



The Mandeville Winter Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to the 17th edition of our Quarterly Newsletter.

The Autumn quarter has been quite hectic. In early October the hall provided the venue for the Kimbolton Royal British Legion Autumn lunch which was well attended with excellent entertainment provided by 'The Caverners'. Also in October we invited local theatre group Lamphouse Theatre to bring their Peter Pan pantomime to the hall. Despite relative low attendance the audience feedback was most encouraging and we were delighted to see many children enthusiastically joining in with the performers.

The undoubted highlight of the quarter was the '1918' Commemoration event. This was truly a community event with performers drawn from Kimbolton Primary Academy, Linda Allen School of Dance, Kimbolton RAF cadets, Kimbolton Royal British Legion, the WI, the Welcome Club and individual performances of poems and songs from the time. The show ended with a lusty rendition of 'Land of Hope & Glory' with everyone on their feet. Our thanks go to all who performed, helped backstage and of course those who attended in the audience. The night will be remembered for many years -(there is even a suggestion of another show in 2019). We have a 30 minute video of the show and if there is sufficient interest we will get copies made with the proceeds going towards next year's children's Christmas Party.

Talking of Christmas parties our event this year was attended by 55 children for whom this was a free event. Our thanks go to Budgens, Tesco and Waitrose for food vouchers, Beacon Finance for the entertainer, Complete Windows and Neil Rook for general donations and to everyone who bought DVD's throughout the year. The committee were delighted to be able to bring so much pleasure to so many families at Christmas time.

Film Programme

Our films for January 18: The Bookshop (PG)



Genre : Drama Written and directed by : Isabel Coixet

It's 1959, and winsome middle-aged widow Florence Green (<u>Emily</u> <u>Mortimer</u>) opens a bookshop in the fictional seaside town of Hardborough – converting the drafty, damp, rat-infested Old

House into her own palace of prose and poetry. While business is slow, she forms a friendship with local recluse Edmund Brundish (<u>Bill</u> <u>Nighy</u> on fabulous, forlorn form), a voracious reader whose distaste for the community is matched only by his new-found appetite for the work of Ray Bradbury. His hatred for the townsfolk, though, is very well-founded, and it is soon revealed that the powers that be, led by head busy-body Mrs Violet Gamart (<u>Patricia</u> <u>Clarkson</u>), have their own plans for the Old House, and will muster all their influence and political connections to make sure that Florence's fortunes eventually run out.

What the critics say

"Perhaps only a non-British film-maker could have brought out the strangeness of this story" Peter Bradshaw - The Guardian

"The Bookshop is an intriguing oddity: an Englishset literary adaptation that unfolds in the late 1950s but that was shot in Northern Ireland and has been made by a Spanish director. It may seem like an exercise in cosy heritage cinema but it has an edge." Geoffrey McNab- The Independent

Information on our February and March films will be sent to you in our monthly mailing.





Next Quarter



We have а number of events lined up for the Winter quarter. On Friday 25 January we will be holding an event in support of Village Halls Week. This will enable regular users of the hall showcase to activities, their

to enable you to meet the trustees and volunteers, perhaps this will inspire you to join our team. Tea and Coffee will be available free of charge.

On **26 January** we have our Queen tribute band. This promises to be a great night of entertainment with the band performing many of the hits that we all know and love. Tickets for this event sold out within 2 weeks of being released for sale.



Friday 22 February sees the return of our Quiz Night which due to a packed autumn schedule we had to defer. Tables of 6-8 persons at £18 -£24 can be reserved bv contacting us on 01480 861675

We are pleased to have bookings for training days from Hopwells and Kimbolton Fireworks. The next Patients Participation Group event will be on Tuesday26 February. **Saturday 23 February** there will be a fundraising event for a young girl suffering from a very rare bone cancer. Funds raised will be used to enable her to fulfil some of her childhood wishes. An evening of entertainment provided by 'The Guards' who have an extensive repertoire covering songs from the 50's to the modern day. (See the advert below for ticket information)



Looking further ahead the KPA parents association are organising a 'Take That' tribute on **Saturday May 11**. (See advert below for ticket details)



For more information, contact Janine Griffiths on 07762944667 or j9griffiths@btinternet.com





Hall Improvements

We have added an infrared panel to the Community Hall which has improved the response times to bring the temperature to the desired level quicker. A further smaller panel has been added in the IT room. We thank Steve Rook for installing these together with other electrical works around the hall.

We have **refurbished the floor** in the main hall which involved sanding off several layers of old wax and having it treated before adding many new layers of wax. It looks absolutely fantastic. We ask our patrons to take care when moving chairs and tables around the hall and request that you use the chair transporters provided.

We have acquired a **new HP printer** that is capable of printing, copying or scanning up to A3. If you need any of these facilities just drop in to Bytes on Monday or Friday morning. A modest charge applies.

