



GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE

(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Registered Charity no. 1185815)



Dear friend,

MEMBERSHIP OF THE 'GDI'

Thank you for your interest in becoming a 'member' of the Grassington Devonshire Institute ('GDI'). The GDI exists to maintain, develop and operate Grassington Town Hall for the benefit of the people of Grassington and its surrounding villages in Upper Wharfedale. As a registered charity, the 'GDI' relies entirely on membership subscriptions, hire fees and events sales to generate income, which supports both its essential running costs and contributes to an ongoing programme of repairs and improvements. It's a really exciting time to become a member, despite the obvious challenges posed in relation to the Covid-19 crisis in 2020 and 2021 and the surge in energy costs in 2022. We have taken the opportunity to undertake several, significant repair and improvement projects which are designed to improve the experience for users and customers and the functionality of the spaces themselves.

The benefits of membership, in 2023, are:-

1. A right to engage in the key decision-making of the charity, by attending and voting on key resolutions at the Annual General Meeting (held in April).
2. A right to call meetings of members to discuss specific business, subject to the provisions of the constitution.
3. A right to elect new or re-elect Trustees to serve on the charity's 'Board'.
4. A right to seek election as a Trustee.
5. Discounts on drop in or planned sessions of bowls, table tennis, snooker and badminton.
6. Participation in the monthly number draw with a current prize of £50.
7. Advance notification, by personal email, of the new season's programme and 'one off' events.
8. A regular members' newsletter (produced at least every three months).

Whilst we hope to be 'proactive' in our communication with members, we also have a new website (www.grassingtondevonshireinstitute.org), which includes details of our constitution, notes of Trustees' meetings, members' newsletters and links to our event programme and ticketing arrangements. We use Facebook to offer tasters and reminders of activities and events and encourage contact from our hirers via the booking address bookings@grassdevinst.org .

We hope you will become a member of the 'GDI'. It is only through your support that we can maintain and develop the building and provide a programme of events and facilities to our community, so a huge THANK YOU if you do decide to join. We look forward to working with you.

The Trustees of the GDI

PRIZE DRAW RULES

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Prize Draw is to raise funds. The money will be paid into the Grassington Devonshire Institute's Community bank account and used for general improvement of facilities and activities.

RULES

1. As part of the membership package, you will be allocated one number between 1 and the current number of entries.
2. The draw will be made, normally, on a monthly basis, at the regular meeting of the GDI Trustees. A random number generator will be used to select a number from the membership list to provide a winner. Should the meeting be cancelled (a rare event) then two Trustees will meet to make the draw.
3. The prize is fixed for 2023 at £50. This will be reviewed annually. The balance of income will go to GDI funds.
4. The Prize Draw is a private lottery and is open to all members of the Grassington Devonshire Institute.
5. Anyone aged 16 or over can join.
6. Payments must be made by standing order (preferably annually), BACS, annual cheque or cash. One month's notice is required for cancellation.
7. Members' numbers will only be entered in each monthly draw if their subscription is up to date.
8. If a member has no valid reason for missing a payment, their number may be allocated to someone else to avoid gaps in our number sequence.
9. The winning cheque or direct payment will be sent out within two weeks of the draw.
10. The name and numbers for each month's winner will be included in the notes of the Trustees' meetings and included in the regular newsletter for members.
11. The Prize Draw will be run by the GDI Trustees. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Trustees is final.
12. Unless otherwise advised, a member will be deemed to have left membership and hence the Prize Draw if his/her subscription renewal remains unpaid for a period of one month.
13. If a winner cannot be contacted, the winnings will be placed into GDI funds after six months.

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