

THE PACKINGTON NEWSLETTER

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July 2021



Line drawing of Church by Jon Brierley

NHS doodle by Lord G

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



By the time you read this, we will have reached 'Freedom Day', exactly 1 year, 3 months and 27 days since Boris told us we must stay at home. What an extremely stressful, frustrating, sad, but also at times, uplifting 483 days it has been. We do hope that those of you reading this has managed to come out of this relatively unscathed and that although cases seem to be rising, and we are now in the midst of a 'pingdemic', the vaccines really will do their job and this new chapter will see life return to normal.

On the bright side, it is so nice to be able to add so many events to the 'Dates in your Diary' section again. The Social Club will now be re-opening it's doors and the team look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the bar! There are also a few events lined up for us all to get back together again, including the Estate Cricket Match which was postponed due to weather (& possibly the football!).

Whilst we're on the football, although not quite the result we hoped for, what an amazing achievement it was getting to the final for the first time in 55 years. It's incredibly sad to see how many racist comments those boys have received in the aftermath but we for one feel incredibly proud of the whole team.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday 3rd August	WI - A visit to Knittiquip Alpaca Farm	KNITTQUIP ALPACA FARM
Wednesday 8th September	WI - Di's Glasswork & Smithy	MAXSTOKE VILLAGE HALL 7.30PM
Friday 10th September	Fish & Chips Quiz Night	SOCIAL CLUB 8PM
Friday 17th September	Estate Cricket Match Estate vs Farmers	PACKINGTON HALL & AFTERWARDS IN THE SOCIAL CLUB 6-10PM
Saturday 2nd October	WI - Ramble & Lunch	SEE WI FOR INFO
Wednesday 13th October	WI - Autumnal Wreaths by Jan Patrick	MAXSTOKE VILLAGE HALL 7.30PM
Friday 5th November	Packington Estate Bonfire Night	OUTSIDE THE OLD HALL (EXACT LOCATION TBC) 6-10PM
Wednesday 10th November	WI - Annual Meeting followed by Games Night	MAXSTOKE VILLAGE HALL 7.30PM
Wednesday 8th December	WI - Skittles followed by Christmas Bring & Share Supper	MAXSTOKE VILLAGE HALL 7.30PM
Thursday 16th December	Charity Christmas Carol Concert with Ex Urbe Chamber Choir	ST JAMES' CHURCH DETAILS TBC
Friday 17th December	Christmas Event (Details TBC)	SOCIAL CLUB 7-10PM

ST JAMES' CHURCH

**THE ESTATE CHAPEL OF ST JAMES, PACKINGTON PARK,
Great Packington, Nr Meriden CV7 7HF**
In the Diocese of Coventry

Visitors enter via automated Park Gates from the A45 Eastbound c.400 yds after the Stonebridge roundabout.

SERVICES for 2021

Sunday Services held monthly (usually on the first Sunday) at 10.30 a.m. unless stated otherwise

September 5th	Trinity XIV	Holy Communion
October 3rd	Trinity XVIII	Harvest Festival
November 14th		Remembrance Sunday Service
December 5th	Advent II	Holy Communion
December 16th	Charity Carol Concert	Info TBC
December 25th	Christmas Day Service	Family Communion

All are most welcome to these Services

ST JAMES' CHURCH

SUMMER THOUGHTS

Revd John Bradford

The support of services at the Estate Chapel of St James has been encouraging over the past eighteen months, despite the Covid Restrictions ~ the necessity for which we all understand. Many services had to be cancelled and uncertainty arose about which were starting again and whether it would be safe to attend. We have been so grateful to Kate Beaty for acting as our attendance 'Registrar' over this period.

But now that much control has been eased, and with no service planned for the month of August, I am delighted to say that we intend for our Autumn series to begin on Sunday September 5th with a simple Holy Communion, and for Harvest to be celebrated on Sunday October 3rd, Remembrance Sunday on November 14th and an Advent Service on December 5th. All at 10.30. The great change will be for Hymn singing being allowed again! And we are so grateful to Rita Poulson from Over Whitacre who plays for us now that Peter Gregory is in Residential Care.

Everyone should remember that while we are so privileged to have the Church building that we do (opened in 1789 in replacement of the smaller Mediaeval building, and with an historic Organ), and cared for so wonderfully by the Aylesford family, the Church is more than the building ~ it is the family God's faithful people: and that means you and me!

