

Mansel Road Centre, Wimbledon

MRC NEWS

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Administrator's Letter

Dear Friends

I am so pleased to be able to bring you this newsletter, the aim of which is to make members of Trinity aware of and to feel involved with the daily life of the MRC.

Monday – Friday, the MRC is a very different place to the one that you see on a Sunday. Many of you probably see the centre in the evenings when you come for meetings and see how many community groups meet here and some of you may see the buggy chaos that reigns here in the mornings!! Each one of these buggies and each room booking in the evening, is so very important to the future of Trinity so I hope that through this newsletter, you can feel more involved with the people who use and love our building.

1 Peter 4:9 states that we should 'Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling' and while this is sometimes very difficult when we see the wear and tear to a building that we spent years prayerfully designing, building, decorating and maintaining, we must also see that the income generated is sufficient to take care of redecoration and improvements.

There are lots of positives on top of the fact that the lettings bring in around 50% of the Church's revenue. We continually get fantastic feedback from hirers about the rooms here and their cleanliness and condition. We get lovely comments about the helpfulness of our staff, the staff get to meet a wide range of members of our local community and help them with their varied requirements. Allan, Mark and I have built up great relationships with our hirers and are able to call on them for help and support when it comes to Church events such as the Christmas Tree Festival. We see tiny babies growing into school age children who then leave the baby classes and come back after school for tuition, drama, dance. We see them here for their birthday parties and we see their parents at evening choirs or meetings. People spread the word and we then see their friends and family members coming through our doors. We see so many people walk in every day to view our facilities from many different walks of life and cultures and these people, when they receive a warm welcome, may even step through our doors on a Sunday morning.

Some of the comments from hirers:

'Thank you very much to the Mansel Road Centre for use of their meeting rooms for the NCT Wimbledon & District November branch meeting. They are supportive and accommodating to our charity and kindly provided glasses and crockery as well as an excellent venue for our meeting.'

'The hall is clean and the staff friendly. Thank you for making my son's first birthday so special.'

'Really friendly staff and an excellent venue'

'Thanks for all your help and rest assured I'll be in touch when I have another project in the area.'

'I just wanted to say thank you for hiring a room at the Mansel Road Centre, to us on 20th Feb, it was a lovely room we really liked the venue it suited us well'

Charities that use the MRC

AA – Alcoholics Anonymous 'Big Book Study'

Relate – Marriage Counselling

U3A – University of the Third Age

NCT – National Childbirth Trust

PSPA – Support for people living with PSP and their families.

SPEAR – Homeless charity in SW London

Social Media



When googling Social Media for Churches, this came up: "There's no longer any question about whether your church should be on social media or not. Being on social media isn't enough. You need to prioritize using it well. If you want to take advantage of all the opportunities social media provides, you might need to elevate its importance."

Therefore, please follow [manselroadcentre](#) on Facebook and get involved with the day to day activities that happen here.

Introducing our Hirers

Stagecoach are one of our longest running hirers and have been with us since the very early days of the MRC. They produce the highest revenue of all our hirers. Jennie Graham-Roberts is the Principal and has written the following to introduce Stagecoach to you:

'Stagecoach Performing Arts Wimbledon run singing, dancing and acting classes at the Mansel Road Centre on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays during term time for 4 - 18 year olds.

Children and teenagers make friends and grow in confidence and self-esteem while learning how to sing, dance and act in our fun weekly classes. They learn new skills, work together and prepare for performances, they develop character-building qualities that help them tackle situations with resilience and bravery.

Our students learn to embrace life with creativity and courage, they become more self-assured, expressive, sociable and imaginative so they can reach out to grasp life's opportunities.



The Mansel Road Centre is a great venue for us, the location is central and accessible, the variety of rooms cater well to our needs and having been there from the very start we feel very much part of the Mansel Road Centre community.'

Club Petit Pierrot are our newest hirer and unlike Stagecoach, they are only here for 2 hours a week. However, they are just as valuable to us and have written the following to introduce themselves:

'Following growing demands in the area we are happy to open French interactive sessions with arts & crafts, music and movement. We are really delighted that The Mansel Road Centre had a suitable, light and spacious room for our lessons and really thrilled as it is such a great central hub for the local community.

Educational and inspired by a love of language, Club Petit Pierrot has been delivering truly unique French classes for babies and children since 1993. By adopting the 'immersion' method, the program engages children from the offset, allowing them to learn French effortlessly. Native French teachers - Recommended by BBC, Daily Telegraph, Daily Express, London News, Time Out...'

Did you Know?

Did you know that The Mansel Road Centre...

Offers a 10% discount to charities?

Is used by the winner of the Best Business Awards?

Is a member of The Wimbledon Community Association who have a website advertising venues across Merton?

Has classes run by Spanish, French, Russian, and Indian teachers.

Has 4 regular counsellors who use our smaller rooms to offer their services to the community.

Hires to an actress who is currently appearing in The Mousetrap, the World's longest running musical, in London?

Hired to Kevin Clifton from Strictly Come Dancing who ran his dance school from here until Christmas 2018?

What's new or in the pipeline?

We have a new set of CCTV cameras to cover much more of the centre. Have a look at the screen at reception and see what's going on!

We are working on installing new Wi-Fi extenders so that the whole building will be covered by one Wi-Fi password - Trinitywifi

The Old Hall floor is to be sanded and re varnished at the end of July

The toilets are being refurbished in August

We are trying to reduce single use plastic and have bottled milk delivered on a weekly basis.

We are in the process of getting a recycling bin for paper, bottles, cardboard...

Pictures of our rooms in use



