

Proposal for the use of the Saltash Council owned building
formerly named THE HUGGINS CENTRE.

Dear Council Members,

My name is Jack Halford, 72 years young, and a resident of Saltash for 10 years. I am a single grandad (wife passed away 22 years ago). with 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

I have a love of music, mostly Hymns/Carols/Classical/50/60s music. Recently i have taken to playing the Trumpet and intend to be a good musician within one year. This idea of mine is due to the fact that I have nowhere to practise on a regular basis. I go to Dartmoor 6 days a week and play to the Ponies and Cattle!!

I know the Huggins building well as I live in Greenwich Place.

Please consider my proposal to generate a music club for the lovers of music in the same vein as myself.

I believe there is enough interest in and around Saltash to make full use of the Huggins room, and to make it self-sufficient, will all proceeds going back to the local community and the music clubs upcoming programme.

I am ex Royal Navy (24 years) and also played Squash for England Masters last year.

I lived in the USA for 20 years working for Mickey Mouse and also coaching Football, Squash and Tennis.

I love Cornwall and in particular Dartmoor, just over the bridge.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Halford

Formerly the MAURICE HUGGINS ROOM.

1. To be named 'Ode to Joy'
2. For the purpose of promoting and teaching music to music lovers in our midst in a happy and healthy environment.
3. This music club will be a non-profit organisation and will rely on donations/grants to get the project off the drawing table.
4. We will then through subscriptions to members and hiring out of the space to members/non-members/musicians become self-sufficient with all proceeds going back to the local community/council.
5. The music primarily will be Classical/Hymns/Carols/Military.
6. We will not allow loud Rock bands or anything electric, that may upset the community.
7. We will promote the music club with a rigid set of rules, with zero tolerance for drugs/smoking/alcohol in the vicinity of the building.
8. The building will be open 24/7 for individuals and group music practise.
9. We will generate a web site with a manager/caretaker of the building and a Musical Director.
10. I understand that numbers in the building should probably not be more than 20 persons, to be decided by your council. All we need is 20 folding chairs and music stands to be donated by individuals. I will donate a Piano worth appx. £1,000.
10. Without being presumptuous, i envisage a growing membership all paying an annual fee towards the growth of the club, to be paid directly to the Saltash Council.
11. I also believe we can generate through concerts/ Christmas carols/ outdoor proms in the park/rental of the building to groups/bands quite a substantial amount.
12. I would propose myself as caretaker/manager, responsible for the upkeep and care of the building.

In Conclusion: I see an exciting prospect of providing the local community a music school which i hope would lead to park concerts in an old fashioned band stand format. Can you imagine in the summer months a bi weekly Bandstand, whereby people arrive with their deck chairs and blankets to listen/sing along to the music.

Facebook is the modern way to promote and generate lots of interest and we would immediately design a FB page with already many known contacts to spread the gospel.