I noticed an advertisement of accommodation of 'seniors' from McCarthy Stone recently which said: "A Home is built from laughter and good company". This set me thinking about how we might attractively describe our Church and who we are? Well, I can't do it in two characteristics ~ I have to add three more! Try these ~ and do become one of us. A healthy Church congregation is made up from:

1. Those with a sense of the presence of Christ and who value the opportunity of worship
2. Those who gladly share company with others who have similar or different interests or gifts
3. Those who enjoy and support a Church's 'satellite' groups and activities
4. Those making a real effort to put their faith into practice in daily life
5. Those who possess a positive disposition of inner happiness

Let's continue to keep safe and to keep steadily going over the coming months, and to be open to the blessing of Almighty God in all that he enables us to do and to be.

John
July 2021

ST JAMES' CHURCH

INTERCESSIONS FOR TRINITY V JULY 2021 THE ESTATE CHAPEL OF ST JAMES GREAT PACKINGTON CV7 7HF

Let us pray

We pray for Bishop Christopher, presently on Sabbatical, and for Bishop John in having responsibility for the whole Diocese of Coventry over this period.

We give thanks for this Private Chapel of St James, whose Festival we celebrate this month, and for its maintenance and ministry both now and in future years.

We pray for all serving in the NHS, for their loyalty and skill in the face of a pandemic, and give thanks for all volunteers who have given assistance over past months.

We pray for those preparing to compete in the Olympic Games later this month, for those from this country and thinking of Brendan Creed, hockey player.

On this Climate Sunday we pray for all scientists and national policy-makers, at home and abroad, in their efforts to contain and control actions and activities detrimental to the environment ~ and to promote alternatives.

We pray for the farming community, especially of this Estate, in their agricultural work this Summer.

We pray for all who are unwell or who suffered any form of accident or other misfortune, and name Joshua Beaven, recently injured.

We pray for the faithful departed, remembering Sheila Roper (Australia), Colin Bell and Leslie Eyre.

We pray for all taking holiday this Summer, at home, in the British Isles, or abroad: that they may enjoy an experience of stimulating change and refreshment of spirit.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

ST JAMES' CHURCH

THE BISHOP OF WARWICK
The Right Reverend John R A Stroyan



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To: all Clergy, Readers and Churchwardens

12th July 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you are all well and able to enjoy some well-earned rest this summer after a difficult year.

I am writing to invite you to an event on 25th September at Coventry Cathedral for the whole diocesan family. Entitled '*Great is Thy Faithfulness*', the event is an afternoon for us to explore and reflect on God's faithfulness in the midst of extraordinarily challenging times. We will be using spaces in the ruins and in the new cathedral, giving people of all ages the opportunity to reflect on God's faithfulness in prayer, lament and praise.

The day will start at 12 noon with the Litany of Reconciliation. This will be followed by a welcome and introduction offering prayer stations with activities and opportunities to be still and listen to God. Participants are invited to bring a picnic lunch. The afternoon will finish with a Eucharist at 2.30pm.

Great is Thy Faithfulness is a wonderful opportunity for us as a diocesan family to gather together once again and spend time with God.

Please put the date in your diary and advertise as widely as possible in your context.

More information about the event will soon added to the diocesan website - www.coventry.anglican.org/great-is-thy-faithfulness/

With warm good wishes and prayers,

+ John

LEND A FLOWER ROTA



We have set up a rota to do flowers for the once a month service. If it is your turn, please take them home after the service to enjoy them, otherwise they would be wasted!

If you cannot do the month allocated please let me know:

Lady Guernsey.....01676 522274 (E-mail..... georgie@packingtonestate.co.uk)

If someone has mentioned to me that they would like to do a Sunday and your name is not down, my apologies but please could you write / phone in and then it will be remembered! Equally, if someone is down that would rather not do it, please can you email or drop me a line. Thank you.

September 5th 2021	Mrs Hall
October 3rd 2021	Farmers' Wives
November 7th 2021	Mrs Sach
December 5th 2021	Mrs Gow
December 16th 2021	Lady Guernsey
Christmas Day	Lady Guernsey

Lady Guernsey will organise the flowers over the Christmas period.

Packington Hall, Meriden, Nr. Coventry, CV7 7HF

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Packington & Maxstoke NEWS



Meeting Programme: August 2021 – December 2021

It is with great pleasure we say farewell to Zoom and resume in person meetings! While we have enjoyed the virtual meetings, and are grateful for the technology that keeps us in touch, there is nothing quite like meeting face to face.

We usually meet in the Undercroft at the Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm but will be meeting at Maxstoke Village Hall until December 2021 to allow for social distancing if required. We are a friendly group of women and visitors are always welcome to come to our meetings without any obligation to join the WI.

