in discussions for "Health and Well-Being" classes; this would be a good booking as it's a new thing to come out of Covid, offering assistance to people struggling with mental health and assisting generally looking after their health. I'm doing my best to get the money coming in and bringing the CS back to life again.



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From previous hirers; Wokingham No 1 OAPs Social Club; Tom Carroll with AA; the Sewing Group and the Hexagon Quilters are all planning a return in June. B&W College Art Groups, with an additional day; Cubs and Scouts; the Sewing Group and Hexagon Quilters; along with the Camera Club are all set to return in September. WEA have also booked a full schedule for the next year. The Link are possibly returning in June, otherwise definitely September.

By October, hopefully, I will only have a few days/times available to book.

Office Hire

The Stafford and Sturges Rooms continue to be hired by Berkshire Counselling and Psychotherapies. The Palmer Room is hired by Dee Smart who continues as a counsellor in her practice, Berkshire Relationship & Family Therapy. The hire of double office continues with the Rosebuddies (Creative Support); who continue to work with adults with learning difficulties. Discussions are underway in preparing a new lease for the WJSC which is due in August of this year.

I continue to receive weekly bookings for the Lounge; and the NCT are booked to continue with classes in the de Vitre Room.

Maintenance

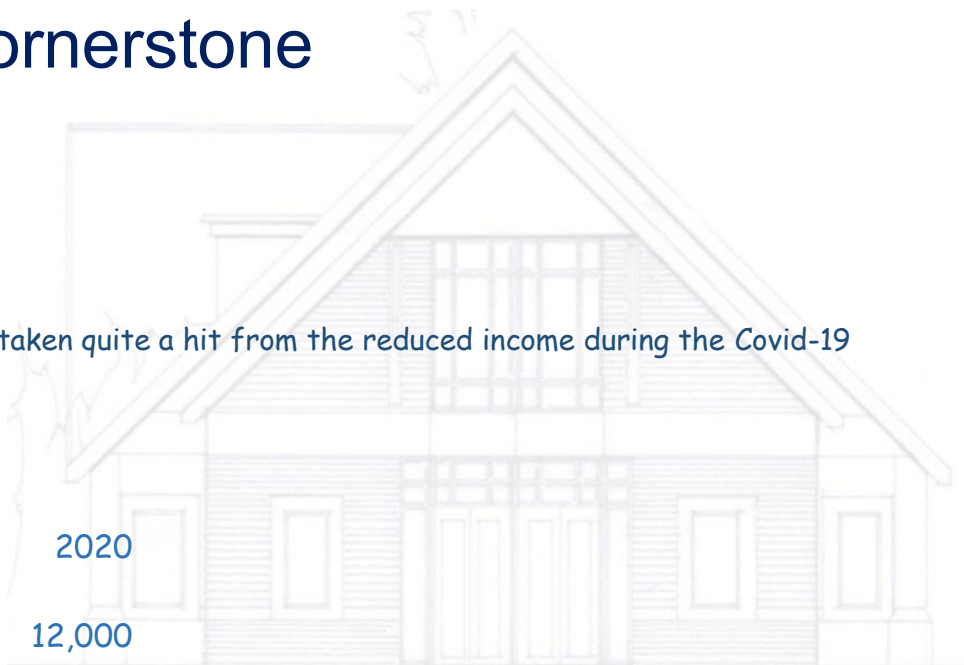
Robert Vacher continues to volunteer with maintenance work; for which I'm grateful. There is a great deal to learn for this role and knowing Robert is picking up a variety of tasks that have not crossed my desk so far, is reassuring. As time permits, Robert and I will review the "things to do list" and redistribute responsibilities accordingly.

Refurbishment programme

The programme for the toilets was put on hold in 2020 due to effects of Covid-19 considerably reducing our funds.



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Finance

The Cornerstone accounts have taken quite a hit from the reduced income during the Covid-19 Pandemic; brief details below.

	2020
Income	
Lease and office hire	12,000
Hall and other rental	7,083
Solar power earnings	1,204
Grants	15,885
TOTAL	36,172
Expenditure	
Cleaning and caretaking	16,513
Utilities and rates	4,557
Insurance and licences	1,130
Repairs and maintenance	4,309
Administration	16,450
TOTAL	42,958

Amanda Lambourne

The Cornerstone Manager