



The Mandeville Summer Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to the 19th edition of our Quarterly Newsletter.

Would it surprise you to learn that the Mandeville Hall is a registered charity. It may at times appear to be a business but in reality it is a strictly controlled entity monitored by the Charities Commission. It is required to file accounts and information on its operations and trustees. The trustees are not permitted to receive payment other than reimbursement of expenses necessarily incurred in running the charity. Whilst the trustees do not receive remuneration for their services they get great satisfaction from seeing the charity thrive and continue to provide benefits to local residents. Perhaps you are thinking of how you might help and may wish to consider joining our trustees or helping out by volunteering. The more help we have the more the workload can be spread allowing us to continue to maintain and improve the facilities for the benefit of all residents.

Q2 Review

This past quarter has been extraordinarily busy with many varied groups using the hall as a venue for their fundraising.



Teams from 6 clubs prior to taking part in the Woolley Hill Trophy

Following the relocation of the Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club to the Mandeville Hall in February the club organised a very successful inter-club tournament in April. Clubs from Alconbury, Catworth, Ellington, Kym Valley and Kimbolton together with the Spaldwick club competed for the Woolley Hill Trophy. After a closely fought round-robin event Spaldwick took the trophy by 2 just points from Catworth in 2nd place and Kimbolton in a very creditable 3rd in their first competitive match for many years. It was a really enjoyable evening and plans for 2020 are already in hand.

If you fancy trying out this friendly game then just come along on Tuesday afternoon between 2 and 4pm or Thursday between 7.30 and 10pm. You will be made very welcome.



Recreating All The **TAKE THAT** Magic

The **Take That** tribute organised by the Kimbolton Primary Academy Parents Association was very successful with over 100 attending and raised a significant sum for the benefit of KPA.



The **Miss Franks Sale** on a decidedly overcast Saturday afternoon still produced sizeable funds for the benefit of St Andrew's Church.

The **Royal British Legion Kimbolton Branch** held 2 events, the first being a cheese and wine supper accompanied by live entertainment which was followed in late June by a well attended Armed Forces Day service at St Andrew's and lunch in the Main Hall.



The **Patient's Participation Group** held a meeting in June which sadly was poorly attended. It is disappointing for the organisers who put in so much effort to find experts to talk on many different subjects and give up their evenings to help with educating us on common conditions that may affect us directly or indirectly. If there is a specific area that you would like to find more information please contact Debbie Hellett. (07801987231) The next meeting will be on October 22.

The **Welcome Club** organised a "Bring & Share" supper to follow a short local walk. Unfortunately the weather was awful and the walk had to be cancelled. However this meant they had more time to enjoy their supper and will now look to have another opportunity to have a similar event and next time have the walk.



Our Chairman Stan Rhodes says "*We are always pleased to help all these various organisations to raise much needed funds to enable them to provide services and resources to benefit their cause.*"



AGM

We held our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 17 April. Sadly apart from the committee there were only a few residents in attendance. This is your opportunity to meet the committee and hear not only the achievements but also the plans for the future. Your suggestions are always welcome and if you let us know of a problem or concern we will do our best to fix it. Our view is that this is your hall and our task is to run it efficiently for your benefit.

Our committee for 2019 are

Elected Members

Stan Rhodes : Chairman

Robert Oliver : Treasurer

Jean Stratford

Shirley Rhodes

The representative members are

Catherine Jessup : Senior Citizens Lunch Club

Joan Carpenter : Flower Club

Mavis Campion : Women's Institute

Rosemary Lloyd : Kimbolton Parish Council

Currently we have 1 co-opted member

Peter Gutteridge

We also have a minutes secretary, Anne Beszant.

To date we have been unable to fill the position of Bookings Secretary. To assist with this we are investigating various software packages that should reduce the workload. If you think you might be able to help us with this position please speak to any of our committee to get more information.

Upcoming Events

Film Nights

In Q 2 we probably had our most diverse film programme. Starting with 'Easter Parade' followed in May by 'Peterloo' and culminating in June with Bohemian Rhapsody. Whilst we love to see the hall full on cinema nights we also believe that it is important to have a varied selection.

Our films for Q3 start in July with 'Stan & Ollie' "The true story of Hollywood's greatest comedy double act, Laurel & Hardy, is brought to the big



screen for the first time. Starring Steve Coogan and John C. Reilly as the inimitable movie icons, Stan & Ollie is the heart-warming story of what would become the pair's triumphant farewell tour. With their golden era long behind them, the pair embark on a variety hall tour of Britain and Ireland. Despite the pressures of a hectic schedule, and with the support of their wives Lucille (Shirley Henderson) and Ida (Nina Arianda) - a formidable double act in their own right - the pair's love of performing, as well as for each other, endures as they secure their place in the hearts of their adoring public"

In August we will show 'Mary Poppins Returns' "Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives."

Our final film this quarter is 'Colette'

"Colette is pushed by her husband to write novels under his name. Upon their success, she fights to make her talents known, challenging gender norms."

Sunday 14 July

Following the morning service at St Andrew's Church there will be a 'Bring & Share' lunch to welcome our new vicar, Revd. Philip Howson.

Saturday 14 September

A Comedy Evening is proposed by Kimbolton Cricket Club. This represents a change in direction and we wish it success. At the time of going to print details are to be confirmed and more information will be sent with our August email.



Tuesday 24 September

Kimbolton & Stonely Parish Council have arranged a meeting to inform the public about Crime Prevention Awareness. Contact Debbie Hellett for more information. (07801 987231)

Sunday 29 September

There will be a Harvest Lunch in the Main Hall, open to all.

Other

Looking further ahead we have already booked our tribute act for January 2020 and tickets for this event will be available in October.

We are also starting plans to commemorate and celebrate the end of World War 2 for which it will be the 75th anniversary in 2020. If you would like to be part of this exciting event please contact Stan to register your interest. Even if you are not planning to perform there are many other ways in which you may be able to help.

Hall Improvements

As you wander between the two halls you may have noticed our collection of local maps that span almost 500 years.

We have installed a protective strip in the main hall to prevent further damage to the recently painted woodwork.

Outside we have re-aligned the gutters and put a grate across the drain from the kitchen to prevent blockage by leaves.

Our Solar panels are proving to be a great addition and are currently outperforming our expectations by 24%. This in turn means that we are generating more electricity than we can consume, this then goes into the grid for which we will receive a small payment. We are now looking to install battery storage so that we can maximise our investment. This would enable us to use the excess stored electricity in the evenings thus reducing our outgoings and our carbon footprint. The savings will enable us to maintain our affordable hire charges.

Whilst we have been successful in generating funds to enable the improvements we are very aware that there is a constant need to maintain the facility and to continue to improve its appeal to the widest possible audience. If you are thinking about how you could help us and would consider making a donation or leaving a legacy in your will please contact our treasurer for more information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY	11 JULY	From 12.00	CHURCH BRING & SHARE LUNCH
FRIDAY	19 JULY	19.00 for 19.30	FILM NIGHT - STAN & OLLIE
TUESDAY	6 AUGUST	19.30-21.30	BINGO
FRIDAY	16 AUGUST	19.00 for 19.30	FILM NIGHT - MARY POPPINS RETURNS
SATURDAY	14 SEPTEMBER	19.30-23.00	COMEDY EVENING (TBC)
FRIDAY	20 SEPTEMBER	19.00 for 19.30	FILM NIGHT - COLETTE
TUESDAY	24 SEPTEMBER	19.00-21.30	CRIME PREVENTION AWARENESS
SUNDAY	29 SEPTEMBER	12.30 - 14.00	HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH