## **CUCKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

Queen's Hall, High Street, Cuckfield, RH17 5EL



# Community Buildings Committee meeting 23 June 2020

## **CB009 - Hirer Feedback regarding Reopening Halls**

Hall	Organisation	Feedback
Village Hall	The Dance Attic	I don't plan to start my Friday classes again until September, I'. Thanks for keeping in touch & I will certainly be in contact a little closer to the time hopefully with a start date for September. hoping by then we'll be given the go ahead by the government. I feel if I started back now there would be quite a few parents who wouldn't choose to send their children which is understandable.
	Pilates	JF spoke over the 'phone and they are not thinking of returning until September at the earliest.
Queen's Hall	Cuckfield Museum	We have today taken a decision not to reopen the museum before September at the earliest. I'm not sure we'd have any visitors even if we did open!! But in the meantime we will need to pop in every now and again to check on the collection etc. This will be either Sue Burgess, Mike Nicholson, Stephen Henderson or myself and we will always go in singly.
	Codanza	I would like to return to the hall in time for September the 14th to open Codanza.  As we have small classes I believe that we can coincide with social distancing measures.  As the kitchen will be locked I will make sure that all students bring their own water into class (the majority of students do) I will have to have a large supply of water for myself.  Please let me know if there is anything else you would like me to do, and obviously I understand that opening September will all be down to the current situation and, fingers crossed, no second wave hits.
	Cuckfield Yoga Boutique	When it's allowed I would like to get back to face to face teaching. With social distancing measures it will be difficult to use the council chamber so I would be looking at finding times when I would be able to use the main hall.

Т	Γiny Tekkers	Yes, we would love to resume as soon as we get the green light from the government. Our problem is the social distancing with the little ones so when those restrictions are eased, we can resume!
S	Stroke Club	The Stroke Association is giving thought, but not too much I expect, to the re-opening of Groups and at the moment it could be this side of Christmas, but maybe not. They will be carrying out Risk Assessments of all venues and I have asked that we are involved in that. As Queen's Hall is so large I can see how it can work for us, maybe with less people. As transport may well be an issue, that might cut our numbers anyway. Every week we are asked when we are re-starting as some are so isolated, but from what you are doing, I think we are very lucky to be using Queen's Hall and I am sure when you have everything in place, I can go back to the SAssn to have a look at the venue. We are not like most groups, in that we are not in a tiny hall or room where social distancing would be impossible. I am hoping the antibody test will be introduced soon as I am 99% sure I had the virus at the end of Feb. Also for the volunteers, it would be easier for them to come back if they have some immunity.
F	Fluid Physio	I would like to return but I am unsure how and when! I am unsure as yet who will return to my classes – as some will be unable because of shielding /scared etc but hopefully the younger healthier will return.
	_ive Wire	It is a very difficult time and such a responsibility to keep everyone (including myself) safe during classes. I really can't see us being able to even think of running our classes until September at the earliest. Most of my ladies on a Wednesday afternoon are in their 70's (a lot of them are in their late 70's). Saying that, a lot of them are quite fit & energetic so might be willing to go out. I have however got to make their safety my top concern. I just hope the virus starts to pass through, although it doesn't look like it and I think there will be a second spike if we are not careful.  The problems I can see are:  Social Distancing in my dance classes  — Apart from managing to fit enough people safely into the class + enough to make it worth running the class in the first place. Even though it is line dancing, we are moving around (and some move more than others), so we are going to find it hard to keep the 2 meter distance apart. I am not sure how you would handle a Ballroom & Latin American class unless they wear masks!  Touching Chairs/Tables/Door Handles/Toilets etc  - You say that you will be cleaning once a day which is great. Unfortunately, by the time e.g. the stroke club are finished, all of the chairs, tables, door handles & toilets they use, will be dirty and need to be cleaned.  Virus Droplets in the Air  - Due to the droplets of the virus remaining in the air for about an hour and then dropping down to the floor or onto other surfaces. This will mean that the floor (and the chairs/tables etc) will

potentially be covered in droplets if someone has the virus.

- The additional problem with dancing is that we are moving are feet, which will disturb the droplets on the floor if the floor hasn't been washed/ sterilised. The person exercising would then potentially inhale the virus. If it is a group who sit on the floor for their class, they will be touching the virus that has dropped down.

