

## FROM THE EDITORS' DESK

Welcome to the November Edition of Knebworth Parish News. Lots of village activity now seems to be happening electronically - see the "what's on" page. What would we do if even our digital watches these days didn't have more processing power than the moon lander?

The Parish Council has asked for a reminder that pond maintenance will take place at 9.30 am at the pond in the recreation ground, off Watton Road on the following dates.

Saturday 14th November 2020

Saturday 9th January 2021

All help would be greatly appreciated, please wear suitable footwear and clothing.

Many thanks to those of you who attended the last maintenance day.

We have had some e-mails which are copied below:

### **Rosemary Berry**

Rosie Berry would like to thank the very kind gentleman who came to her rescue on Sunday 11th October. She was on her way to church when she fell, injuring her knee. He gathered her scattered belongings and helped her up, escorting her to Trinity Church. Thank you very much!

### **SEVERAL SEVILLE ORANGES**

During the first week of January 2021, for the marmalade making aficionados, I hope to obtain a supply of Seville oranges (they come from Spain, don't you know, and nothing to do with the Barber). Hopefully, the cost should be around 12p per orange. I am willing to provide a supply chain.

Please use my email address [awthome@ntlworld.com](mailto:awthome@ntlworld.com) to place a provisional order. The telephone alternative is 01438 813557. Anthony Titmarsh

## KNEBWORTH FAMILY OF CHURCHES



### **Annual General Meeting**

A date has been set for the Annual General Meeting of the Knebworth Family of Churches. This will be held on **Saturday, 28th November** at 11.00 am.

Unfortunately, because of Covid-19 restrictions, we are obliged to make this a Zoom Meeting, although we do appreciate that this online process is rarely a substitute for face-to-face meetings.

However, all who are able to do so are welcome to join the Meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us on the 28th so that in due course I can send you the Zoom details, together with a copy of the Agenda.

*Graham Fothergill, KFC Secretary*

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# ST MARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S KNEBWORTH

## Church of England



Vision: A Church at the heart of the community with a heart for Jesus, the community and each other.

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We have a Sunday 10am, service via Zoom  
If anyone would like to join us,  
please contact [knebworthparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:knebworthparishchurch@gmail.com)  
and we will send you the ID details for the Zoom service.

We continue to have, with social distancing and the wearing of facemasks,  
public worship in St Mary's church for our 8am Communion service  
on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

Also we are open for **private prayer** in St Martin's

Times are:

Tuesdays 2-4pm

Thursday 9.30-11.30am

Revd Jim Pye and Melanie Pye will be in attendance

These are the Readings for November if you wish to read them at home.

### READINGS

St. Mary's	2020	St. Martin's
1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12	1 November All Saints' Day	1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12
Psalms 82 Judges 7.2-22 John 15.9-17	8 November 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)	1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30	15 November 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30
Psalms 93 2 Samuel 23.1-7 Matthew 28.16-20	22 November Christ the King	Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46
1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.24-31	29 November Advent 1	1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.24-31
2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8	6 December Advent 2	2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8



Amy Carmichael (1867-1951) was an evangelist and a social reformer who worked for a better life for women and girls and fought against

the sexual trafficking and abuse of children.

Amy was born in County Down, Ireland in 1867 and grew up in a devout and Christian family. At the age of 15 she committed her life to Christ and soon, in a foreshadowing of her future, became involved in an evangelistic and social ministry to mill girls in Belfast. At 21, Amy heard Hudson Taylor of the China Inland Mission speak and felt called to missionary work.

Initially her attempts to get on the mission field did not go smoothly. Barely five-foot tall and suffering from a number of ailments (some of which were permanently to plague her), she was rejected for work in China. Undeterred, she applied to another society and then spent time in Japan, China and Sri Lanka before finally arriving in southern India in 1895. Once there, she put down roots and never left until she died fifty-five years later.

Amy started her work with poor, lower-caste girls and soon became aware of those who had been forced to become a devadasi, a 'religious prostitute', in local temples. In 1901, Amy met a seven-year-old girl who had escaped from the temple and needed to be protected. She realised that preaching against the evil of child abuse wasn't enough: she needed to provide a 'safe place' for those she rescued. The result was a settlement - the Dohnavur Fellowship - which by 1913 was already looking after 130 girls. After the First World War, Amy opened a home for young boys, many of whom had been born to temple prostitutes. Guided by her own happy experience of family life, Amy worked to ensure that her orphanages never became institutions but instead were 'family'. She herself became universally called 'Amma' or 'mother' in Tamil.

## THE RECTOR WRITES

Amy's work faced both opposition and apathy. Indeed she even found coolness towards her work from the mission societies who felt that the evils she battled against were not what their supporters wanted to hear about. Amy found herself independent of any mission organisation.