Anyone wishing to find out more can contact Mags Roper, 01676 523816 or 07521 483 435 or email packmaxwi@gmail.com

Tuesday 3 rd August	A visit to Knittiquip Alpaca Farm
Wednesday 11 th August	Annual Garden Party
Wednesday 8 th September	Di's Glasswork & Smithy: My Journey with glass At Maxstoke Village Hall
Saturday 2 nd October	Ramble & Lunch
Wednesday 13 th October	Autumnal Wreaths by Jan Patrick At Maxstoke Village Hall
Wednesday 10 th November	Annual meeting followed by Games Night with Cheese and Wine Supper At Maxstoke Village Hall
Wednesday 8 th December	Skittles followed by our Christmas Bring & Share Supper At Maxstoke Village Hall

President – Yvonne Trivett

Secretary - Mags Roper

PACKINGTON NEWS

National Garden Opening Success!

We were so lucky with the unbelievable weather we had when we opened the gardens for the National Garden Scheme, and even with England's opening game taking place at the same time, we still managed to have almost 450 visitors and raised an incredible £2.3k for charity.

A huge thanks to the W.I who once again surpassed themselves in providing delicious teas and cakes and to our wonderful team here, David, Tony, Lisa, Lucy and Paul who worked so hard to get the gardens looking as wonderful as they did. Thank you also to everyone that came and we look forward to seeing you again next year.



PACKINGTON NEWS

In the Garden

What a very strange April, May and June we've had! The 4th driest April since 1862, followed by the 4th wettest May! It was also incredibly cold with frosts and hail right into May. Finally the weather has started to warm up and we are looking like we are in for a heat wave over the next few days. A lot in the garden appeared to like the cold start with the Rhododendrons looking incredible and the Narcissi flowering for weeks. Lots has been going on in the Walled Garden too, with the fruit cage going in and the orchard being planted, not to mention all the incredibly veg and flowers that are now appearing!



PACKINGTON NEWS

Mouflon Musings...

When we last left you, Old Bill had been through a rather unpleasant operation! We had sadly then given up hope that Carol and Horny J might be pregnant and so we released the 3 of them back into the park. However, Old Bill had indeed managed to have his way with them and we are now the proud owners of 2 little Mouflon lambs! Not surprisingly they don't trust us all that much anymore and therefore tend to be found far away from the Hall but do have a look out for them when you're next passing through the Park.

Other new additions to the zoo include Nell, our beautiful but extremely bonkers Hungarian Vizsla and Jim Pickles, Sticky - our Stick Insects!

Not a pet but we also had a lovely surprise visit from an Osprey in early April. It landed up at Great Pool and stayed there for a day or two before continuing on it's journey. An amazing site and we felt very privileged to have been able to enjoy his company for a while.



Welcome to Sam!

We'd like to say a huge welcome to Sam White, who has taken over from Lydia and is our new Land Agent. Sam has come to us from Sheldon Boysley Knight and is a wonderful new addition to the team. I'm sure many of you will have already met him but if not please say hello if you bump into him and extend him a warm welcome (he's doing a brilliant job and we don't want to scare him away!)



RECOMMENDATIONS

We thought we'd carry on with the recommendations so if anyone has any they'd like to add then please do let me know (georgie@packingtonestate.co.uk). Thank you to Pete Fortey for his!

FILMS



A coming-of-age story about a young boy experiencing an unforgettable summer.
Streaming on Disney +.

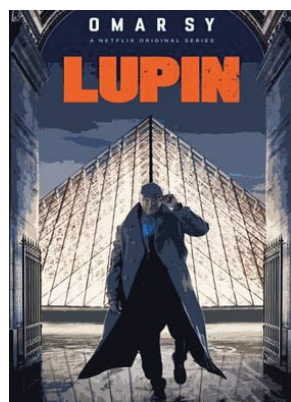


A brilliant black comedy thriller directed by Oscar winning Emerald Fennell.
Streaming on Amazon Prime.

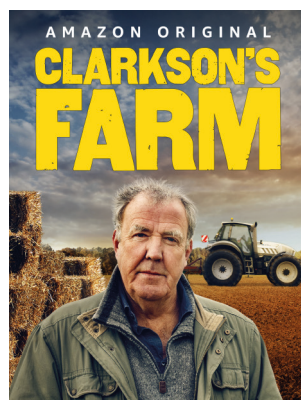


Based on a true story, this is a real feel-good film. According to Mr Fortey, your eyes may even sweat a little!
Available on Amazon Prime.

