



The Mandeville Winter Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to the 21st edition of our Quarterly Newsletter.

The Autumn quarter has again been quite hectic. In early October the hall provided the venue for the Kimbolton Royal British Legion Quiz Night which was very well attended. The following day saw the annual autumn Harvest Lunch which again enjoyed a full attendance for a very delightful salad lunch followed by a selection of cheese and deserts.

In November we were very pleased to welcome Louise Page who arranged a quiz night in support of children from Kimbolton School making a trip to Ghana. November also saw an evening event by the Friends of Kimbolton British Legion with a supper of Jacket Potato and a selection of deserts followed by a general sing song aided by our new vicar Philip Howson on his guitar.

On election day in December we saw the return of Louise Page, this time with a range of local products and cafe in support of the Ghana trip. This year our free Children's Christmas Party was a great success. The children were entertained again by Captain Fantastic and of course Santa Claus with presents for all. Our thanks go to Budgens, Tesco and Waitrose for food vouchers, Beacon Wealth for the entertainer, Ivan Twigden and various others for donations in the year and to everyone who bought DVD's throughout the year. The committee were delighted to bring so much pleasure to so many families at Christmas time.

What the film critics say

"All Is True is sentimental, theatrical, likable – and unfashionable. There's a cheekily imagined backstory for Shakespeare's famous "second-best bed". Peter Bradshaw - Guardian

"... All is True, whose name comes from the alternative title to Shakespeare's final play, Henry VIII. It was during a performance of that play that a rogue cannon burnt the Globe Theatre to the ground in 1613 – and it is in the aftermath of that disaster that the film begins. Shakespeare, vowing that he is "done with stories", returns home to his family in Stratford to live out the rest of his days. But he has been absent for so long that his arrival disrupts their life more than completes it." Alexandra Pollard - Independent

Film Programme

Our films for January 17: All Is True (PG -13)



Genre : Art House & International, Drama
Written by Ben Elton and directed by Kenneth Branagh.

Starring Judy Dench, Kenneth Branagh and Ian McKellen

The year is 1613, and Shakespeare is acknowledged as the greatest writer of the age. But disaster strikes when his renowned Globe Theatre burns to the ground. Devastated, Shakespeare returns to Stratford, where he must face a troubled past and a neglected family. Haunted by the death of his only son, Hamnet, he struggles to mend the broken relationship with his wife and daughters. In so doing, he is ruthlessly forced to examine his own failings as a husband and father. His very personal search for the truth uncovers secrets and lies within a family at war.

Rating: PG13 (for suggestive content and language)



Our film for February 21: Rocketman



ROCKETMAN is an epic musical fantasy about the incredible human story of Elton John's breakthrough years. The film follows the fantastical journey of transformation from shy piano prodigy Reginald Dwight into international superstar Elton John. This inspirational story -- set to Elton John's most beloved songs and performed by star Taron Egerton -- tells the universally relatable story of how a small-town boy became one of the most iconic figures in pop culture. ROCKETMAN also stars Jamie Bell as Elton's long-time lyricist and writing partner Bernie Taupin, Richard Madden as Elton's first manager, John Reid, and Bryce Dallas Howard as Elton's mother Sheila Farebrother.

Our Film for March 27 (**Please note later date**) DOWNTON ABBEY, becomes a grand motion picture event, as the beloved Crawleys and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from the King and Queen of England will unleash scandal, romance and intrigue that will leave the future of Downton hanging in the balance. Written by series creator Julian Fellowes and starring the original cast.

Next Quarter

We have a number of events lined up for the Winter quarter.

On **Friday 24 January** we will be holding an event in support of Village Halls Week. This will again enable regular users of the hall to showcase their activities, 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.

Village Halls Week 2020

Join England's Largest Celebration of Village Halls

Village Halls Week is a national celebration of village halls, their volunteers and the services they offer their communities. This year Village Halls Week gained substantial attention for village halls including being featured across 16 BBC stations.

Next year, Village Halls Week will run from Monday 20 January - Sunday 26 January 2020. If you would like to put the spotlight on your hall see our tips below on how to get involved.

Share Your History
Thursday 23 January 2020

Share your hall's history on social media using the hashtag #tbt and #villagehallsweek. You could put up old pictures or past flyers, detail significant guests, share an old film or write an article on your history.

National Open Day
Saturday 25 January 2020

Next year there will be halls holding open days across all of England. This is a great opportunity to get new trustees, new user groups, boost community engagement and get a visit from your local MP.

Your local ACRE Network member will soon be able to provide you with a marketing pack. Make sure you register your interest with your local Village Halls Adviser.

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On **25 January** we have our Bee Gees 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 3 weeks of being released for sale.

We are pleased to again have bookings for training days from Hopwells. The date of the next Patients Participation Group has yet to be decided and we will let you have information as soon as we have it.

Saturday 7 March there will be a quiz night raising funds for Save the Children, Tickets for this event will be on sale soon from Roy Butler.



Hall Improvements

We are very pleased to report that we have received a grant from Awards for All to help with purchasing battery storage from our solar panels installed in January 2019. We have had several proposals as to how to invest these monies but have decided to wait until March 2020 when we understand that a DC version compatible with our solar panels will be available. We had offers for AC versions but have been advised that DC is a better option as it is longer lasting and more efficient.

We have carried out some minor improvements including adding protection to our thermometers and some of our electric outlets to prevent them being adjusted or switched off by users.

BINGO & BYTES

There has been a significant improvement at our Bingo sessions and we look forward to seeing our regular players in 2020. 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.

Hire Charges

After a period of 5 years of stable cinema charges we have decided to increase these from January 2019. These are now:

Adults £5,
Concessions £4
Children £2.50

We have also increased the charge for music to £10. This charge has not been increased in more than 10 years.

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

CAR PARKING

As you are no doubt aware there is very limited parking available at the hall. We earnestly request persons not attending the hall to refrain from using the hall car park as this does cause problems for our many of our users, especially those with mobility problems. Whilst we have some overflow parking by prior agreement with the Scouts users should check with us or the Scouts to assess its availability. If you are parking on Thrapston Road we request that you do not block entrances to nearby properties or obstruct the pavement.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY	7 JANUARY	19.30 - 21.30	BINGO
FRIDAY	17 JANUARY	19.00 for 19.30	FILM NIGHT - ALL IS TRUE
FRIDAY	24 JANUARY	10.00 -12.30	VILLAGE HALLS WEEK - OPEN DAY
SATURDAY	25 JANUARY	19.00 - 22.30	BEE GEES - TRIBUTE BAND
TUESDAY	4 FEBRUARY	19.30 - 21.30	BINGO
FRIDAY	21 FEBRUARY	19.00 for 19.30	FILM NIGHT - ROCKETMAN
TUESDAY	3 MARCH	19.30 - 21.30	BINGO
SATURDAY	7 MARCH	18.00 - 23.00	Quiz Night -Save the Children
FRIDAY	27 MARCH	19.00 for 19.30	FILM NIGHT - DOWNTON ABBEY

Regular Users

Monday	Pilates	09.30-11.30
	Bytes Cafe	10.00-12.30
	Slimming World	17.30-20.30
Tuesday	Yoga	09.30-11.15
	Ballroom	11.30-12.30
	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
	Ballet & Tap	14.15-19.30
	Carpet Bowls	19.30-22.00
Friday	Bytes Cafe	10.00-12.30

Regular Monthly Events

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

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 <https://e-voice.org.uk/themandevillehallkimbolton/> or contact our bookings secretary on 01480 861675