

# HALL HERALD

Great Alne & Kinwarton Memorial Hall Newsletter

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Although all of the Covid-19 restrictions have now been lifted, the government is urging everyone to act carefully and remain cautious. For that reason we are strongly advising all hirers to carry out a risk assessment before holding an event or running a class. We will do the same for all Hall events for the time being.

## On the Horizon...

**Film Club – 7.30pm Thursday 16 September**



At long last we are able to resume our Film Club screenings! Our first film will be **Yesterday**, directed by Danny Boyle with the screenplay by Richard Curtis. It stars Himish Patel, Lily James and Ed Sheeran. The film is a romantic rock 'n' roll comedy that tells the story of how Jack Malik (Himish Patel), a struggling songwriter, suddenly discovers that he is the only person in the world who remembers The Beatles! And all of their songs! Do come and celebrate the start of our new Film Club season by watching this fun filled, foot tapping film with us and find out what Jack does next!

**End of the World Tour! – 7.30pm Friday 1 October**

In January last year Peter Harris went on a photography trip to Antarctica and offered to show some of his photographs at the Hall on his return. Due to the Covid restrictions that hasn't been possible until now. Do come and see some fabulous images from the End of the World! Tickets cost £5 on the door and include a free drink. A unique opportunity to hear about a once in a lifetime trip and see some remarkable pictures!

## Days Gone By...

**Annual General Meeting – Thursday 10 June**

The Chairman began by welcoming everyone to the Hall's 100<sup>th</sup> AGM and explained that the committee was formed more than a year before the Hall was completed and officially opened in October 1921.



The Chairman then gave his report and noted with regret that the Hall had been closed for almost all of 2020/21 due to the coronavirus pandemic. To enable the Hall to reopen it had been necessary to put in place stringent Covid safety measures, based on government advice and local risk assessments, both for the Hall and for hirers.

As reported at the last AGM, the main aim for 2020/21 was *'to keep our head above water'*! In a normal year the Hall would try to make an operating surplus from hirings alone but, unsurprisingly, an operating loss of over £4,000 was incurred over the last 12 months. Moreover, all of the fund raising events planned for 2020/21 had to be cancelled. Sadly these included the VE Day celebrations scheduled for 8 May 2020. No Film Club evenings were possible either.

Despite the actual loss of income and the missed opportunities for fund raising the Hall was very fortunate to be able to claim a number of government grants. As reported at the last AGM, we had been awarded £10,000 and subsequently we were able to claim a further £9,669.21.

Some of the money we were awarded was spent on capital items: 3 hand sanitisers, 6 new radiators, 5 new LED batten lights, a new kitchen water boiler, a second amplifier (for Dolby 5.1 sound), a wooden fence to screen the oil tank, a key safe in the porch and 2 contactless card readers.

The Chairman then spoke about plans for 2021/22. Essentially it was about *'business as usual'* from 21 June, assuming the lockdown restrictions no longer apply from then onwards. As of then, we want to fully re-open for hirers, to be able to organise Hall events again, to celebrate the Hall's Centenary in October, and to develop a new 10 year plan (now that the old plan has been completed).

The Chairman concluded by thanking fellow committee members for their help and support over the last 12 months, and also the residents of Great Alne for their encouragement and generosity during the pandemic.

The Chairman then gave Treasurer's Report on behalf of Mrs Woodger who was unexpectedly unable to attend the meeting.

The accounts showed that receipts for the year totalled £32,840.94. These included £1,674 in regular booking charges and £585 in ad hoc booking charges. Grants and non-Gift Aided donations totalled £19,845.13 with a further £152 in Gift Aided donations. £958.66 in interest was received from the Fixed Interest Fund. The Chairman noted that £663 had been raised from the sale of the Hall Centenary Calendars – a magnificent achievement!

The Chairman then spoke about the payments made during the year which totalled £17,053.21. He drew attention to the fact that Business Rates for the year had been waived, electricity usage was down by £336, oil usage was zero, cleaning costs were down by £1,560, consumables were up by £356, repairs and maintenance were up by £365, and the cost of the calendars was £443 (resulting in a surplus of £220). Under Sundry Expenditure he mentioned the charity donation made in memory of Jackie Warren, our former colleague.

In terms of Capital Outlay, £341.98 was spent on the items mentioned previously.

Overall the Hall accounts showed a net surplus for the year of £15,787.73. Total net current assets at the end of the year were £54,084.24. Investments in the COIF Fixed Interest had a book value of £45,000 and a year-end market value of £44,345.58. The accumulated return on the investment to 31 March 2020 was £5,116.23.

## Other News...

### *Diane Wright MBE*

We were saddened to hear that Di Wright died last month. Di joined the Hall committee as an elected trustee in 1991 and remained an enthusiastic member of our team until she retired last year.



Always a willing helper, she looked after the Hall bookings for many years and could always be relied upon to run a stall, organise a raffle, cut a ribbon on special occasions or just generally lend a hand whenever it was needed - which was quite often when we were running events!

Di was universally liked and we will all have fond memories of the time she was with us. Thank you for everything you did for the Hall Di. We won't forget you!

## Village BBQ 2021

Sadly it just wasn't feasible to organise the Village BBQ again this year. Let's just hope it's third time lucky in 2022!

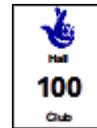
### **Centenary Celebration! – 7.30pm Friday 15 October**

Planning has begun in earnest now that it seems (almost!) certain that our Centenary Celebration can go ahead! More information after our next committee meeting on 6 September.

### **Memorial Hall Garden**

We are looking for a volunteer to help us maintain the Memorial Garden. If you would like to lend a hand please get in touch via [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. All you need to do is email [gakmhnews@gmail.com](mailto:gakmhnews@gmail.com)

Jun	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 87	Grant Hartwright
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 89	Danielle Ross
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 60	Mr & Mrs J Chisholm
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 37	Hugh Carr-Smith
Jul	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 53	Kass Aukstolis
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 5	Jean & Bernard Bull
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 17	Cliff & Lorraine Armstrong
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 90	Steph Ross
Aug	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 99	Mike Cutler
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 48	Geoff & Alma Harrison
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 13	Mary Ackroyd
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 87	Grant Hartwright

## Your Committee for 2021/22

Your new committee comprises the following Trustees.

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