

HALL HERALD

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On the Horizon...



Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.00 – 12.30pm Saturday 2 December



There will of course be a Bring & Buy Stall and we would welcome donations of cakes (with ingredients labelled), produce, gifts and good quality books. Entrance £2.00 to include coffee and biscuits. There will be a raffle too!

Christmas is Coming! – 5.30 for 6.00pm Sunday 3 December

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



A Magical Evening & Christmas Celebration! 7.00pm Friday 8 December



A member of The British Magical Society will be with us to perform some magic on stage, no doubt with some help from the audience! Come and join us and enjoy the fun! There will be a pay bar with real ale, wines, and some prosecco to add even more sparkle to the occasion. Tickets are £10.00 to include a light supper. They are disappearing fast so ring 488831 or email contactgakh@gmail.com.

Film Club – 7.30pm Thursday 21 December



Our December film will be '*Mission Impossible – Dead Reckoning (Part 1)*' starring Tom Cruise as Ethan Hunt of course! This is the seventh film in the series which shows no signs of slowing down, and neither does Tom Cruise who, at 61, looks as fit as ever! As usual there is some tremendous stunt work, with the key scene reportedly being shot six times in one day before Tom was satisfied with it! Or maybe he was just enjoying the thrill of it all! Come and see it yourself. You will be thrilled too!

Jazz Evening – Saturday 20 April

Something different for your diaries! We have booked *Shades on Black* to perform for us in April. They are a 10 piece jazz band based around Stratford-upon-Avon who play, and sing, a blend of 1920s music through the decades to the 60s. There will be a light supper and an opportunity for dancing, so make sure that you don't plan to do anything else that evening! Tickets are not available yet but we will let you know when they are!

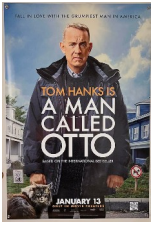


Days Gone By...

African Drumming and Dining

Sadly we had to cancel the drumming and dining evening we planned for October as we were unable to sell enough tickets to make the event worthwhile. Nevertheless Liz and Devinder from *In2Cultures* would be happy to come back again at some point for another of their Bhangra & Curry evenings which have proved very popular in the past.

Film Club – September, October and November



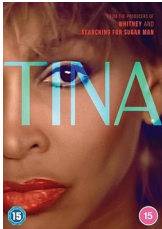
The first film of the new season was **'A Man Called Otto'** starring Tom Hanks. It was a comedy-drama about a bitter old man reluctantly getting involved in the lives of his neighbours. Tom Hanks, as ever, gave a brilliant performance as a grumpy, short fused widower who crankily tries and fails to micromanage everything in his street including his own multiple suicide attempts.

Thanks to the warmth and generosity of his long suffering neighbours he is eventually won round and becomes a mainstay of the community. A lovely, heart warming story based on a best selling novel 'A Man Called Ove' by Swedish author Fredrik Backman.

'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' was our October offering. Another lovely film. So much of it was ridiculous but, thanks mostly to the three wonderful leads, the grief at its core is no joke. Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton play Harold and Maureen, a retired couple living a quiet life in Devon when, out of the blue, Harold gets a letter saying that an old work colleague of his is now in a cancer hospice in Berwick-upon-Tweed.



Inspired by a conversation with a woman in a petrol station, he immediately embarks on a pilgrimage of 600 miles on foot with the faith that she'll still be alive to greet him. It's a film about who he meets on his pilgrimage and what drove him to make it.



In November we screened **'Tina'**, a film made by Sky Documentaries about the life and career of Tina Turner. It followed her rise to fame from the late 50s singing with Ike Turner's Kings of Rhythm. They rose to greater and greater fame in the 60s and 70s with multiple hits before they split, following what was clearly an incredibly abusive relationship.

In the 80s Tina made an astonishing comeback and dominated every stage she set foot on as a solo performer. She was simply the best – and a force of nature! Tina Turner died in May aged 83.

Other News

Oak Tree

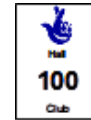
Sadly the roadside oak tree at the Hall is dying. We have arranged for the dead wood to be cut back in an attempt to prolong its life.

Great Alne – A History Revisited

The Coronation edition of *Great Alne – A History Revisited* is now available. The book costs £15 and can be bought at the Christmas Coffee Morning or by ordering via email to contactgakmh@gmail.com



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

Sep	1 st Prize	£100	No 04	Diane Taylor
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 88	Helen Linfoot
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 73	Helen Smith
	4 th Prize	£25	No 71	Daniel Collings
Oct	1 st Prize	£100	No 57	Bernard Ackroyd
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 75	Sue Andrews
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 33	Judy & Bob Smith
	4 th Prize	£25	No 12	Carole Slater
Nov	1 st Prize	£100	No 87	Grant Hartwright
	2 nd Prize	£50	No 04	Diane Taylor
	3 rd Prize	£25	No 31	Dave Warren
	4 th Prize	£25	No 88	Helen Linfoot

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