

Town Hall and Butchers' Hall Report – November 2022

Town Hall

Bookings enquiries for 2023 and beyond have been positive. The management team are discussing what quantity and type of booking commitments are appropriate for the next financial year in recognition of the on-going budgetary review by Council based on increased costs across such aspects as utilities/legal. It is reassuring that we continue to receive positive feedback as a whole from our hirers and I would like to express my thanks to the markets and events team that support the delivery of the Town Hall and Butchers Hall activities.

We are currently maintaining a satisfactory level of casual workers and have recently appointed into a vacant 'market and events assistant' position which is helping to assist with the delivery of the above, but we currently have two vacant Duty Officer positions on the establishment, and again discussions around recruitment options are under review based on 2023 financial commitments/approach to service delivery. As part of this cost review we have had the heating system assessed by DB Heating and re-programmed to provide enough heat within the building to hopefully prevent further fabric deterioration of the winter period (under continual review).

Tavistock Town Hall is pleased to announce we are hosting Tavistock Musical Theatre Company's production of Elf from 20th November until the 27th November.

Town Hall Bookings for remainder of 2022

TMTC presents ELF – 20th November until 27th November
Reach Wrestling – December 17th

Other Bookings

Zumba - Weekly
Full of Life - Weekly
Line Dancing - Weekly
Vocal Harem – Weekly (during term time)
U3A - Monthly

Butchers Hall

With Christmas fast approaching Butchers Hall is a hive of activity again and all of our markets up until the end of year are at good level of occupancy with regular traders and some new exhibitors.

Later this month decorations will be going up in Butchers Hall to add to the ambience for the upcoming festive period.

Trader and Customer feedback generally positive with feedback appearing that there is an increase in customer spending, which will inevitably spike leading into the festive period.

The calendar of bookings for 2023 is currently being populated/developed with both in-house and external hirer slots, consistent with the model of activities which we know generate fixed income and complement the surrounding markets and events activities, without disproportionate resource impacts.

Utility usage is regularly being reviewed, recognising with the nature of the building that the benefits of the existing heating system (radiant panels) is less effective, compared to their increased running costs, and therefore is limited in use for the inhouse markets, also acknowledging that due to the building fabric construction, the infrastructure is less susceptible to deterioration due to cold, compared to the risk pertaining to the Town Hall.

As always, all events in Butchers Hall are being well advertised in a number of local publications as well as through posters, banners and social media platforms and the approach regarding the Town Hall will be reviewed in the first quarter of next year.

Butchers Hall Bookings for remainder of 2022

November

Makers Market – 10th & 11th November

Miss Ivy Events – 19th November

December

Magic of Christmas Markets – 2nd & 4th plus 14th until 23rd December

Arts Market – 3rd December

Miss Ivy Events – 10th & 11th December

Other Bookings

Tamar Energy – December 12th

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