

HALL HERALD

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We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! If you are still receiving the Hall Herald on paper could we persuade you to make a New Year resolution to go green and have an electronic copy instead? It will save paper, ink and delivery miles! To get the Herald via email in future please phone 488831 or email contactgakmh@gmail.com

On the Horizon...



Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.00 – 12.00 Saturday 4 December



There will be a Bring & Buy Stall and we would welcome donations of cakes (with ingredients labelled), produce, gifts and good quality books. And the Black Pig Company will be with us selling bacon and sausages once again. Entrance £1.00 to include coffee and biscuits.



Christmas is Coming! – 5.30 for 6.00pm Sunday 5 December

Christmas is Coming is back! Join us for carol singing, mince pies and mulled wine and help us switch on and decorate the Christmas tree as usual! However, this year the event will be held entirely out of doors to minimise the risk of Covid infections. Whatever the weather!! There will be no charge for the refreshments.



Pop-Up Pub and Yuletide Gathering! – 7.00pm Friday 10 December



Let's get together for some pre-Christmas drinks and festive conviviality! There will be a pay bar with real ale, wines and spirits. Tickets are priced at £5.00 to include a light buffet. Please ring 488831 or email contactgakmh@gmail.com. Tickets are running out fast!

Film Club – 7.30pm Thursday 16 December

Our Christmas film will be *The Greatest Showman*. Inspired by the imagination of P.T. Barnum, the film is a musical that celebrates the birth of show business and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. Hugh Jackman stars in this phenomenally successful feel-good film. Just what we need!



Days Gone By...

End of the World Tour! – Friday 1 October

Peter Harris's talk about his trip to Antarctica was very well attended and much enjoyed by everyone. His photographs were stunning and prompted many questions that Peter was more than happy to answer.



We used a contactless card reader on the door for the first time and it worked fine thank goodness! We will continue to offer it as an alternative to cash at all events in future.

Centenary Party – Friday 15 October



The party was a great success and very much enjoyed by everyone who came. The Hall was decorated with a profusion of red, white and blue bunting and there were Union flags on display. All very patriotic!

The food we served drew many compliments and second helpings were in great demand! After the meal we cleared some of the tables away and took to the floor, encouraged by Elaine, our DJ for the night. She played a selection of music spanning the decades from Old Time to Pop, so there was something for everyone to dance to. We also had a table quiz based on events that occurred over the last 100 years – both in the world and at the Hall. That caused plenty of head scratching!

The Hall was built in 1921 as a memorial to all those from Great Alne and Kinwarton who fought and died in the Great War. We all stood to toast their memory.

Film Club

Our first film after our enforced shut down was *Yesterday*, starring Himish Patel, Lily James and of course Ed Sheeran. There was a good turnout to see this musical comedy scripted by Richard Curtis, or was it

to hear the Beatles songs once again? Either way the evening was much enjoyed by everyone!

Our October offering was **1917** which was our centenary year choice to commemorate the bravery of everyone who fought in the Great War. The film was harrowing to watch but compelling viewing nevertheless.

It was a long wait for **Downton Abbey** but it finally arrived. It was due to be shown in March last year but 'you know what' prevented that! All the regulars were in it of course and the plot involved a visit by the King and Queen, and an attempted assassination! All very silly but everything turned out alright in the end – as we knew it would!

Other News...

Centenary Plaque

We have decided to put up a slate plaque to mark the Hall's centenary. It will be similar to the Centenary garden plaque but much bigger.- 24" by 15" – and will be mounted on the outside of the chimney breast, to the right of the double doors. It will cover the original foundation stone which, sadly, has completely weathered away. The plaque will replace the painted wooden sign above the committee room window.

New Internal Doors

Very shortly we will be replacing the old wooden doors to the lobby with a pair of glass doors to match the bi-fold doors on the opposite side of the Hall. This will not only prevent drafts and help to make the Hall warmer, it will also enable visitors to see through the hall to the garden when the outside doors are open. We will also take the opportunity to dry line the lobby to combat the recurring problem we have with damp.

Rendering Repairs

You may have noticed that the rendering around the chimney is crumbling and several pieces have dropped off. Unfortunately the problem can only be remedied by taking all the rendering off and starting again. We have accepted a quote for the work but are unsure when the job will be started. As you may have discovered all tradesmen seem to be very busy at the moment and are having difficulties in getting materials.

Bluetooth

We have recently added a Bluetooth module to our audio equipment which means that hirers can now make a wireless connection between their phones or laptops and our sound system when they want to play music.

A New Zumba Gold Class for the New Year!

Zumba Gold is a 45 minute exercise class performed to music, aimed at the over 50s. We are planning to start the class at the Memorial Hall at 10.00am on Monday 11 January. If you are interested and would like more details please phone 488831.

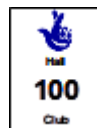
Short of a Christmas Present?

There are still some copies of **Great Alne – A History Revisited** available price £15. You can buy one at the Coffee Morning.

Memorial Hall Garden

We are very keen to find a volunteer to help us maintain the Memorial Garden. If you are able to lend a hand for an hour or two each month we would be very grateful. Please get in touch by phoning 488831.

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

Sep	1 st Prize	£100	No 88	Helen Linfoot
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 43	Di Wright
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 78	Sheila Hicks
	4 th Prize	£25	No 75	Sue Andrews
Oct	1 st Prize	£100	No 52	Catherine Brereton
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 67	David Plummer
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 87	Grant Hartwright
	4 th Prize	£25	No 88	Helen Linfoot
Nov	1 st Prize	£100	No 81	Gareth Roberts-Davies
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 62	Jackie Carr-Smith
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 97	Mrs M Crook
	4 th Prize	£25	No 65	Gillian Bray

Your Committee for 2021/22

Your new committee comprises the following Trustees.

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