

Treasurer's Report for 2020

Obviously this year's financial report will be somewhat different from the past as this year has been quite unlike any other.

As most are aware the membership subscriptions for the club are counted from the September of the previous year until the December of the next. This is because anyone who joins for the first time in the autumn gets membership until December of the following year. Therefore membership for this year was 49 members, significantly down from the year before which had 65.

The hire of Lambley Hall has remained at £30 a week and we hired it for 10 weeks in 2020. Currently we are owed 3 weeks of hall hire from Lambley as we had already paid until the end of March. However we did pay out £398 to cover the last period of hall hire at Lambley from 2019.

We only had one guest band this year, contrary fairies, and we gave them £50 to cover expenses. Also £50 was paid to Malcolm to cover the cost of the Zoom account.

Some of our money was spent on stationery, stamps, and also running our website. We are also affiliated with EFDSS for insurance purposes. In January we bought Mildred a cake for her birthday at a cost of £55. We made a £200 donation to IVFDF which was agreed at the 2019 AGM but wasn't cashed until the start of 2020.

With regards to the public dances. We made a minor loss of £2.87 on the February dance. Unfortunately we were unable to run the ball this year but had been predicted to make a profit. Those who bought a ticket were given the option to retain it for next year or apply for a refund. Following this we have had £629 of tickets carried over to 2021.

We held an online Zoom dance in November with Neil Stuart calling and Deo Volente playing. This was very well attended and extremely popular to the point where we had to pay for a bigger zoom license in case everyone came on at once! Donations were taken via paypal/bank transfer and cheque for this totaling £452.94, the majority was given to the band and caller, who donated a large portion to charity, and £50 was retained for club costs.

The main increased cost this year was that taken for the online dance license which is valid from April 2020 to March 2021, this was for £175.20. We received £179 in donations to cover this from attendees.

In spite of all that has happened this year we are up by £13.62 in comparing January and December in our current account. At the end of the year we had in our two bank accounts £4551.66 up by £17.72 from the previous year.

Before the club unfortunately had to stop doing in person sessions we had an average of 37 attendees each week. Since zoom dancing began it has been hard to keep track of the overall number attending each week but I would say we aren't far off that figure for the most part.

Thanks to Kathryn Wiswould for auditing the accounts.