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On the Horizon...

Film Club – 7.30pm Thursday 28 September (Note date change!)



Our first film of the new season will be **'A Man Called Otto'** starring Tom Hanks. It's a comedy-drama about a bitter old man reluctantly getting involved in the lives of his neighbours. When a lively young family moves in next door to Otto Anderson he meets his match in a quick-witted

pregnant woman named Marisol. This leads to an unlikely friendship that turns his world upside down.

African Drumming and Dining – Saturday 21 October

Those of you who came along to our Bhangra and Curry evening will be pleased to hear that Liz and Devinder from **In2Cultures** will be back with us in October, this time to demonstrate some African drumming and also, of course, to provide some tuition!



Liz and Devinder have a passion for African percussion and multicultural creative arts, and love sharing their knowledge and expertise with everyone they work with. They run weekly workshops for African drumming and Bhangra dancing in Stratford and Leamington Spa. Their dance and drumming performance and workshop highlights include the House of Commons and the American Embassy. They use full size African djembe drums for their workshops which begin with simple hand exercises and build up to more complex rhythms.

More information about the evening, ticket prices, and what to expect from the supper will be available shortly. No bookings yet!



We know it's a little early to be advertising our Christmas events but we wanted to make sure that you put them in your diary or on your calendar before you make any other commitments!

Christmas Coffee Morning -Saturday 2 December

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without our Christmas Coffee Morning, complete with a Bring & Buy Stall and other Christmas temptations!

Christmas is Coming! - Sunday 3 December

Likewise Christmas is Coming! A chance to gather round the Christmas tree, sing some carols and enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies! It's magical!

Christmas Supper – Friday 8 December

Another magical event will be our Christmas Supper this year as we will be entertained by The British Magical Society. It is the oldest magic society in the country and has a great history of providing magical entertainment for groups and organisations across the Midlands.



Magicians from the Society have been to the Hall twice before and we thought it was time to have them back as they are so good! There will be 6 magicians on the night who will circulate around the tables and perform their miracles right under your noses! Not to be missed! Put the date in your diary

Days Gone By...

Film Club – June

Our last film before the break for the summer was **Living** starring Bill Nighy in arguably the best performance of his career. He is ramrod straight in his 1950s pinstripe suit and bowler, an English businessman through and through, but lacking any sense of purpose or achievement in his job or indeed his life. But he comes to realise that he is capable of

doing something worthwhile before it's too late and is not prepared to let anything or anyone stand in his way. Well done Bill! Shame you didn't win an Oscar!

Village BBQ – Friday 30 June

Another rainy evening! Why does it keep happening to us?! Be that as it may it didn't dampen our spirits. There was a really good turnout for the event and, without having to try too hard, we managed to eat and drink almost everything! The whole event was great fun as usual and helped to raise nearly £1,000 for Hall improvements. Many thanks to everyone who came along to support us and of course to all the helpers who made it such a great night. Let's just hope for a drier evening next time (weatherwise!)

Other News

Hand Driers and Proximity Lights

We have decided to replace the paper towel dispensers in the four cloakrooms with electric hand driers. These would be more hygienic and would eliminate a lot of waste. It would also mean that we don't have to clean up all the towels dropped on the floor after an event!

While we have an electrician on site we thought we would install proximity lights in the cloakrooms at the same time. This would avoid the nuisance of lights being left on after a hiring. A not infrequent occurrence!

Vertical Blinds

We have at last finished work on the new bar by fitting vertical blinds to the window. They are coloured slate grey to tone with the rest of the fittings and help to give a very contemporary look to the room. They were supplied and fitted by Thomas Gilbey Interiors who we have used several times in the past. They are very competitive and do a really good job. Highly recommended!

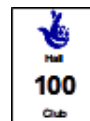


Great Alne – A History Revisited

The latest edition of *Great Alne – A History Revisited* will be available shortly. This will be our Coronation edition! It would make an ideal Christmas present or an unrivalled reference book about the village for your coffee table! It will be a short print run so get your orders in quickly. The book costs £15.

Great Alne – A History was written by the Rev Frank Wain and published in 1996. It was illustrated by John Earle. Much has altered and been developed in Great Alne since then and the '*Revisited*' editions bring the original '*History*' up to date. It was first published in December 2015 with further updates in 2021, 2022 and now 2023.

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 gakmhnews2@gmail.com

Jun	1 st Prize	£100	No 34	Richard Pinder
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 02	Mike Wilkes
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 29	Ian Millard
	4 th Prize	£25	No 62	Jackie Carr-Smith
Jul	1 st Prize	£100	No 77	Judy & Bob Smith
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 46	Maureen Collins
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 93	Ann Jones
	4 th Prize	£25	No 13	Jill Brookhouse
Aug	1 st Prize	£100	No 33	Judy & Bob Smith
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 98	Lis Jones
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 80	David Jones
	4 th Prize	£25	No 95	Lauren Hill

Your Committee for 2023/4

Your new committee comprises the following Trustees.

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