T.V.



This is with subtitles, but it is great and very easy watching.
Now on Series 2.
Available on Netflix.

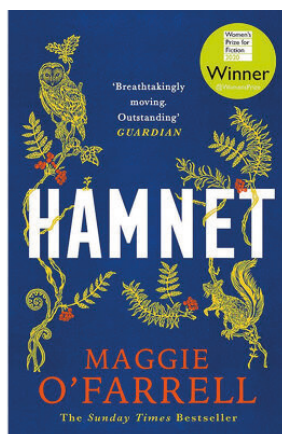


Even if you don't like him, this is very, very funny and believe it or not at times quite moving!
Available on Amazon Prime.

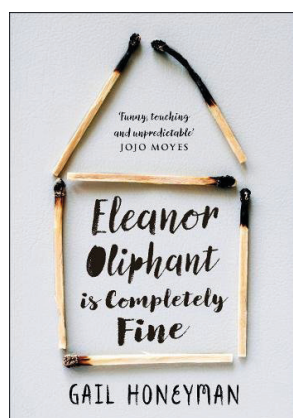


A comedy-drama about a flight attendant who wakes up next to a dead man..
On Sky One or NOWTV

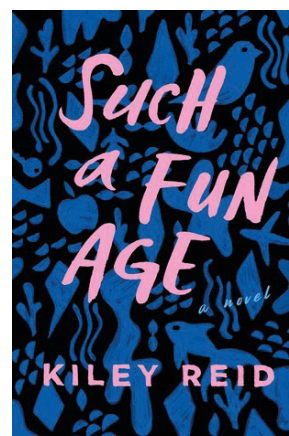
BOOKS



A beautifully written story, inspired by the son of a famous local playwright!



Both laugh out loud and incredibly poignant. A wonderful book about loneliness and friendships



An engaging novel based around important and very current topics.

FUN FACTS

Thank you very much to Pete Fortey for sending in the below. If anyone else ever wants to add anything to the magazine, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell... Brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Houses had thatched roofs - thick straw - piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof... Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water!"

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive... So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) To listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer.

And that's the truth... Now, whoever said History was boring!!!

THE SOCIAL CLUB NEWS



It is with great pleasure that The Social Club is reopening its doors!! Please come down for a drink on the last Friday of every month. For those who haven't been before, park at the front of the Hall and then walk through the iron gates, around the Hall and down the steep set of steps. There you will find Brownie, Steve and hopefully a few others to welcome you with a drink and a gossip!

The Social Club is a wonderful set up - not only is it a great opportunity to get together, something that we are all in need of after the last year or so, but all money that is raised goes towards local causes. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for donations please contact Paul Brown, Steve Allcock or Ros Smith.

We hope to see you there!

SOCIAL CLUB DATES	
Friday 30th July	Social Club Evening - From 8pm onwards
Friday 27th August	Social Club Evening - From 8pm onwards
Friday 10th September	Fish & Chips Quiz Night
Friday 17th September	Estate vs Farmers Cricket Match
Friday 29th October	Social Club Evening - From 8pm onwards
Friday 26th November	Social Club Evening - From 8pm onwards

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fish & Chips



Friday 10th September

From 8pm onwards

The Social Club

Tickets - £10 per adult / £5 per child (book early to avoid disappointment!)

