

# HALL HERALD

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## On the Horizon...

### Film Club – 7.30pm Thursday 15 June



Our last film before we break for the summer will be **Living** starring Bill Nighy as Mr Williams, an ageing, straight-laced civil servant doing an unrewarding job at London County Hall.

Recognising his own mortality he decides that he needs to live a little, and do something useful for the community he serves. It's a lovely, gentle film and arguably Bill Nighy's finest. A role that resulted in him being nominated for an Oscar. He didn't get one!

### Village BBQ – 7.00pm Friday 30 June

It's time for our annual BBQ Bash! As usual there will be burgers and hot dogs with veggie options, a couple of barrels of Purity Gold, lagers, prosecco, red wine, white wine, soft drinks and lots of fun things to do for the whole family! We're hoping for a warm and sunny evening but rain has never stopped us yet! Do come along and enjoy yourselves!! There's no entrance charge and plenty of room for everyone



## Days Gone By...

### Film Club – March April and May

Our film in March was **Elvis** starring Austin Butler as the King and Tom Hanks as his manager, Colonel Tom Parker. The film was nominated for 8 Oscars including best film and best leading actor - but didn't win any! Nevertheless we all enjoyed it!

In April we screened **Mrs Harris Goes To Paris**. What a contrast! A simple fairy tale type of film based on the 1958 novel by Paul Gallico. Lesley Manville was outstanding as a cheerful, kind-hearted Battersea charlady who falls in love with a couture dress from Dior, decides she must have one of her own, and off she goes! She was a knock-out! And the dresses were too!

Our film in May was **The Lost King** starring Sally Hawkins and Steve Coogan. It was based on a true story about Philippa Langley's search for the remains of King Richard III in 2012. Relying on medieval maps and accounts of his burial from people who were actually there in 1485, she narrowed down the possible location to a car park in Leicester. Although not an archaeologist she somehow managed to commission a dig hoping to find his grave. Amazingly, "they" found him on the first day!. Incredible! Sadly, the extent of the role played by Philippa in the dig was subsequently disputed by Leicester University.

### Coronation Celebration - Saturday 6 May



The day King Charles III was crowned was very wet! Nevertheless it didn't dampen our spirits and there must have been more than 100 people who came to our very own Coronation at the Memorial Hall later. The Hall was decorated in red, white and blue of course, both inside and outside. And we flew the Coronation flag as well as several Union Jacks!

When people arrived at 5pm they were served cakes and glasses of fizz and we then toasted Charles and Camilla. At 6pm we had a fancy dress parade for all the children who came dressed as Kings and Queens. There were some brilliant costumes with one boy dressed as King Arthur, complete with a tunic of chain mail! It was a very difficult to decide who should be crowned King and Queen of Great Alne as they were all so good but eventually a choice was made and the happy couple were duly crowned!



All of the children were given scrolls to say that they went to the Coronation, and our new King and Queen were each given a commemorative mug and an illustrated book titled 'God Save the King' by Anne-Marie Minshall. All in all a wonderful, truly memorable occasion.

## Annual General Meeting - Thursday 25 May



Our 102<sup>nd</sup> meeting was held at the Hall last month.

Martyn Davey, the Chairman, reviewed the achievements in 2022/23 and said that things had largely gone to plan. In particular he referred to the creation of the new bar which had come in under budget, the redecoration of

the Hall interior and the installation of new LED ceiling lights. The only disappointment was review of our investments which concluded that it would be wise to sell our Fixed Interest Fund holding as it was performing badly. This was done and unsurprisingly a loss was made. Nevertheless our investments continue to provide a positive return.

Looking ahead the Chairman expressed concern about the continuing dereliction of the former Social Club and the fact that the owners have decided to sell it. The asking price is in the range £150/£180,000. It was noted that the sale would bring parking issues for the Hall.

The Chairman then reviewed the accounts on behalf of the Treasurer. He highlighted the fact that Hall had generated a net surplus of over £5,000 for the year and that our current assets totalled £56,000.

The elections concluded the meeting. The only change was that Margaret Moore joined the committee as the Kinwarton Parish Council representative to replace Cliff Armstrong who continues on the committee as a co-optative trustee.

## Other News

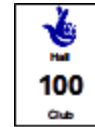
### Pop-Up Bar Project

At last we have our new bar – and it looks magnificent! Our thanks to Logmoors who did a brilliant job for us.

We started by putting in a new floor because the old one had dry rot, wood rot and woodworm! Under the floor we were amazed to find the footings for the bay window which originally opened at the end of the building. You can see it in the photographs of the Hall back in 1921 when it had a thatched roof!

The bar has been kitted out with cupboards and storage racks with counter tops running along both sides. It has a sink, glass washer and an illuminated chiller cabinet to display the drinks on offer. It also has two roller blinds to make serving and cash payments easier. We are fitting new blinds shortly to complete the project.

## 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 51	Annie Snowdon
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 10	Peter & Jane Harris
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 24	Angela Hall
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 40	Mike Butcher
Apr	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 86	Joan Flood
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 73	Helen Smith
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 47	Gordon Peach
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 75	Sue Andrews
May	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 34	Richard Pinder
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 17	Cliff & Lorraine Armstrong
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 38	Clive Snowdon
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 100	Mike Flood

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 future draws.

Over the last 12 months there have been 42 different winners with 4 of those winning twice, and 1 winning three times. In total £2,400 has been won.

Looking back over the 15 years since the 100 Club began we have paid out £36,000 in prize money and raised more than £33,000 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 2023/4

Your new committee comprises the following Trustees.

Cliff Armstrong	764642	Marie Holding	488950
Richard Cockman	488627	Sue Jones	488212
Martyn Davey (Chair)	488831	Chris Moody	488009
Mollie Davey	488831	Margaret Moore	
Mel Jenkins		Gareth Roberts-Davies	488079
Peter Harris	488377	Katrina Woodger	488074
Geoff Harrison	488405		