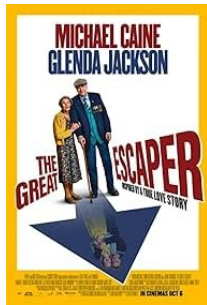


# HALL HERALD

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## On the Horizon...

### Film Club – 7.30pm Thursday 21 March



Our March film will be *'The Great Escaper'* starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. It's based on a true story that made national news about pensioner Bernard Jordan who in 2014, absconded from his care home in Hove, Sussex UK to attend an event in France to mark the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings. An event he was determined not to miss. And you shouldn't miss the film either! What an adventure!

### Jazz Evening – Saturday 20 April

Don't forget that 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 ploughman's supper, a pay bar, and plenty of time for dancing, so make sure that you don't plan to do anything else that evening! Tickets cost £10 and you can book them by emailing [gakmhnews2@gmail.com](mailto:gakmhnews2@gmail.com)



## Days Gone By...

### Christmas!

Our Christmas celebrations got off to a great start with a **Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy Event and Art Exhibition** on Saturday 2 December. It's always a wonderful opportunity to catch up with neighbours to have a chat about plans for the festive season and the New Year over a hot drink and a biscuit - and/or a mince pie! And to welcome new village residents to our friendly community! The Bring & Buy stalls were considerably depleted by the end of the morning with visitors snapping up home made cake bargains and Christmas gifts!

As always The Wednesday Art Group put on a stunning exhibition of their work for us! There is always so much to admire and to talk about, and yet there could be even more if we had the room! Well done!



Many thanks to everyone who contributed something to sell and to those of you who came and spent some money! All in all it was a very successful fund raising event.

The following day we celebrated **'Christmas is Coming!'** Another hugely popular event. Mince pies and mulled wine was served to welcome everyone on arrival and, as the weather was kind to us for a change, we were able to switch on the lights and sing some carols outside without getting soaking wet! Back inside we were entertained by some fantastically talented children who performed solo for us with amazing confidence. All credit to them – and their teachers! More carol singing followed, and it was then time to decorate the tree.

On Friday 8 December we were regally entertained by Dr Bob King from The British Magical Society! His performance was both mystifying and hilarious, and much enjoyed by us all. It was a truly **Magical Evening!**



### Film Club – December, January & February



Unfortunately our screening of **'Mission Impossible – Dead Reckoning (Part 1)'** had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances but nevertheless we were able to screen it in January. An impossible mission is never impossible for Tom Cruise (aka Ethan Hunt), except this time! We will have to wait for Part 2 for him to make it possible! Question: why don't the airbags go off in any of the cars he smashes up?!

Our February Film was **'What's Love Got To Do With It?'** and we had our biggest audience for quite a while to watch it! 60 people in fact. And they were not disappointed. It was a very funny RomCom starring Lily James and Shazad Latif. Emma Thompson was a real hoot as Lily James' mother and had us all in stitches!



### Other News

#### Noticeboard.

You've probably spotted that the wooden roadside noticeboard blew down in the recent gales. We share the board with the Parish Council. As the board cannot be repaired it will be replaced with a new one made from recycled material. This will avoid any rotting problems and should ensure it has a long life.

### Proximity Lights

Proximity lights have fitted in the two cloakrooms at the stage end of the Hall. This will solve the problem of light being left on at the end of a hiring. Something that has happened all too frequently!

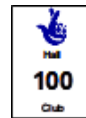
### Flagpole

The Union flag flying at the Hall since the Coronation also blew off in the gales! The rope snapped and the flag ended up in the tree! The pole will have to be lowered to fit a new rope before we can fly the flag again!

### Former Social Club

The Club was auctioned on 14 February but didn't sell as the reserve of £120,000 wasn't achieved. In fact there was only one bid (not us!). At the time of writing it is unclear what will happen now.

### 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](mailto:gakmhnews2@gmail.com)

Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 56	Geoff Round
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 04	Diane Taylor
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 42	Sue Millard
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 62	Jackie Carr-Smith
Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 21	Marie Holding
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 61	Isabel Barton
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 70	Richard & Ellie Spencer
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 41	Richard & Catherine Brereton
Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 17	Cliff & Lorraine Armstrong
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 35	Phil & Sonia Smith
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	No 72	Brian & Coral Bradley
	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£25	No 90	Steph Ross

### Your Committee for 2023/4

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