

## **Town Hall and Butchers' Hall Report – September/October 2023**

### Town Hall

Bookings enquiries for the current year and beyond remain positive, and consistent with pre-covid operating arrangements.

A large section of the scaffolding on the front of the Town Hall has now been removed due to the completion of this stage of the project. As the project programme and scope has been extended, scaffolding will remain on the main entrance, side elevation and rear until end of November 2023.

Tavistock Musical Theatre Company have held their annual production (Wind in the Willows) in the Town Hall with good levels of attendance and we have had a good number of weddings and private parties in the Town Hall over the last couple of months.

In addition to event hire, Tavistock Town Hall remains in weekly use for our regular hirers (Zumba, Full of Life, Line Dancing and Vocal Harem) and the monthly hire for U3A.

Some members of the Town Hall and Butchers Hall staff, who have suitable admin training as well as customer facing experience, are temporarily assisting with the staffing of the heritage centre in the Guildhall building. This enables them to continue with the administration aspects of their usual roles whilst offering a warm welcome to visitors the centre.

The Market and Events team also continue to manage a number of additional events that had been previously booked, or enquiries sent through Tavistock Heritage Trust, specific to the Guildhall complex.

Upcoming events for the Town Hall are well advertised through posters, our social media platforms and the Tavistock Town Council website.

The level of Casual workers for events remains satisfactory.

### Butchers Hall

A number of Markets and events have successfully taken place in Butchers Hall throughout September and October. Having a number of diverse markets adds dimension to the Market areas and maintains customer interest.

November and December will see regular Markets and events in Butchers Hall in the run up to Christmas. Regular events are designed to maximise public interest in Butchers Hall and the surrounding market complex, with the festive period rapidly approaching it is important to maintain customer interest in Butchers Hall with these regular and diverse markets.

Butchers Hall event advertisements are regularly placed in the Links publications, as well as at regular intervals in the Tavistock Times Gazette series. In addition, a banner, posters and flyers are displayed to advertise the Markets in Butchers Hall, including a new barrow banner and A frame poster dedicated to our popular monthly Arts Markets.

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