ESTATE VS FARMERS CRICKET MATCH

FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

6-10PM

BRING FRIENDS & FAMILY



UPCOMING EVENTS

SPOOKY SWAMP

STONEBRIDGE

A GATEWAY TO ANOTHER WORLD

22ND – 31ST OCTOBER 2021

FUN FOR ALL AGES

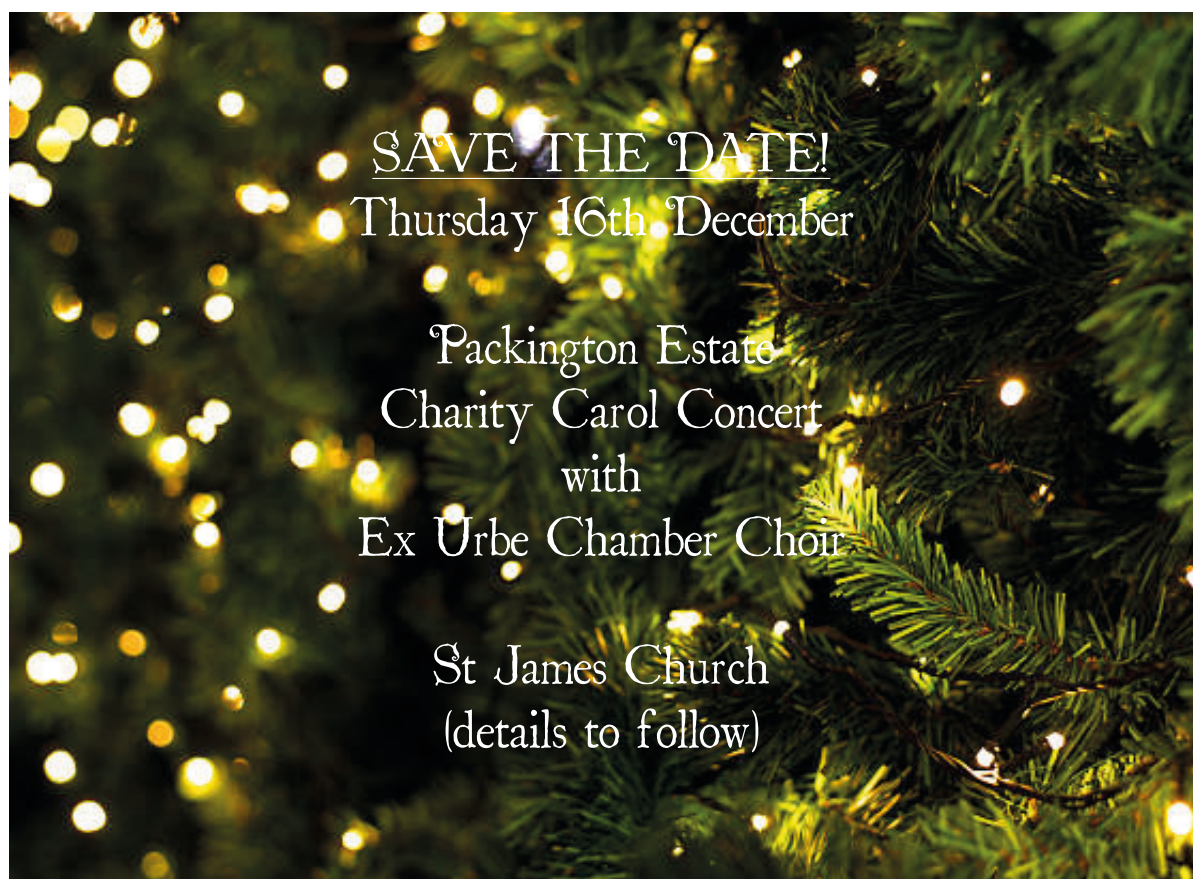
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| MARSHMALLOW TOASTING |
| PUMPKIN PARLOUR | FOOD STALLS |

STONEBRIDGE GOLF CLUB, MERIDEN, COVENTRY, CV7 7PL

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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LARGE Box - £165 (13kg)

x2 Quick Roast Joint
x2 Slow Roast Joint
x4 8oz Rump Steak
x4 8oz Sirloin Steaks
x6 Mince (500g/pack)
x4 Stewing Steak (500g/pack)
x2 Braising Steak (500g/pack)

MEDIUM Box - £85 (6.5kg)

Quick Roast Joint
Slow Roast Joint
x2 8oz Rump Steaks
x2 8oz Sirloin Steaks
x3 Mince (500g/pack)
x2 Stewing Steak (500g/pack)
Braising Steak (500g)

SMALL Box - £45 (3kg)

Roasting Joint
x2 8oz Rump Steaks
Mince (500g)
Stewing Steak (500g)

"Taster Box" - £30 (2kg)

Roasting Joint
Mince (500g)
Stewing Steak (500g)

LAMB

Whole Lamb Box - £150

x2 Leg of Lamb
x2 Shoulder of Lamb
x10-12 Lamb Chops
x2 Rack of Lamb
x2 Neck Chops
x2 Rolled Breast

Half Lamb Box - £80

x1 Leg of Lamb
x1 Shoulder of Lamb
x5-6 Lamb Chops
x1 Rack of Lamb
x1 Neck Chop
x1 Rolled Breast

*Leg and Shoulder joints are halved, but can be left whole.
Liver available on request.*

EMAIL or PHONE to order!



