

4c. Great Alne Parish Council

Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall Report 2019/2020

Committee:

Chairman – Martyn Davey
Treasurer- Katrina Woodger
Secretary - vacant

Hall Improvements

- Installation of bi-fold doors in the Hall, which open out onto the Centenary Garden at the back. This is a great addition to the Hall, as it provides additional outside space for functions. In order to ensure this doesn't result in noise nuisance for nearby neighbours (particularly in Appleby Close), the terms & conditions of hire now contain a clause stating that the doors must be closed by 11pm.
- Planting in the Centenary Garden, plus the installation of an outside tap and garden watering system.
- Installation of security lights to the side and rear of the Hall.
- Installation of new speakers which has made a significant improvement to sound quality (for Film Club, and other events)
- New website; this went live in early 2020 (www.greatalnememorialhall.org.uk)

Key Events 2019/2020

- Village BBQ (June 2019)
- Film Club – every month except July/August.
- Coffee Mornings (Dec 19 and March 2020)
- Christmas is Coming (Dec)
- Christmas Supper (Dec)
- Calendar Photo Exhibition (March 2020)

Hall 100 Club

The 100 club was fully subscribed during 2019/2020. The Covid-19 pandemic, and subsequent measures put in place by the UK Government meant that from March our regular draws could not take place in person. We have come up with an alternative way to hold the “draw”, using the numbers generated by the Premium Bond draw instead (using the last 2 digits of the first 4 Bond numbers), ensuring this important source of revenue for the Hall can continue.

Memberships for 2020/21 have just been renewed, and again we are fully subscribed.

Hall Centenary Calendar

The Hall committee agreed some time ago to produce and sell a calendar to mark the Hall's 100 year anniversary next year. Residents were invited to submit photos of the village and its immediate surroundings for inclusion in the calendar; in the end we had over 80 entries.

In March we held a photo exhibition and coffee morning; the 60 people who came along on the day were asked to vote for their favourite 12 images, and the results were considered as part of the final deliberations on which photos would be used. The results will be published very soon. The next step is to design the calendar, with a view to production shortly afterwards.

Covid-19

Sadly the global pandemic has resulted in the cancellation of events planned for spring and summer at the Hall including:

- VE Day Celebration (May)
- Summer Concert (June)
- Village BBQ (June)

Most groups and clubs who use the Hall have cancelled their regular bookings until September at least, and we have been unable to hold the regular Film Club nights.

This has also meant that the committee have been unable to meet in person since February 2020, but we have held some 'virtual' meetings via email since then.

The AGM was due to be held in June; as we can't proceed at the moment the Chairman has obtained confirmation from Committee members that they are willing to either stand for re-election as officers, trustees, or continue as representative trustees.

At things stand we are unsure as to when the Hall will be able to reopen. However there is guidance available from Action with Communities for Rural England, and our insurers to assist with planning when the time comes. We are also forming a sub-committee, to specifically look at the provisions we will need to put in place.