

Chairs report for June 21 to May 22

I'm delighted to report that, although not quite as busy as pre Covid, we are nevertheless well on our way. Welcoming back our regular groups with no further disruption, the art group, along with ballet and yoga classes as regular weekly sessions.

We managed to get the new flooring in place in the theatre before we opened fully, and also invested in new blinds and theatre curtains, so a fresh new look for the space, which has received wide approval from all visitors to the center.

We do admit that the Covid grants we received have helped keep us going during this difficult period and we would thank our treasurer, Ted, for all he does in applying for any additional funds.

Our museum project is still going ahead, but we are now looking at breaking this into two separate projects. One will cover the new doors which includes the restoration of the original arches and will be our new main entrance. The other will be a makeover of the museum space, with new boxed display cabinets.

With Ted's help we applied for new AV equipment for our film@bahc monthly screenings as in the coming year we intend to expand this and run a new members only community movie club, showing at least another two movies a month. Thanks go to Sally for her efforts with the film club. We would also thank Jean and her husband Jon for their sponsoring some of the equipment and assisting in setting everything up.

Jenny has taken over as Gallery Manager from Liz. We would like to thank Liz for her brilliant job in promoting the Gallery from concept and also for the assistance that she has given to Jenny. We have had some very successful art exhibits with these being well received by the local community. Jenny has taken on the position really well and had good artist support, too. We are booked up with local artists wanting to use the gallery for at least the next 12 months.

Jenny's husband, Keith, has also helped us out by completing some building maintenance. We had damp patches from a blocked rainwater down-pipe and had to have the affected walls treated in January and Keith very kindly assisted with the removal of radiators and painting afterwards. Keith has also built us a new cupboard at the back of the hall space for us to store the film nights AV equipment. Having the work carried out voluntarily has saved us on maintenance costs, so this is much appreciated.

The drama group managed to put on a Panto 'Jack and the Beanstalk', which was a sellout over a weekend in November. Liz, Maureen, Laura, Sally and Jenny worked very hard on the event, supported by various other drama group and BAHC volunteers, plus Ted on the sound and lights. A great all-round effort.

We were also able to support the Baldock Festival again as some of their events took place in our Theatre space. It was great to play a small part in another successful community event.

Our own monthly History in the Afternoon event has gone from strength to strength and is very well received. So much so that we have had to move to the theatre space to fit everyone in, so again thanks to all of the volunteers who make that happen, especially Brendan, Maureen, and Sally.

So, a huge thank you to everyone involved at BAHC, from our gallery and museum volunteers to those who manage events and maintenance.

We look forward to another busy (hopefully uninterrupted) year!

Many thanks
Alison