



Dear Friends of SMCA

We are open!

The past two years have been challenging for everyone and we were very sad to have to close our doors in March 2020. Throughout 2020/21 the team worked hard to ensure that the Community Centre would be ready to re-open when the time was right.

Thanks to the dedication of our staff, trustees, and volunteers we started to emerge from lockdown in April last year. Gradually, as people have grown in confidence, we have been welcoming groups back to the Community Centre. It has been great to welcome back old friends and activity groups. Sadly, some groups have decided not to return, and others are judging when it may be best for them to do so.

In August last year we organised a very successful coach trip to Hastings, and, despite the challenges, we held a festive Christmas party which was a great boost to morale. And this month saw the return of our popular Afternoon Tea & Bingo Parties. When you visit us, you'll notice that we've laid new carpeting in the entrance, foyer and lounge and plans are shaping up to install new LED lighting.

Looking Ahead

2020 marked our Ruby Anniversary but celebrations had to be put on hold. We aim to make up for lost time and we are already planning a programme of events for 2022. We are now able to take booking for children's parties and rooms are available for hire, although numbers are restricted to comply with our rigorous Covid-19 safety compliance requirements.

SMCA continues to take all the steps it can to create and maintain a Covid-19 Safe environment for its staff and users. We ask that all our Centre-users continue to play their part in helping us to achieve this. When attending SMCA please remember to follow the guidelines about what to do if you feel unwell, wearing face-coverings, using hand sanitiser, social distancing and moving around the building. Copies of the guidance are posted around the building.

If you want to know more about our Covid-19 safety measures, or ask if your favourite group has returned, or are interested in hiring our facilities, please contact Richard Hayward on 0208648 3740 or richard@smca.co.uk

Pat Harrison, Acting Chair SMCA

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