

# HALL HERALD

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## On the Horizon...?

If everything goes according to plan the remaining lockdown restrictions should be lifted as from 21 June. This means that we can begin to organise events at the Hall again, classes can restart when they are ready, and the Hall can be hired to celebrate special occasions once more. At last! It's been a long wait!!

### **Annual General Meeting – 7.00pm Thursday 10 June**

Although social distancing arrangements will still be necessary we plan to hold our 100<sup>th</sup> AGM on 10 June. The arrangements will be the same as for our last AGM in October. In other words a maximum of 30 people can attend and face masks will need to be worn on entry. However, once seated and with a free drink in your hand, they can be taken off!



The meeting will review how we survived the pandemic and what our plans are for the future. In particular we would like to discuss options for our next major project and would welcome your views. Do come! It will probably only last an hour at most

### **Village BBQ – 7.00pm Friday 25 June**



Sadly we weren't able to hold our annual Village BBQ last year for obvious reasons but we would like to celebrate our new found freedoms with you on 25 June! Come and join us! Bangers, burgers and a bar as usual. And a raffle. However we have decided against having any games this year as a precautionary safety measure. Contactless card payments will also be accepted for the same reason.

Let's keep our fingers crossed that it will be a warm and sunny evening but we will go indoors if it rains. It will just be good to meet up with friends and neighbours without worrying about the Covid Police!!

## **Film Club**

The box office will re-open in September. There's a backlog of good films to catch up on and it's hard to choose which one to show first! The screenings will be on the third Thursday of the month as usual.

## **Centenary Celebration!**

We will be celebrating the Hall's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Further details will be published in the next edition of the Hall Herald but in the meanwhile make a note of the date in your diary – or on your Centenary Calendar!

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

Tragically there is nothing to report on other than the fact that the Memorial Hall was used as a polling station in May! How exciting is that?!

## **Other News...**

### **Extra Radiators**

The new radiators have been installed and warm the Hall up a treat!

### **Window Replacement**

Four of the double glazed panels to the front of the Hall have been replaced as they had damp penetration and were 'fogging up'.

### **LED Lights**

The fluorescent lights in the entrance corridor, the committee room and the disabled visitor cloakroom have been replaced with LED batten fittings. The lights in the ladies cloakroom will be replaced next.

### **Bluetooth Module**

A Bluetooth module has been fitted to the amp/mixer box to enable hirers to connect to the Hall sound system wirelessly if they wish to play recorded music on an external device (eg phone or tablet).

### **Litter Picking**

The Hall hosted a litter picking weekend organised by the Parish Council in April. The event was a great success and enjoyed by all those who took part. It's a shame that it was necessary but the village looks all the better for it. Thank you!

## John Earle

It was with great sadness that we learnt that John Earle died on 1 May, just a few days short of his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. John was a hugely popular figure locally and a great asset to the Memorial Hall committee on which he served as a trustee for 23 years. He retired in 2017.



His artistic flair and contribution was evident at so many events and on so many occasions over the years, arguably most memorably when he transformed the Memorial Hall into a wartime underground railway station to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. His imagination and inventiveness seemed to know no bounds coming up with so many

ideas for decorating the Hall or creating stage props for such events as our Millennium celebrations, the Hall's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary party and our annual Christmas Supper and Music Hall. And of course he was the mastermind

behind Christmas is Coming!, and will be forever remembered for his countdown to lighting the Christmas tree and leading our carol singing both outside and inside the Hall. As a teacher he had a gift for getting the best out of children, (and the adults at his weekly Art Group meeting in the Hall!), whatever they were doing – painting, singing, playing an instrument or acting.



John helped to raise a lot of money for the Hall, in many and various ways, and for that we will be eternally grateful. For example he illustrated Rev Frank Wain's book *Great Alne – A History* and, 20 years later, led work to update it and publish *Great Alne – A History Revisited*. The proceeds from both book sales were shared between the Hall and Great Alne Church.

Thanks for everything John!



LtoR: Christopher Wain, John Earle, Martyn Davey

## 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)

Mar	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 45	Margaret Earle
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 37	Hugh Carr-Smith
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 2	Mike Wilkes
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 85	Diane Taylor
Apr	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 22	Gill Bostock
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 28	Lynda Steele
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 57	Bernard Ackroyd
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 5	Jean & Bernard Bull
May	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 92	Shirley Clayton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 33	Judy & Bob Smith
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 63	Tim Barnsdale
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 43	Di Wright

Many thanks to everyone who has renewed their subscription. If you have not yet done so can you please return your renewal slip as soon as possible otherwise you may not be eligible for the June draw.

Over the last 12 months there have been 38 separate winners with 6 of those winning twice and 2 winning three times. In total £2,400 has been won.

Looking back over the 13 years since the 100 Club began we have paid out £31,200 in prize money and raised more than £29,000 for the Hall. The Hall has benefited less because, although the 100 Club was under-subscribed in the first 3 years, the full prize money was paid to winners.

## Your Committee for 2020/21

Your committee comprises the following Trustees.

Cliff Armstrong	764642	Marie Holding	488950
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Martyn Davey (Chair)	488831	Chris Moody	488009
Mollie Davey	488831	Gareth Roberts-Davies	488079
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