

# HALL HERALD

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## On the Horizon...

### **Film Club – 7.30pm Thursday 15 September**

Our first film of the new season will be **Operation Mincemeat** starring Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen. This was the name given to an audacious real-life scheme devised by British intelligence in 1943 to fool Nazi Germany into thinking the Allies planned to invade Greece and Sardinia, rather than their actual target, Sicily. If you don't know how the scheme was conceived, planned and executed you will be astounded by the audacity of it! And if you do know, come anyway as it is hugely entertaining film!

Unfortunately tickets will cost £5 from October to cover the increase in heating costs, but this will include tea, coffee and biscuits in future.

### **Bhangra & Curry Evening – 7.30pm Saturday 24 September**

Our last Bhangra & Curry Evening was such fun we decided that we really must do it again! We have booked the same teachers as before (In2Cultures) as they were able to get us all moving in the right direction at the right time – occasionally! Hilarious! We will have a choice of authentic curries with naan breads and sauces for supper, and of course a pay bar to slake your thirst. The cost will be £12 a ticket. If you would like to come please get in touch via [contactgakmh@gmail.com](mailto:contactgakmh@gmail.com)

## Days Gone By...

### **Jubilee BBQ – Friday 3 June**

Our Village BBQ to celebrate H M The Queen's Platinum Jubilee got off to the worst possible start! Bang on 6pm the heavens opened and we had a horrendous downpour for an hour! But people still came, and when the rain stopped even more came! It was a hugely successful evening despite the challenges, and HMQ would have been impressed by our rendition of the National Anthem had she been within earshot! Long may she reign over us!



### **Film Club – Thursday 16 June**

Our last film of the 2021/22 season was **West Side Story**. A truly spectacular musical with some fantastic dance routines and of course many brilliant, timeless songs! It's a film you could watch many times over and never cease to be impressed by Steven Spielberg's re-imagining of a classic that many thought couldn't be bettered.

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



The Chairman began by welcoming everyone to the Hall's 101<sup>st</sup> AGM. He said that the Hall had planned to get back to 'business as usual' with effect from 21 June 2021 when the remaining Covid restrictions were lifted

but the return to 'normality' was slow as government advice was for everyone to act carefully and remain cautious. Although the Hall was fully reopened there was a marked 'Long Covid' effect with regular users being slow to return. Ad hoc hirers came back more quickly, some with events postponed from previous years. Events at the Hall resumed in the autumn but with numbers attending being restricted.

Unsurprisingly income from hirings for the year was down to just over £6,500 Operating costs for the year were in excess of £11,500 which meant that we had an operating deficit of nearly £5,000. Fortunately we were able to obtain £10,267 in Covid grants during the year, bring the total of grants received during the pandemic to £29,936.21. This enabled us to cover our losses and enabled us to make some improvements to the Hall.

The Chairman then spoke about the fund raising events held during 2021/22. Although the Village BBQ in June had to be cancelled because of the potential Covid risk, other events went ahead albeit with restrictions on numbers until the New Year.

The projects to be explored as part of a potential 10 year plan were then outlined. The Chairman said that the next project would be to refurbish and refit the committee room as a Pop-Up Bar. The estimated cost would be £16,500 and an application for half the cost to be met by a Lottery grant would be made. The balance of the cost would be met from Hall funds. In the event that the application is unsuccessful the project would go ahead anyway.

The Chairman then moved on to outline the Committee's plans for 2022/23 and began by raising some concerns about energy costs. Given

the huge increases in oil and electricity prices that have occurred and are in prospect he said that it was imperative that we find ways to increase income and limit costs. These would include raising hire charges, looking for ways to increase bookings, setting the heating more accurately, reducing the temperature by 1 degree, and switching to a 3 year green energy supply tariff. Other plans included the redecoration of the Hall interior, a review of our investments, consideration of our next project (after the creation of a Pop-Up Bar) and to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (which of course we had already done earlier in June).

The Final Accounts for 2021/22 were then projected onto the screen for everyone to see. The Treasurer noted that receipts for the year totalled £29,542.85. These included £1,944 in regular booking charges and £4,590 in ad hoc booking charges. Fund raising generated £3,010. Grants and non-Gift Aided donations totalled £10,807.25. In addition £1,425 in interest was received from the Fixed Interest Fund.

The Treasurer then referred the payments made during the year which totalled £22,389.81. She drew attention to the fact that Business Rate charges had resumed after being waived for a year, electricity usage was up to £705, the price of heating oil had doubled and cost £2,985 over the year, cleaning costs were up to £2,220 now that the Hall was being used again, consumables were down to £886 as accumulated stock was being used up, and repairs and maintenance were up by more than £1,000. Fund raising expenses were just over £1,300.

The main capital expenditure during the year was £3,090 for the new lobby doors. A further £240 was spent on a Centenary plaque for the front of the Hall.

Reviewing the Balance Sheet the Treasurer noted that the Hall accounts showed a net surplus for the year of £7,153.04. Total net current assets at the end of the year were £61,237.28. Investments in the COIF Fixed Interest Fund and Investment Fund had a book value of £56,000 and a year-end market value of £55,360.53. The cumulative return on investments to 31 March 2022 was £6,542.15.

As there were no new candidates the previous committee was then re-appointed en bloc.

In conclusion the Chairman paid tribute to two former trustees, Mrs Diane Wright MBE and Mr John Earle, both of whom had passed away in the last 12 months. They had served on the Hall committee for more than 50 years between them.

## Other News...

### Pop-Up Bar Project

As you will have read from the AGM report, our next project will be to repurpose the old committee room as a Pop-Up Bar for occasional use by ourselves and other hirers. Many, many thanks to all of you who supported our application for a Lottery grant to help with the funding. Our email survey resulted in 124 votes in favour of the project and another 26 'Likes' on Facebook. These votes helped enormously to demonstrate the support within the community for what we want to do. We should know whether our application was successful later this month (September). The project will go ahead whatever the outcome, with the aim of getting the Bar up and running early in the New Year.

### 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 75	Sue Andrews
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 03	Di Cook
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 19	Keith & Deb Gregory
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 65	Gillian Bray
Jul	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 46	Maureen Collins
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 52	Steve Crocker
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 2	Mike Wilkes
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 87	Grant Hartwright
Aug	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 18	Linda & David Bradley
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 76	Margaret Moore
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 59	Paul Tremble
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 79	Mollie Davey

### Your Committee for 2022/23

Your 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