

# HALL HERALD

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## On the Horizon...

### Film Club – 7.30pm Thursday 16 March



Our film for March is **Elvis** with electrifying performances from Austin Butler as The King and Tom Hanks as Colonel Parker. Baz Luhrmann's whirlwind biopic traces Elvis's life from childhood all the way through to his Vegas residency at the end of his career.

### Spring Coffee Morning – 10.00am Saturday 15 April

Coffee mornings are always a good way to catch up with people you know and meet new neighbours so make a note of the date in your diary. As usual there will be our ever popular bring and buy stall so do come with some cakes, jams, preserves, flowers, vegetables or anything else that you think would be tempting! We will of course have a raffle too!



### Coronation Celebration 5.00pm Saturday 6 May



At the moment we are not quite sure what form our celebration will take but rest assured we will be celebrating and you will get an invitation in good time! We all hope that it will be a glorious sunny day of course so that we can toast His Majesty outside. However, if it isn't, we will be gathering indoors instead!

### Annual General Meeting 7.00pm Thursday 25 May

Where does the time go? It's hard to believe but it is nearly 12 months since our last AGM and we will soon need to hold another one! It will be our 102<sup>nd</sup> in fact! We will be reporting on what we have done over the last year and what we plan to do in the year to come. We will also go through our accounts and hold our elections.

As always there will be a free drink for everyone and a chance to ask questions, and have a chat afterwards. Do come! You won't regret it!



## Days Gone By...

### Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.00 – 12.30pm Saturday 3 December



Our Coffee Morning is always a good start to the festive season and this year was no exception! Although Father Christmas didn't come, there were plenty of presents to be snapped up and all of the stalls reported brisk business! It was a very happy occasion and much enjoyed by everyone who came.

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

Our Christmas tree was another monster from the Ragley estate and what a magnificent sight it was when we lit it! As always we gathered round the tree to sing carols, drink mulled wine and eat mince pies, and then moved inside the Hall to listen to some very accomplished young musicians who played several solo pieces for us. Their confidence was amazing! We then sang some more carols and afterwards the children were invited to decorate the tree. In no time at all it was fully dressed! Such fun!



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



Have you ever played Heads or Tails with your hands behind your back or on your head? We did! And we had two quizzes, a light supper and some drinks at the pop-up bar! A very convivial evening with friends and neighbours in our countdown to Christmas!

### Film Club – December, January and February

Our last film of 2022 was **Downton Abbey : A New Era**. It was much better than the previous Downton film and much funnier. It had two linked story lines. The first involved a trip to the south of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa. In so doing Lord Grantham had a panic attack when he thought he might have a half-brother! The second story line was about Downton Abbey becoming a film set in the family's absence! When the film had to switch from a silent movie to a 'talkie' mid-production, Lady Mary and the staff had to join the cast! It was hilarious! Look out for it on the TV!

**Top Gun – Maverick** was our block-buster film to start the New Year! It was predictably preposterous and Tom Cruise starred as the eponymous fighter pilot and reluctant instructor. He never seems to get any older does he?! The aerial combat scenes were terrific and our sound system was given a really good work-out! A brilliant film in its own way but for those in the audience who hadn't seen the original it may have been a bit puzzling. Very enjoyable nonetheless.

In February we screened **Belfast**, a film based on Kenneth Branagh's childhood amidst the troubles in Northern Ireland. Despite being shot in monochrome and the bleak context the film was full of warmth and humour. A soundtrack that included music from Van Morrison added to the enjoyment! Judi Dench and Ciaran Hinds were brilliant as usual but Jude Hill, who played the 10 year old Buddy, was outstanding. It was a real surprise that the film didn't pick up an Oscar or two!

## Other News...

### Hall Redecoration

Clive Campion & Sons did a splendid job painting the main hall and the corridors at the front and back. It all looks a lot fresher now!

### LED Lights

Whilst the decorators were in we took the opportunity to fit 10 new LED batten lights to the ceiling. They are bigger than the old ones and much brighter – and cheaper to use of course!

### Pop-Up Bar Project

Unfortunately our application for a grant from the Rural England Prosperity Fund was unsuccessful, as was our application for a Lottery grant as you will recall. Nevertheless we are still going ahead with the project on a self-funded basis and have agreed a design and specification with Logmoors who will be starting work shortly.

The plan is to brick up both existing doors and put a new, glass door into the wall opposite the window. The bar will have two hatches, one for serving drinks and the other for taking payments. It will be equipped with a sink, a glass washer, an upright glass fronted bottle cooler, glass racks and cupboards. There will be an end to end counter top on both sides of the bar. All in all it will make maximum use of a limited space, and it could still be used for a small meeting or as an overflow kitchen area.

While Logmoors are at the Hall we have asked them to tackle some small maintenance jobs for us too.

## New Classes

Three new classes have started at the Hall.

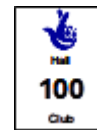
On Mondays and Thursdays from 11.30am to 12.30pm we have **Activity B's Messy Play Group** for parents with children aged 0 – 3 years old.

On Mondays from 3.30pm to 5.30pm we have **Activity B's After School Club** for children aged 4 to 12.

On Wednesdays from 4.30pm to 6.30pm and on Thursdays from 10.00am to 11.00am we have a **Pilates** class.

Further details can be found on our website.

## 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)

Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 24	Angela Hall
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 53	Kass Aukstolis
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 36	Cathy Atkinson
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 29	Ian Millard
Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 64	Robin Woodger
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 80	David Jones
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 69	Simon Reid
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 48	Geoff & Alma Harrison
Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 48	Geoff & Alma Harrison
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 57	Bernard Ackroyd
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 90	Steph Ross
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 77	Bob & Judy Smith

## Your Committee for 2022/23

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