

HALL HERALD

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With the easing of Covid restrictions the Hall is getting back to normal although we still ask hirers and visitors to be mindful of the latest government advice and to stay safe at all times. Face masks are not required at the Hall but would like everyone to sanitise their hands when entering and after using any of the facilities.

On the Horizon...

Film Club – 7.30pm Thursday 17 March

Our March film will be **Little Women** starring Saoirse Ronan and Emma Watson with cameos from Meryl Streep and James Norton. It is the seventh film adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's Civil War tale of four close-knit sisters. Widely acclaimed by the critics it has enjoyed considerable box office success but, although nominated, missed out as best picture at the Oscars. By the way, did you know that the first adaptation was a silent movie made in 1917?! The Katherine Hepburn adaptation was the first 'talkie' version and was released in 1933.

Pop-Up Pub and Live Music – 7.00pm Saturday 30 April

We have another Pop-Up Pub evening planned in April and are delighted to welcome **Blank Canvas** to play for us. The band is well known locally, playing classics from the 60s to the present day, and has Catherine Brereton, a local resident, as its lead singer. Their music is guaranteed to get you on your feet and dancing! You must come!

The event will be strictly ticket only with tickets costing £5 each. Order yours by emailing contactgakmh@gmail.com Book now to avoid disappointment!

Days Gone By...

Christmas Coffee Morning – Saturday 4 December

Once again our Christmas Coffee Morning was very well attended and helped to get our Christmas celebrations at the Hall off to a flying start. Many thanks to everyone who came and stayed for a chat. It was just like old times (almost)!

Christmas is Coming! – Sunday 5 December

Christmas is Coming came and went but not until we had all enjoyed some mince pies and mulled wine and switched on the Christmas tree lights after the traditional countdown! Unfortunately the event had to be held entirely out of doors to minimise the risk of Covid infections but the rain kept off and we were able to sing some carols together and mingle happily with friends and neighbours.

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

It was a gathering, not a party, but that didn't stop us from enjoying ourselves! The bar was virtually run dry (we did run out of beer in the end unfortunately!) but will make sure that doesn't happen next time! We will definitely have another gathering next Christmas and hopefully will be able to fit a few more if there are no Covid restrictions.

Film Club

Our Christmas film was **The Greatest Showman** starring Hugh Jackman. Unsurprisingly Covid worries restricted the number of people who came to watch which was a shame as the film deserved a big audience, something T P Barnum always aimed for when staging his vaudeville shows. The all singing, all dancing spectacle was a joy and if you missed it watch out for it on TV.

Fortunately it was back to 'business as usual' in January for our screening of **The Good Liar** with 44 people in the audience. Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen were brilliant in their respective roles with the con man being conned in the end. A really good film that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

In February we showed **No Time to Die**, the latest James Bond blockbuster and the last to star Daniel Craig as 007. At 2 hours 43 minutes it was the longest film we have ever shown and we did think that we might need two coffee(?) breaks but managed to resist the urge! Rather than spoil the enjoyment for anyone who hasn't seen the film we will say no more about it!

Other News...

Zumba Fitness Class

The new Zumba class aimed at the over 50s started in January and has already proved to be very popular. The 45 minute exercise class is performed to music designed to get you moving and improve your fitness. It costs £5 a session and there is no need to book in advance.

Just turn up at the Memorial Hall at 10.00am on a Monday morning and join in the fun! If you are interested and would like more details before coming please phone 488831.

Memorial Hall Centenary Plaque

We have bought a slate plaque to mark the Hall's centenary. It will be mounted on the outside of the chimney breast, to the right of the double doors once the rendering repairs have been completed. We are hoping that the work will be done later this month. The plaque will cover the original foundation stone which, unfortunately, has completely weathered away.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June

We are still at the planning stage regarding what we will do to celebrate H M The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. However, there are a couple of things that we have decided to do already.

First of all we intend to bring the annual Village BBQ forward to Friday 3 June. We hope to have some extra entertainment but it remains to be seen what we can organise. There seems to be a lot going on that weekend and musicians especially are in great demand!

Secondly we are going to refurbish the metal plaque on the flagpole. Did you know that the flagpole was erected to commemorate the Queen's Coronation in 1953? And that it carries a metal plaque to mark the occasion? Unfortunately the plaque is looking very shabby after nearly 70 years in the open air and we agreed it would be a good time to restore it to its former glory. This will be done before June.

Hall Decoration

The interior of the Hall is in need of redecoration. The wear and tear of the last 9 years has taken its toll and needs to be addressed. We would have done it much sooner but Covid once again got in the way!

New Internal Doors

The old wooden doors to the lobby have been replaced by a pair of glass doors to match the bi-fold doors on the opposite side of the Hall. They open outwards into the lobby and look very smart! Whether open or closed you can now see straight through the Hall into the garden when the main oak doors are open. We have also had the lobby dry-lined to combat the damp problem we have been plagued with for many years. Another step forward in our improvements to the Hall!

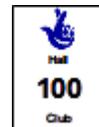
New Lighting

LED lights have been fitted in the kitchen and the ladies cloakroom. The improvement in the lighting, especially in the kitchen, is very impressive. All the light fittings in the Hall have now been changed to LED, other than in the main hall. These will be replaced when it is next decorated.

New Hatha Yoga Class

A new class is starting on Friday 4 March. A gentle but deep yoga practice to strengthen muscles, improve flexibility and bring greater awareness to the mind, body, breath and soul. Suitable for adults of all abilities. Beginners are very welcome. Classes will be on Fridays 11.30am - 12.45pm. The cost is £8.00 per class for block booking half termly or £10.00 to drop in. Contact Alex for more information 07966516914 or email yogawithalexbrown@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

Dec	1 st Prize	£100	No 14	Margaret Earle
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 98	Lis Jones
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 94	Emma Powell
	4 th Prize	£25	No 87	Grant Hartwright
Jan	1 st Prize	£100	No 65	Gillian Bray
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 24	Angela Hall
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 3	Di Cook
	4 th Prize	£25	No 28	Lynda Steele
Feb	1 st Prize	£100	No 96	Lauren Hill
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 12	Carole Slater
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 35	Phil & Sonia Smith
	4 th Prize	£25	No 25	Sue Jones

Your Committee for 2021/22

Your new committee comprises the following Trustees.

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