

# HALL HERALD

Great Alne & Kinwarton Memorial Hall Newsletter

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We are sending the December newsletter out early because of the changes we have had to make to our Christmas programme of events. These are detailed below in the hope that the 4 week lock-down ends on 2 December as promised and that we can have some freedom back, even if it's only limited!

With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year! As you know 2021 is our centenary year and we very much hope that you will be able to celebrate it with us from January to December!

## **Jackie Warren**

It is with great sadness that we learnt that our colleague and friend Jackie Warren died in September. Jackie joined the Hall committee in October 2001 as Great Alne School's first Representative Trustee and served as the Hall Secretary from 2002 until 2008. Following her retirement from her role at the school she became an Elected Trustee. Jackie was a tireless fundraiser for the Hall and will be remembered especially for her contributions to the Village BBQ and the Christmas Supper. She was an immensely supportive committee member and will be greatly missed by us all.

## **On the Horizon...**

### **Christmas Events**

In view of the coronavirus restrictions and lockdown until 2 December our plans for Christmas have had to be re-jigged.

With great reluctance our **Christmas Supper & Music Hall** on Saturday 12 December has been cancelled. The social distancing rules and restrictions on numbers make the event unfeasible.

The **Christmas Coffee Morning** scheduled for 28 November has been provisionally moved to 10.00am on Saturday 12 December instead. We are planning to hold the event both inside and outside the Hall, manage the numbers and maintain the social distancing required. We will let you know closer to the time if it is actually going ahead or has to be cancelled entirely.

**Christmas is Coming** is another non-starter sadly. Once again the social distancing rules and restrictions on numbers make the event impossible. In addition there is a ban on singing so we couldn't have any carols indoors or outdoors. Nevertheless we can still put up a tree and have it illuminated. We will put the tree up as soon as the lock-down is over. Like you, we are bitterly disappointed that we can't all gather together to celebrate the start of what should be the festive period.

## **Days Gone By...**

### **Annual General Meeting – Thursday 22 October**

The Chairman began by reporting on achievements against plans in 2019/20.

#### **Make an operating surplus**

An operating surplus was made for the first time since 2005/6. Although income from hirings had been slightly lower than in 2018/19 because of the lockdown in March, expenditure was significantly lower due to reduced spending on oil, cleaning, and repairs and maintenance. Taken together this resulted in an operating surplus of approximately £1,500.

#### **Continue to arrange fund raising events**

During the year the following events were organised:-

- > The annual Village BBQ held on 28 June
- > A Christmas Coffee Morning and Art Exhibition held on 30 November. The exhibition was kindly put on by the Great Alne Art Group
- > Christmas is Coming! A free event for residents of Great Alne and Kinwarton held on 1 December.
- > The Annual Christmas Supper and Music Hall held on 14 December
- > The monthly Film Club evenings. Only 9 screenings took place rather than the usual 10 due to the Covid outbreak.

Taken together the events raised over £3,800 for Hall improvements.

#### **Make Improvements to the Hall**

During the year the following improvements were made.

- > Bi-fold doors were installed in the autumn of 2019 but sadly have not been used due to the closure of the Hall since March.
- > Security lights have been installed to the rear and side of the Hall, along with 2 proximity sensors. The lights are activated when anyone approaches the garden from the front of the Hall or from Appleby Close.
- > A garden watering system has been installed and is activated by a timer clock.

- > LED lights have been fitted in the two cloakrooms at the stage end of the Hall, also in the adjacent corridors.
- > The sound system has been upgraded to Dolby 4.1 and was used to its full potential for the screening of Bohemian Rhapsody in December!
- > The Hall website has been redeveloped using WordPress. It is now much easier to maintain and works equally well on smart phones, tablets, laptops and desktops.

### **Stage Hall Centenary Calendar Photographic Exhibition**

The exhibition took place in March and attracted over 80 entries. The selection of images for the calendar was very difficult because of the high quality of the photographs. The calendars are now available for sale.

### **Begin to plan the Hall's VE Day and Centenary celebrations**

The VE Day celebrations had to be cancelled due to the Covid lockdown. Plans for our Centenary celebrations have been put on hold for the time being.

### **Decide new programme of long term improvements**

For the same reason, no work has been done yet to create a long term improvement programme

**As regards 2020/21**, the Chairman said that the sole aim was to 'keep our head above water'!

The Chairman then gave the **financial report** on behalf of the Treasurer.

**Overall income** for the year totalled £24,816.85. This included £6,356 in regular bookings, £5,439 in one-off bookings, £3,891 in general fund raising, £1,278 in Film Club takings and £4,928 in 100 Club subscriptions.

**Expenditure** for the year totalled £24,865.25, considerably less than in 2018/19 due to significantly lower capital expenditure. Oil expenditure was also lower, along with cleaning and repairs and maintenance.

**The capital outlay** for the year was £8,494.87. The main item of expenditure was the bi-fold doors which cost £6,080.

**The Balance Sheet** showed a net deficit for the year of £48.40.

**Total net current assets** at the end of the year were £38,296.51.

The membership of the **new committee** for 2020/21 is shown overleaf.

There is a vacancy for an elected trustee following the retirement of Di Wright MBE. Gareth Roberts-Davies replaced John Kinnersley as the Parochial Church Council representative.

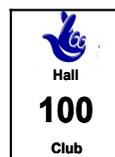
## **Hall Centenary Calendar (1921-2021)**

Our Centenary Calendar features 12 scenes from around Great Alne and Kinwarton along with thumbnail images of all the photographs displayed at our exhibition in March. It's an ideal Christmas present as well as a birthday souvenir you will want to keep!

Copies cost £5.00. You can pay in cash, by cheque payable to Great Alne Memorial Hall, or via internet banking payable to Great Alne Memorial Hall, Sort Code 40-43-54, Account Number 71062786.

To order yours phone 488831 or email [gakmhnews@gmail.com](mailto:gakmhnews@gmail.com)

## **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)

Sep	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 57	Bernard Ackroyd
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 89	Danielle Ross
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 63	Tim Barnsdale
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 18	Linda & David Bradley
Oct	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 8	Don & Sally Hannah
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 20	Ken Humphrey
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 4	Diane Taylor
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 59	Don Marsh
Nov	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 2	Mike Wilkes
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 25	Sue Jones
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 66	Emily Davies
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 93	Ann Jones

## **Your Committee for 2020/21**

Your committee comprises the following Trustees.

Cliff Armstrong	764642	Marie Holding	488950
Richard Cockman	488627	Sue Jones	488212
Martyn Davey (Chair)	488831	Chris Moody	488009
Mollie Davey	488831	Gareth Roberts-Davies	488079
Peter Harris	488377	Katrina Woodger	488074
Geoff Harrison	488405		