Amy was decades ahead of her time. She saw the problems with institutional orphanages and tried instead to create a family atmosphere. She was profoundly sensitive to cultural issues and adapted to local culture as much as she could, dressing in local clothes and cosmetically darkening her skin. She was very wary of uncritically importing Western ideals and habits to replace traditional Indian practices and worked towards an authentic Indian Christianity. She was particularly careful that her criticism of the devadasi system could not be misunderstood as an attack on traditional Indian values.

Amy suffered a serious fall in 1931 and remained bed bound at Dohnavur for the remaining twenty years of her life. Typically, she refused to waste the time, involving herself in prayer and in writing thirty-five books. Her writings reveal a profound faith, deepened and refined by suffering. Amy wrote 'The saddest thing one meets is a nominal Christian.' and 'One can give without loving, but one cannot love without giving.' At times, Amy accused some of her fellow Christians of merely 'playing at mission'.

This month we will be remembering those who suffered and died because of war. This may be different from previous years but some may visit a war memorial to do this. Amy asked that no gravestone be erected to her, and all that exists over her grave is a birdbath inscribed with that single word 'Amma'. Her real memorial is the Dohnavur Fellowship which continues to this day. Sadly, so does temple prostitution, despite being technically outlawed. Of course, throughout the world, prostitution and trafficking of children continues, particularly where there is poverty.

Amy faced extraordinary obstacles throughout her life. Her health was frail, her supporters often critical and her exposure of difficult and

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sensitive matters antagonised the British authorities who preferred to overlook what happened to poor, low-caste girls in India. Yet Amy, undeterred, continued her work. She let nothing divert her. She was the complete antithesis to a nominal Christian.

God calls his followers to be fully committed to Him, and this should be focused on love.

Jesus said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" Mt 22.37-39

The apostle John wrote: "We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever

does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." 1 Jn 4. 19-21

The St Albans Diocese's motto is "Living God's love". May we show our commitment to God by unconditionally loving everyone, in the way that He unconditionally loves each one of us. Let us be inspired by the example of Amy Carmichael.

Love & prayers,

Jim Pye

From the Registers - Funeral

30th October at Harwood Park - Diane Knight



## **TRINITY CHURCH (Methodist/United Reformed).**

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### **Have any of you ever tried Yoga?**

The very word conjures up images of people contorting their bodies into strange positions, with a slightly mystical air.

Some Christians do not approve of Yoga because the spiritual elements do not seem to have a Christian basis.

However there is no doubt that keeping your body (and mind!) flexible with exercise has a positive effect physically and mentally.

A good teacher is essential, one who can demonstrate the moves, give clear instruction and correct any errors of posture etc.

I am fortunate to have an excellent teacher, who is always positive, takes an interest in his students and also has a sense of humour.

One thing he says which resonates with me is, try the move, if you need to take a rest then do so, but then try again, don't give up, persevere.

This I feel is a good philosophy for life, try something, take a break then try again.

This could be a metaphor for the Christian life, it's not easy, but we must try and follow the teachings of Jesus. It may be difficult, but we have a voice in our heads saying "don't give up, keep trying, I am with you."

In these strange times we have all had to try new things, Zoom meetings, on line shopping, keeping ourselves entertained and active indoors.

So keep trying, have a break if you need, then try again!

Kathy Cole Trinity Elder.

**Our services have resumed: for current details visit our web site or check the notice board outside the church.**

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Sadly, because of social distancing and other Covid-19 restrictions, this year it will not be possible for the British Legion Remembrance Day Service to be held as usual at the War Memorial in Old Knebworth. However, the British Legion has suggested that those who wish to lay wreaths themselves or on behalf of their local organisations or groups should do so at some time during the day (**Sunday, 8th November**).

If you visit the War Memorial to lay a wreath, either privately or on behalf of an organisation or group, it is important that you observe social distancing and all Covid-19 restrictions that may be in place at that time. It may be that there are times, such as 11.00 am or 12.30 pm, which will be more popular than others; these should be avoided if possible because of an increased Covid-19 risk.

As you lay your wreath, please pause to remember, perhaps in silent prayer, those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Graham Fothergill (on behalf of Knebworth Family of Churches)

*Editor's note: Steve Nye and Darren Corbet say "Once the wreaths are in place we will secure them as per usual"*

## KNEBWORTH HOUSE AND COUNTRY PARK

The recent death of Frank Windsor - whom the older amongst us will remember as Detective Sergeant John Watt in "Z-Cars" - summons a happy memory of working with him at Knebworth House on the 1984 film "The Shooting Party". Frank Windsor played Glass, the gamekeeper, and his home in the film is our current Estate Office. One of the pleasures of working on this film, which was about an autumnal weekend shooting party, was that the filming itself felt like one long weekend house party with some really wonderful house guests - James Mason, Dorothy Tutin, Edward Fox, Robert Hardy, Gordon Jackson... and of course Frank Windsor.

