

Abbots Morton Village Hall

Autumn Newsletter

November 2020 – Covid Edition 2

Open, closed and hopefully open again soon...

We were delighted when we re-opened the hall again at the end of July as the original Lockdown restrictions were eased but, unfortunately, we had to close again on 5th November as Lockdown Two came into force.

As you read this, we're hoping that 2nd December will be the date that Lockdown Two ends. But exactly when we will be permitted to re-open will depend on what restrictions follow. Hopefully we will be in business again immediately and, if it is, we expect to welcome back once again our yoga and dance classes.

Praise for Covid-Secure measures at Abbots Morton Village Hall

JUMP Dance Academy's dance classes for children (pictured below with parental consent) were the first of our activities to resume...on 29th July ...with praise from the Academy Director and parents for the Covid-secure measures that we put in place.



Each of the dancers was socially distanced with their own spaces clearly marked out. The hall has appropriate ventilation and we put in place a one-way system of entry and exit with sanitising hand gel dispensers both at the front entrance door and at the exit. All the relevant signage and safety instructions are in place together with the QR code poster for users to register with Test and Trace.

Helena Mitchell, who runs JUMP Dance Academy, said: *"The Abbots Morton village hall committee have been brilliant in helping me to restart my dance classes after lockdown.*



Helena [pictured left] added: "The signage and sanitisers they have installed are excellent and we have worked together to put systems in place so that children and parents feel safe when attending their lessons.

The children's parents, too, have been highly complimentary. The parent of Pupil aged 4 told Helena: *"I was very impressed with the set up of the children coming in and sanitising,"* whilst a parent of a student aged 11 said *"We definitely do feel safe at the classes"*.

The parents of two pupils aged six and eight said: *"I want to congratulate you on your COVID set up – it's one of the best I've seen from the various activities the girls undertake."*

Ballet for Adults?

Helena is a trained dancer and qualified teacher with the Royal Academy of Dance and the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing and is looking to start a ballet class for Adults at Abbots Morton village hall on Wednesday evenings after her junior classes. The class will be suitable for all ages and levels. If you are interested, please call her on 07572 042164 or email: info@jumpdanceacademy.co.uk.

Do You Want To Hire The Hall?

The hall is still available for hire for a range of activities but it is restricted to a maximum of 20 people at the moment. If you are thinking of an activity or a small event, do call our Bookings Officer, Colin, on 01386 792549 and discuss the possibilities... Covid restrictions permitting, of course.

Our Hire Rates are unchanged :		<u>Local</u>	<u>non-local</u>
WINTER (Oct to end March)	Daytime (0900-19.30)	£8.50 per hour	£11 per hour
	Evening (1930-24.00)	£11 per hour	£13.50 per hour

More praise...

Abbots Morton Village Hall has been given a glowing reference from a company providing Inflatables for children's parties.

NC Inflatables of Fernhill Heath, Worcester WR3 7TE said this about our hall:

"Abbots Morton Village Hall is a modern, high quality hall serving its community. Fantastic facilities, including:

- *Large Hall area*
- *Wooden floor*
- *Car parking*
- *Baby Changing Facilities*
- *Wheelchair Access"*

There's more about what NC Inflatables can offer at: www.ncinflatables.com or email: nick@ncinflatables.com or call 01905 457230

BBC Big Bouncy Castle Inflatables of Worcester also have inflatables that fit in our hall. Either call them on: 01905 841902, 07834 211266 or 07765 000777 or email at: info@bbcinflatables.co.uk

EasyFundraising Tops £700

Our 23 EasyFundraisers have now raised £702.13 for the village hall! Thank you so much.

You can raise free donations for the hall when you shop online with more than 4,300 retailers. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to sign up! Plus, once you have raised your first £5, Easyfundraising will match it!

Copy and paste this link to sign up now:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsmortonvillagehall/?invite=3Z4D9L&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=stwsharebox

You can make a saving and raise a donation with #easyfundraising, when you switch things like your insurance and phone contracts. See the full range of offers here: <http://efraising.org/2HSEm594vv>

AmazonSmile customers have also raised £11.71 for our funds. If you want to help Abbots Morton Village Hall, please go to smile.amazon.co.uk and follow the prompts to register us as your cause.

Wi-Fi is here...

We have installed Wi-Fi at the village hall. It's free to use and is one of those essential services that we need to provide. There's no password, just locate the network and go.

Hall Grounds get a Haircut

We've just had professional groundsmen from Studley Gardens to trim all the hedges and strim the grassed areas. It looks good and makes all parts of the car park accessible.

Talking of the car park, can we please ask Abbots Morton residents to remind visitors to avoid using the village hall car park? The hall will be back in action again soon and users will expect car parking spaces to be available for them. Many thanks for your understanding.

The Trustees

The Trustees of the village hall have been meeting frequently during the year, mostly by Zoom, to make sure the hall is up to speed with all legal requirements.

The Trustees are:-

Chair: Melanie Clarke Tel: 07887 800401;

Secretary Lynne Pemberton 01386 792549;

Treasurer Sarah Dykes 07411 633148;

Bookings Officer, Colin Pemberton 07766 524833,

Pat Willingale and Martin Willingale 07484 104967

If you would like to join the Village Hall Committee and become a Trustee please get in touch with any of us.

- Colin Pemberton PRO AMVH
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