Hire Charges

After a period of 8 years of stable hire charges we have reluctantly decided to increase our hire charges from January 2019. These are now:

Local Community Groups £8 per hour (minimum 10 sessions per annum)

Local Residents £12 per hour

Commercial Users £12 per hour (minimum 10 sessions per annum)

Out of area ad hoc bookings £15 per hour

Commercial ad hoc bookings £20 per hour

All bookings minimum 2 hours

Additional charges will apply for the use of the Audio/Visual equipment, bar and dinner service.

We have reviewed the hire charges of other local venues and believe that our rates remain extremely competitive and represent excellent value for money.

Energy

In 2016 the trustees negotiated a 3 year fixed price deal with our supplier. Unfortunately this comes to an end in mid 2019 and we have been advised to expect an increase of at least 40%. In order to mitigate these additional costs the trustees have decided to install solar panels which it is expected will see us generate a significant part of our energy requirements. The trustees have taken this decision now to benefit from the feed in tariff that will disappear in April 2019.

BINGO & BYTES

There will be no Bingo in January however it will be back on Tuesday 5 February. If you enjoy Bingo in a relaxed and sociable setting then this could be for you. New players are always made very welcome.

Our Bytes Café operates on Monday and Friday mornings between 10am and 12.30pm. It's very informal, just come along and join any group for a tea or coffee and a chat. Free wi-fi is available and there is usually someone on hand that can help you if are having difficulties with using your laptop, tablet or mobile phone. A full range of office printing, copying, scanning and laminating is available up to A3.

CAR PARKING

As you are no doubt aware there is limited parking available at the hall. Overflow parking by prior agreement with the Scouts may be available, if unsure please check with us or directly with the Scouts. If you are parking on Thrapston Road we request that you do not block entrances to nearby properties or obstruct the pavement.

COMMITTEE VACANCY Our Treasurer and Bookings Secretary has indicated that he will stand down at our next AGM. If you would be interested in joining our successful team to fill this vacancy or to get more information please contact Robert Oliver (01480 860828) or email

mandevillehall@talktalk.net





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| FRIDAY | 18 JANUARY | 18.15 for 18.30 with meal 19.00 for 19.30 film only | FILM NIGHT - THE BOOKSHOP |
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| FRIDAY | 25 JANUARY | 10.00 -12.30 | VILLAGE HALLS WEEK - OPEN DAY |
| SATURDAY | 26 JANUARY | 19.00-22.30 | MAGIC QUEEN - TRIBUTE BAND |
| TUESDAY | 5 FEBRUARY | 19.30-21.30 | BINGO |
| FRIDAY | 15 FEBRUARY | 18.15 for 18.30 with meal 19.00 for 19.30 film only | FILM NIGHT - MAMA MIA HERE WE GO AGAIN |
| FRIDAY | 22 FEBRUARY | 19.00-23.00 | QUIZ NIGHT |
| SATURDAY | 23 FEBRUARY | 19.30-22.30 | Fundraising Event |
| TUESDAY | 26 FEBRUARY | 19.00-21.00 | PATIENT'S PARTICIPATION GROUP |
| TUESDAY | 5 MARCH | 19.30-21.30 | BINGO |
| SATURDAY | 9 MARCH | 18-23.00 | Quiz Night -Save the Children |
| FRIDAY | 15 MARCH | 18.15 for 18.30 with meal 19.00 for 19.30 film only | FILM NIGHT - THE CHILDREN ACT |

Regular Users

| | Pilates | 09.30-11.30 |
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| Monday | Bytes Cafe | 10.00-12.30 |
| | Slimming World | 18.30-21.30 |
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| Tuesday | Carpet Bowls | 14.00-16.00 |
| Wednesday | Bridge Club | 09.30-12.30 |
| | Ballet & Tap | 14.15-19.30 |
| | Ballroom | 19.45-20.45 |
| Thursday | Lunch Club | 11.00-13.00 |
| Thursday | Ballet & Tap | 14.15-19.30 |
| Friday | Bytes Cafe | 10.00-12.30 |

Regular Monthly Events

| 1st Monday | WI | 14.00-16.30 | |
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| 1 st Tuesday | BINGO | 19.30-21.30 | |
| 1st Friday | Welcome Club | 12.30-16.30 | |
| 3 rd Tuesday | Flower Club | 18.30-21.30 | |
| 3 rd Friday | CINEMA | 19.00-22.00 | |
| Last Thursday | Parish Council | 19.00-22.00 | |
| | Meeting | | |

Regular Bi-Monthly Events

| 4th Tuesday | Patients Health Group | 19-00-21.00 |
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If in doubt please check with the organiser.

If you would like to book the hall for a special event please visit our web site <u>https://e-voice.org.uk/themandevillehallkimbolton/</u> or contact our bookings secretary on 01480 861675