

# HALL HERALD

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## On the Horizon...



### **Jubilee BBQ** **6.00pm Friday 3 June**



Our annual Village BBQ has been brought forward to Friday 3 June so that we can all celebrate H M The Queen's Platinum Jubilee together! As usual there will be a raffle, tombola and games for the whole family and of course plenty of food and drink for everyone! Do come and raise a glass to Her Majesty with us!

### **Film Club – 7.30pm Thursday 16 June**

Our last film of the season will be **West Side Story**. Not the original but a stunning remake directed by Steven Spielberg! It is a visually amazing experience with hugely impressive performances from the leading actors and the supporting dancers. Don't miss it!!

### **Annual General Meeting – 7.00pm Wednesday 22 June**



It's that time of year again! The time when we report on what we have been up to over the last 12 months and set out our plans for the coming year. In particular we want to talk about our wish to convert the committee room into a bar for occasional use.

We also go through the accounts and hold our elections. It all sounds very boring but it really isn't!

As always there will be a free drink for everyone and a chance to ask questions, and have a chat afterwards. It will only last an hour at most and you would be made very welcome! Do come! You won't regret it!

## Days Gone By...

### **Film Club – 7.30pm Thursday 17 March**

Our March film was supposed to be **Little Women** starring Saoirse Ronan and Emma Watson but this was delayed until April because we ran out of oil and couldn't heat the Hall! We tried to order a refill in good time but struggled to get a delivery. Then, when it arrived, we had to get the heating engineers in to re-prime the boiler as it wouldn't fire. To add insult to injury the price of the oil had doubled since we last bought some! Very annoying!

**Little Women** was of course a very popular book when it was first published and equally popular in subsequent film adaptations. They all attracted star actors from the relevant era

- 1917 A British silent film with former Gaiety Girl Ruby Miller as Jo
- 1918 An American silent film starring Dorothy Bernard as Jo.
- 1933 The first *Little Women* "talkie", starring Katherine Hepburn
- 1949 The first Technicolor adaptation with June Allyson as Jo
- 1994 The first adaptation directed by a woman (Gillian Armstrong) and starring Winona Ryder as Jo March. The film was nominated for three Academy Awards

In May we screened **Official Secrets** starring Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes and Matt Smith. It was based on the true case of Katharine Gun, a translator working for the British security services at the GCHQ surveillance unit in Cheltenham, who leaked an incriminating email in an attempt to prevent the war in Iraq. Arguably, Keira Knightley gave one of her best acting performances in a film that shed light on some dark secrets!

### **Pop-Up Pub and Live Music – Saturday 30 April**

Our Pop-Up Pub evening was a tremendous success, thanks in no small measure to some great music provided by **Blank Canvas** with Catherine Brereton as its lead singer. As expected it didn't take long to get people dancing – and to work up a thirst! But at least we didn't run out this time!

The band played two outstanding sets which led to chants of More! More! More! So they played a bit more!! It was unclear who was more exhausted in the end – the band or the dancers!

## Other News...

### Community Pay Back Team

The Community Payback Team is run by Warwickshire Probation Service and has been engaged by the Parish Council to tackle a number of jobs around the village which would be of benefit to the community – and an opportunity for team members to learn some practical skills. They have already done some excellent work at the church and the school and will be doing some fencing work around the village shortly.

A few weeks ago the team came to the Memorial Hall to re-stain the benches, the notice board and the Hall roadside sign. They also tidied the flower beds by the flagpole and cleared the undergrowth to the left of the Hall, bordering the road. The standard of work the team has done is very impressive, so much so that we have invited them back to varnish the hardwood doors on the front of the Hall (the double doors and the two single doors).

A letter of thanks has been sent to the Probation Service with a request that it be shared with all members of the team. They deserve to be praised!

### Rendering Repairs

The defective rendering around the chimney and on the chimney breast has at last been replaced. The lead flashing at the base of the chimney was also replaced at the same time. This should solve the leak problem that we have had for several years and which has affected the decorations inside the Hall. The scaffolding needed for the work was of course a nuisance and at times the work itself was noisy. We can only apologise to hirers for the disruption that occurred as there was never going to be a good time to get the job done.

### Hall Signage

Once the rendering has been painted we will put the new slate sign on the chimney breast and take down the wooden sign above the committee room.

### Commemorative Plaque

The metal plaque commemorating HM The Queen's coronation has been refurbished as is now back on the flagpole – just in time for her Platinum Jubilee! Redditch Shotblasting did a great job for a very modest price.

## 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)

Mar	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 62	Jackie Carr-Smith
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 88	Helen Linfoot
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 47	Gordon Peach
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 18	David & Linda Bradley
Apr	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 36	Cathy Atkinson
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 1	Martyn Davey
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 85	Diane Taylor
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 93	Ann Jones
May	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 3	Di Cook
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 100	Mr M T Flood
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 50	Josephine Holt
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 83	Janet Trigg

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 40 different winners with 3 of those winning twice, 1 winning three times and 1 winning an incredible 4 times! In total £2,400 has been won.

Looking back over the 14 years since the 100 Club began we have paid out £33,600 in prize money and raised more than £31,000 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 2021/22

Your committee comprises the following Trustees.

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