

HALL HERALD

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On the Horizon...



Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.00 – 12.30pm Saturday 3 December



There will be a Bring & Buy Stall and we would welcome donations of cakes (with ingredients labelled), produce, gifts and good quality books. We will also be selling cards on behalf of Shakespeare Hospice. Entrance £2.00 to include coffee and biscuits.



Christmas is Coming! – 5.30 for 6.00pm Sunday 4 December

Christmas is Coming - very soon! Join us for carol singing, mince pies and mulled wine, and help us switch on and decorate the Christmas tree once again! It is always such fun whatever the weather! And we need your help! There will be no charge for the refreshments.



Pop-Up Pub & Christmas Celebration! – 7.00pm Friday 9 December



Last year's gathering was such a success we just had to do it again! With a few added bits of fun! There will be a pay bar with real ale, wines and spirits. Tickets are priced at £7.50 to include a light buffet. Please ring 488831 or email contactgakmh@gmail.com. Tickets are running out fast!



Film Club – 7.30pm Thursday 15 December

Our last film of 2022 will be **Downton Abbey : A New Era**, once again written by Julian Fellowes and starring all the usual suspects! In this one the Crawley family go on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa. And Downton Abbey becomes a film set! It is much better than the 2019 film and much funnier! A real Christmas treat!

Days Gone By...

Bhangra & Curry Evening – Saturday 24 September

Our Bhangra & Curry Evening once again proved to be great fun and was hugely enjoyed by the many who were able to come. Unfortunately we had to limit the numbers so we were not able to accommodate everyone.

Peter and Jane Harris kindly prepared the curries and, as there was practically nothing of them left when everyone had finished eating, they were obviously very popular! Thanks also to the volunteers who scrambled to help on the day as we were left somewhat short-handed due to illness.

Our three instructors from In2Cultures managed to get pretty well everyone dancing. Whether they were the right steps or correct movements are moot points but nevertheless it was a night to remember!

Next year we hope to get In2Cultures back at the Hall for an evening of African drumming! More about this in the next edition of the Hall Herald.

Film Club – October and November

Unfortunately our first film of the new season, **Operation Mincemeat**, had to be postponed from September. However the wait only served to heighten the anticipation and it was clear from the comments made afterwards that no-one was disappointed! Everyone agreed that it was a really good film and very well acted. We all knew how it was going to end of course but it certainly didn't spoil the enjoyment.

In November we screened **The Duke**. It was advertised as a drama/comedy and it certainly lived up to its billing. It was hilarious at the most unexpected moments! A great watch!

A Trek in the Himalayas – Friday 11 November

Geoff Harrison's illustrated talk about his trek in the Himalayas in 1993 was very entertaining! Starting out on his adventure with two friends and

joining up with another dozen or so intrepid trekkers he flew to Kathmandu where he saw the aftermath of the awful 1988 earthquake, and then it was onwards to Pasupatinath, and to Jiri to start the trek itself. His account of the trek was made all the more interesting by the many anecdotes he recounted about the people he met and the places he had seen. The highest point he reached was the Tengboche Monastery which stands at over 12,500 feet. It was originally built in 1916 by Lama Gulu but was destroyed by an earthquake in 1934. It was rebuilt but destroyed a second time by fire in 1989. It was then rebuilt again in the form that can be seen today. Apparently Tenzing Norgay, who reached the summit of Mount Everest with Sir Edmund Hillary, once went to Tengboche Monastery to train to be a monk. Geoff brought several souvenirs to show us including a Gurkha army knife that he managed to smuggle onto the plane concealed between two rucksacks, one inside the other! As he said, it was a wonderful journey and a wish fulfilled.

Other News...

Pop-Up Bar Project

As you know our next project will be to repurpose the old committee room as a Pop-Up Bar for occasional use by ourselves and other hirers. Unfortunately our application for a Lottery grant to help with the funding was unsuccessful. The reason given was that the project does not directly align to the programme priorities. They also expected wider consultation to identify the community's challenges and needs. We have since made an application to Rural England Prosperity Fund and are hoping for better luck this time! However, whatever the outcome, we are going ahead with our plans and are in the process of finalising the layout of the bar. Hopefully there will be better news in the next newsletter!

Hall Redecoration

We last decorated the interior of the Hall in 2013 and it's looking a little shabby! We are planning to close the building for the first week of January to allow the decorators to get the job done as quickly as possible. They will paint the main hall and the corridors at the front and back but will not be painting the cloakrooms, or the committee room as this will be refurbished shortly.

LED Lights

LED lights have been fitted everywhere in the Hall except for the main hall itself. Whilst the decorators are in we will take the opportunity to fit 10 new LED batten lights to the ceiling. That just leaves us with the wall lights to replace at some point and then the job will be done!

Ann Lowth

It was with great sadness that the Hall committee noted that Ann Lowth died in October, aged 93. Ann had been a committee member for many years in the 1980s and also served as Treasurer. Ann was someone who was very community minded and always willing to help. She will be missed.

Ann's funeral service took place at Haselor church where she was buried. A wake was held in the Memorial Hall afterwards to celebrate her life. The Hall was packed with friends and family, which was testimony to her popularity.

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 34	Richard Pinder
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 85	Diane Taylor
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 24	Angela Hall
	4 th Prize	£25	No 06	Mike Burlton
Oct	1 st Prize	£100	No 88	Helen Linfoot
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 23	Ron & Ann Wright
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 75	Richard & Ellie Spencer
	4 th Prize	£25	No 43	Martyn Brookhouse
Nov	1 st Prize	£100	No 06	Mike Burlton
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 04	Diane Taylor
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 28	Lynda Steele
	4 th Prize	£25	No 32	Judi Smith

Your Committee for 2022/23

Your committee comprises the following Trustees.

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