



## OCTOBER UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEIGH AND BRANSFORD MEMORIAL HALL

### A Record-Breaking Summer – in more ways than one!

So, it's official. The Met Office has confirmed what I suspect we already knew just by living through it, the three summer months of 2025 in England were the warmest we've had since records began 131 years ago back in 1884. We also experienced 4 heatwaves (where the temperature exceeds the regional average for three or more consecutive days) and average rainfall was exceptionally low – for example just 22.4mm in August (or for those of us still operating in 'old money' – about  $\frac{7}{8}$  of an inch).

But this summer's weather was not the only thing breaking records. The Hall had its busiest three summer months since we started collecting records 9 years ago back in 2016. On average we can expect about 85 hires to take place over the summer period: but this year that number rose by almost 30% to 110.



The warm weather was perfect for the many and varied events the Hall hosted over the period. The banner photo shows over 100 guests gathered outdoors for Rachel and Ian's wedding on a sunny August Saturday, complete with accompanying saxophone music provided by Marie – who also

happens to be one of our trustees – with the trees at the edge of the field providing some welcome shade as she serenaded the happy couple and their guests. The wide variety of events included 3 more weddings, garden tea parties, family reunion barbecues, children's birthdays, NHS training away days, play sessions for toddlers and their mums, a dance school party, a celebration of life wake, and even a cycle race refreshment stop. All of these in addition to our usual club meets for yoga, bridge, brownies, rainbows, karate and the W.I.



In other news, on Tuesday 7 October Josie Johnson starts her brand-new term of **Baby Sensory** classes at the Hall – and she can't wait to welcome you and your little one. The classes are designed for babies from **birth to 13 months** and her award-winning sessions include

🎵 Music & Movement

👐 Baby Massage & Signing

🌈 Light Shows & Themed Adventures

🫧 Bubbles, Water Play & Messy Play

🎭 Puppet Shows, Props & SO much more!

With **40+ unique sessions**, you'll never experience the same class twice — and every activity is backed by over 40 years of scientific research, supporting your baby's learning and development in magical ways. There are limited spaces available, so to find

out more and book your place simply visit  
[www.babysensory.com/malvern](http://www.babysensory.com/malvern) or phone Josie on  
**07837395496.**

Next month we finally unveil our newly refurbished  
Hall Memorial Planters and original Porch.

Jon Gamble, Chair of Trustees