@MeridenFarm

BBQ PACKS!

x4 minute steaks, x4 beef burgers, x4
caramelised onion beef burgers, x6
pork sausages - £20

Burgers - £5.40/pack of 4

Priced individually:

Rump Steak

Sirloin Steak

Sausages

Mexican Pork Kebabs

Minute Steak

Flat Iron Steak

Short Ribs



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CW Mind Service Launch!



Safe Haven Warwickshire

• Safe Haven provides an out of hours mental health support service to people across Warwickshire

• Wellbeing practitioners are on hand each evening to offer support and signposting

• Open: 6pm-11pm every Thursday to Sunday

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for better mental health Warwickshire

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The Safe Haven is a service
for people who...



Feel as though they
are unable to cope

May not know
where to start
looking for help

Need out of
hours mental
health support

Wellbeing practitioners will be
available via phone, video link,
text message or email.

Contact the team in the following
ways:

T: 02477 714554

M: 07970 042270

E: safehaven@cwmind.org.uk

• The Safe Haven Team will
• provide reassuring support to
• those finding life difficult.

• Wellbeing practitioners will guide
• towards creating coping
• strategies which support the self
• management of mental health
• and emotional wellbeing

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**foster a dog and make a
difference to a dog's life!**

We are looking for dog lovers who live near to our Kenilworth Rehoming Centre to look after dogs for us in their home on a short term basis.

These dogs may be puppies, elderly dogs, dogs with injuries, mums with litters or perhaps just a dog that needs a break from kennel life.

All equipment, food, support and advice will be provided by Dogs Trust.

For more information please contact the Home from Home Coordinator:

Call: **01926 484 398**

Email: **hfhkenilworth@dogstrust.org.uk**

Or visit us at: **Dogs Trust Kenilworth,
Honiley, CV8 1NP**

www.dogstrust.org.uk/fostering

Registered Charity Numbers: 227523 & SC037843





An important request from Emily Williams, community fundraiser at Marie Curie:

Every day our nurses put on their Marie Curie uniforms, like they always have, but now this includes masks and scrubs and various other pieces of PPE that are needed to wear to keep themselves and their patients safe. How they work has changed in the last year – with many of our nurses writing their names on their visors or carrying a picture of themselves without a mask on so their patients and their loved ones know what they look like underneath their masks. But the work they do is the same, providing the best end of life care.

But this isn't the only work we do. We don't just deliver the best end of life care through the work of our incredible nurses out in the community and in our hospices. We also provide care through our Information and Support Services. Our Information and Support Services have enabled even more people to get the information and support that they need. Whether it be by calling our bereavement and support line, or using our online chat service, using our website to find out information about a range of different topics or ordering our free booklets that also offer information and support on a number of different topics.

Our Information and Support Services aren't just there for people receiving care by our nurses or in our hospices, they are available to everyone, which means we are supporting a huge amount of people. And this is only growing. COVID-19 and the restrictions in place have meant people have had so many precious moments with their loved ones, at the end of their lives, taken from them. Many people haven't even had the chance to say goodbye or to grieve. This will affect people for years to come. But our Information and Support Services will be here to help people.

On top of our services being needed now more than ever, and our nurses facing new challenges, most of our fundraising has come to a stop. Normally we would be gearing up for our Great Daffodil Appeal. This year is our 35th year. We would normally be contacting hundreds of supermarkets and high street stores to book in bucket collections. We would be booking thousands of volunteers onto those collections. And we would be handing out hundreds of thousands of our iconic daffodils to people who have very kindly made a donation to Marie Curie.

However, this year we cannot do this. We have had to come up with different ways of fundraising, such as hosting Virtual Collections, encouraging people to Step Into Spring and be sponsored for walking 10,000 step every day in March and launching our Two Hour Challenge. However, we still need to do more. We have to be upfront and ask people to donate to Marie Curie. We need people to donate. We need people to fund raise and raise money for Marie Curie, so we can continue to deliver our expert end of life care.

If you would like to donate to our Great Daffodil Appeal then you can in the following ways:

By Cheque:

Please include your name, company address and state it's a Great Daffodil Appeal donation to our fundraising support centre: The Supporter Relations Team, Marie Curie, PO BOX 23897, 14 Links Place, Edinburgh, EH6 9AB. Please include a note stating its for CF44.

Or by Bank Transfer:

Account Name: Marie Curie Central & Wales

Sort Code: 60-40-05

Account Number: 30484952

Reference – please can you start your reference with the letters 'CF44' Followed by your parish council. If you do decide to kindly make a donation, please can you let me know so I can then keep an eye out for it and get a thank you sent out.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read Emily's appeal on behalf of Marie Curie in Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Warwickshire and Coventry