

# HALL HERALD

Great Alne & Kinwarton Memorial Hall Newsletter

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Although we are aiming to deliver paper copies of the Hall Herald this month it may not be possible due to the ever changing Covid-19 restrictions. If you know someone who would normally get a paper copy but has not received one we would be grateful if you would forward this edition to them via email if possible. Many thanks.

## On the Horizon...

### **Hall Reopening!!**

We are planning to reopen the Hall on Monday 14 September, having followed the relevant government guidance and taken advice from ACRE and WRCC. Nevertheless the guidance may change and further restrictions could be imposed which might mean that the opening has to be delayed.

ACRE is a registered charity which acts on behalf of the thirty-eight member groups who make up England's rural community network. One of the groups is WRCC (Warwickshire Rural Community Council) which represents village halls locally. We are a registered member of WRCC.

The advice from ACRE/WRCC provided a framework of tasks to be completed to enable halls to reopen. However the advice came with a warning that halls should not reopen until they had identified all the necessary safety, compliance, management, and operational issues arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and had actioned a plan to address and mitigate them.

Allied Westminster, our insurers, endorsed the guidance provided by ACRE/WRCC.

### **Preparations**

In preparing to reopen the Hall we have:-

- Carried out a Covid-19 risk assessment using the templates provided by ACRE and taken action to mitigate the risks identified
- Created and agreed a cleaning checklist and schedule with our cleaner, along with a cleaning log.
- Given the Hall a deep clean

- Installed automatic hand sanitising dispensers at the entrance to the Hall and in the main hall itself
- Put bottles of hand sanitiser in every cloakroom and the kitchen
- Locked the committee room to keep it secure and enable it to be used for storage.
- Asked our regular hirers not to store any of their equipment at the Hall
- Displayed health and safety signage with respect to social distancing, hand washing, face coverings and other Covid security measures to be followed.
- Updated our standard terms and conditions of hire
- Devised supplementary terms and conditions of hire which spell out the hirer's Covid-19 responsibilities, again using the ACRE template.

In addition:-

- We will provide hirers with our risk assessment for the Hall and a model risk assessment for them to adapt for their own event/activity. Although hirers are strongly advised to use it they are not obliged to do so.

We are not obligated to clean between each hiring, and it would be impractical for us to do so anyway, but we will inform hirers when we last did a clean. Consequently hirers are advised to clean all surfaces themselves before and after using the Hall.

All of our regular hirers have been informed that we are reopening on 14 September and invited to come back to the Hall when they are ready.

### **Hall Events**

Our **Annual General Meeting** should have taken place in June but of course it had to be postponed. There is still some uncertainty as to when it will be held but we are very keen to arrange it in the next few weeks. There will be a vacancy on the committee following the AGM as Di Wright is retiring as an elected Trustee after many years of sterling service. John Kinnersley, who represents Kinwarton with Great Alne PCC on the committee, is also retiring. He too has served with distinction for many years, some of them as Treasurer. We would like to thank them both for all the tremendous work they have done on your behalf and wish them well for the future.

If you would like to join us on the committee please let us know via the newsletter email address ([gakmhnews@gmail.com](mailto:gakmhnews@gmail.com))

We hope to be able to start showing films again at the Hall in the near future, subject to social distancing rules being applied. This will limit our capacity and mean that seats will have to be reserved in advance. Face masks will also

have to be worn for the time being. To gauge the level of interest in re-starting the **Film Club** during the autumn we will be carrying out a short on-line survey before the end of September. It would be really helpful if you would take part as your feedback will help us plan our programme over the coming months.

At this time of year we start to advertise our Christmas events and this year it's no different. The dates you need to put in your diary are as follows:-

- **Christmas Coffee Morning** - 10.00am Saturday 28 November
- **Christmas is Coming** – Sunday 29 November
- **Christmas Supper** – 7.30pm Saturday 12 December

Keep your fingers crossed that they will be allowed to go ahead!

## Days Gone By...

Sadly the Summer Concert we had planned for June along with the Village BBQ and our last Film Club before the summer break all had to be cancelled. What a shame!

## Other News...

### ***Hall Centenary Calendar (1921-2021)***

Choosing the photographs to put in the calendar was a considerable challenge as they were all so good! The sub-committee took the votes cast at the exhibition into account and then had 3 rounds of voting between themselves to reach a conclusion! Just in case you were wondering, to ensure fairness the names of the photographers were not known to the sub-committee!

The calendar has now gone off for printing. It will be A4 size with one page per month, each month displaying one photograph. The front cover will be a commemorative photograph of the Hall.

The cost of the calendar will be £5 and can be ordered now by via the newsletter email address ([gakmhnews@gmail.com](mailto:gakmhnews@gmail.com)) or bought at our Christmas Coffee Morning! (Fingers crossed!!)

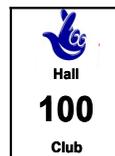
### ***Hall Improvements***

During the summer we have made a couple of improvements to the memorial garden.

If you have ever entered the garden from Appleby Close you may have noticed that the step down is very narrow. To avoid the risk of someone losing their footing we have added another sleeper to widen the step by about 4 inches. It looks fine and does the job perfectly.

You may also have noticed that the low bamboo fence at the far end was falling to pieces. This has been replaced with a 6 foot wooden fence made from half round split rails mounted vertically with gaps between. It is much sturdier and screens the oil tank from view. We may well grow something up the fence to soften the look or put a tub or a bench in front of it.

## Hall 100 Club



The winners in the last 3 draws are listed below. If you would like to join the 100 Club you can do so at any time, subject to there being a spare number. Membership will cost you £4 a month and the surplus the Club generates is used to help make improvements to the Hall. All you need to do is email [gakmhnews@gmail.com](mailto:gakmhnews@gmail.com)

Jun	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 100	Marie Holding
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 69	Simon Reid
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 28	Lynda Steele
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 79	Mollie Davey
Jul	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 61	Isabel Barton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 37	Hugh Carr-Smith
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 94	Emma Powell
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 53	Kass Aukstolis
Aug	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 18	David & Linda Bradley
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 12	Sue & Tim Davis
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 44	Paul Clark
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 66	Emily Davies

## Your Committee for 2019/20

Your committee comprises the following Trustees.

They have all kindly agreed to continue in office until the Annual General Meeting is held, whenever that might be!

Cliff Armstrong	764642	Sue Jones	488212
Richard Cockman	488627	John Kinnersley	762554
Martyn Davey (Chair)	488831	Chris Moody	488009
Mollie Davey	488831	Jackie Warren 01905	381580
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Geoff Harrison	488405	Diane Wright	488635
Marie Holding	488950		