- Using the fans will just blow the virus around so probably wouldn't help. My other half is installing extractor pumps in his opticians to the pull the air out of his shop in order to extract the virus from the air. Dentist are having to install similar systems.

### Possible Solutions that might help

- Keep the hall totally ventilated opening all windows, doors & side door & end door in side corridor.
- Make sure there is sufficient space in between all hirers/classes/events so that the virus has time to settle and the hall floor, chairs, tables, handles, toilets etc can be cleaned.
- Make every person, from every group who hires or enters the hall wears a face mask in every area of the hall including the toilets etc. This would stop the virus being spread in the first place in the air. I have to say that if I teach I will be wearing a mask as I do not want to catch the virus. It obviously wouldn't stop the virus being transmitted by the hands & clothing, but the hand sanitizer you have installed should help in that area a little bit
- o Possible Issues with Masks
- § People with heart & respiratory issues may not be able to wear a mask & especially wear one when they are dancing/exercising?
- § Our insurance may not cover classes if they wear a mask?
- § Facial coverings wouldn't be sufficient for exercise purposes as people need to be able to breathe properly.
- § As we are going to be near each other for more than 15 minutes (which is the time limit which activates the track & trace isolation requirements) it would be useful for everyone to wear masks anyway.

We haven't got any guidance yet as to what the requirements will be when teaching yet. I am guessing that masks might possibly be part of the requirements, especially for people using hired halls like I do. Wearing a mask wouldn't work though, if other hirers & visitors to the hall don't follow the same guidelines, because each group/person could contaminate the air and surfaces for the next group.

Again, I apologise for such a lengthy email and really appreciate you asking what you asking me what I think

#### Live Wire - 2

I wondered if it would be possible to get an idea how many people can fit into the hall, in a landscape & portrait format using the 2 meter spacing? Without chairs would give more space. There would need to be space built in for people to move/dance to left, right, forward & back.

I have also asked my governing body, the ISTD, who have

membership all over the world, whether they can contact teachers in other countries to see how they are working since the virus, how they are running their classes. Some of the countries will be wearing masks whilst teaching, so I have asked about the affects of masks on their pupils and any adaptations they have made. I am also trying to find out the insurance implications. As I mentioned before, I think that September would probably be the earliest we could contemplate opening, but it doesn't hurt to be prepared. Hopefully by then we won't need any of these extra procedures anyway! Everything feels quite up in the air at the moment, and for us it will depend on what numbers we can have in order to run classes under social distancing rules and then if this is financially viable for us. Particular aspects of concern are ensuring a one way system with separate entry and exit and waiting area situation for parents of young children (who knows if this is even possible). It may be we look for a temporary venue for our older students **VB** Dance instead during after school hours and Queens hall may work for us if you find yourself with new availability as most of our venues are schools and I am not sure when we will be able to return them. I will also be looking for some adhoc lettings to record footage of my class work where it would be just me on the premises. Keep me posted as I am interested to see how things unfold and I am prepared to adapt within reason. If you have any questions do let me know. I would like to recommence the Friday Markets starting late September. below are my ideas to ensure social distancing is enforced throughout the time of the Market. Set up · Each stall holder will have a time slot. All tables and chairs will be set out and ready for the first stallholders No cafe. Use the space for a stall, Market Day As we do not expect loads of people, past Markets people have Craft Market come in a slow stream. One way system around stalls, Minimal touching by buyers, item presented by stallholders with clear price and what the item is and does. Only 16 stallholders as there will be less capacity for social distancing in the middle aisle. Clear away, each stallholder will pack up and one at a time leave the hall. Outside I will stop people entering if someone is leaving the premesis. What can the Council do

	<ul> <li>Open back gate to allow some of the stall holders to exit to their vehicles in the car park.</li> <li>Keep all windows, doors open regardless of weather! Flow of air has been proven to reduce viruses within a building, old research but still valid today.</li> <li>I will be prompting and reminding people to gel, by using hand gesture of washing hands.</li> <li>This could work, unless we have a second wave, which could be late September or October</li> </ul>
Dog Club	Due to the close contact that we have doing the dog training, at this present time we cannot see a return to club activities at the present time. We will of course take advice and make provisions when we do return.