I am not one for shooting, but I do enjoy Knebworth House being used for entertaining. It could be said has always been the House's primary purpose, over its 500 year existence. So this year has been very odd in that nobody - apart from its permanent residents - has stayed overnight in the house since January. We did have a couple of months being able to receive day visitors in the House's formal rooms. But this must have been one of the House's quietest years in all its long history.

So, nostalgic for weekend guests of old, this month's photo - recently surfaced on eBay - is of a house party at the end of the 19th Century when Lord Strathcona (1820-1914) was renting Knebworth House. We've been trying to work out what the chap in the foreground is doing. Our best guess is that he is setting up a camera to photograph the guests. If so, it looks like the ladies in the background on the terrace will need some persuading to take part. This is a problem I know well, especially at this time of year when I realise we have no recent family photos to go into Christmas Cards for American friends and relations. I might send this one instead. They haven't seen us in so long, we may get away with passing ourselves off as these fine-hatted folk.



Henry Lytton Cobbold  
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# KNEBWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Tennis Courts

Four conifer trees have been felled on the edge of the tennis courts in the recreation ground off Watton Road. The roots from these trees were interfering with the courts' surfaces. In addition, two of the trees were found to be in a very poor condition. New surfaces can now be laid and the trees will be replaced by more suitable trees.

## Local Plan

The extra hearings for the NHDC Local Plan have rescheduled to commence on Monday 23rd November 2020 at 9.30am.

The hearing sessions will be held 'virtually' and will be live streamed on the Council's You-Tube channel. They will also be recorded to enable interested parties to listen to the sessions at a later date if they are not able to watch them when they are taking place. The link below will take you to the Council's YouTube channel for both the live streaming and the recordings.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/North-hertsGovUk>

## Christmas Lights Switch On

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, there will be no formal switching on of the village Christmas lights this year.

## Property Flood Resilience Survey

Risk & Policy Analysts Ltd. has been commissioned by the Environment Agency to undertake a study focused on resilience to flooding (a letter of appointment from the Environment Agency can be seen here: [https://rpaltd.co.uk/uploads/page\\_files/rpa-confirmation-letter-final.pdf](https://rpaltd.co.uk/uploads/page_files/rpa-confirmation-letter-final.pdf)).

As part of the study, a short survey has been developed, to collect information on behaviours and opinions on Property Flood Resilience. The survey can be found at:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ownersandoccupiers/>

Risk & Policy Analysts Ltd would like to hear from property owners and occupiers (both residential and commercial) in the area, so that it can be found out what they think about Property Flood Resilience.

## Sand Yard Development

NHDC has granted planning permission to build a retail unit with four flats and three parking spaces on the Chas. Lowe Sand Yard. A traffic management plan must be submitted prior to work commencing.

## Website

The new website is up and running and is very swish and easy to use. The Parish Council members hope that residents will access it regularly, to find out more about what is happening, or affecting, the village.

The **Parish Council meetings** are held monthly and are open to the public. All are welcome to attend and you should contact the Clerk for the Council if you wish to do so.

Rosemary Conybeare (Knebworth Parish Councillor)

## LINK UP ON WHEELS NEWS FOR NOVEMBER.



I keep getting very positive feedback about Link Up on wheels, not only is the meal appreciated, but the greetings of the delivery person and the connection are important too.

I thought you may be interested to know how we manage to do the meals, so here goes.

- My husband books a regular click and collect service at Tesco's.
- We sit down on a Monday evening and do the order both for our needs and the Link up ones.
- He then collects the order on the Tuesday evening, ready for the off on Wednesday.
- I sort out all the bags of food and equipment that I will need, and load the car up on the Wednesday morning, hoping I haven't forgotten anything.
- I go straight to the Village Hall to arrive just before 9am, while David calls at Trussells to collect the meat.
- I clean all the work services in the kitchen then decant the food into the correct places.
- Steve turns up with masks, gloves, newsletters and envelopes.
- David sets up the tables in the committee room, and organises the bags for delivery.
- Whilst in the kitchen (two at a time wearing masks,) myself and the other volunteers prepare the vegetables and meat.
- Jane W makes the most gorgeous puddings, and Jane F is very good at peeling and chopping!
- Cynthia comes at 11am, and takes over in the kitchen so volunteers can have a break and /or go home. By 11.45 an enthusiastic team of drivers appears, led by Elise, which gives me a nudge to get a move on!
- Sue W comes at 12, she washes up anything that needs it, then from 12.00 we have a frantic half hour serving up and making sure all the bags have a main course, a pudding a note, an envelope and sometimes a homemade biscuit as a treat!
- David and I then have some lunch before clearing everything up, cleaning all the surfaces in accordance with Covid protocols, then home to collapse!

Nearly forgot! I phone or call at Trussells to order the meat for the coming week, and also keep an eye on stocks of disposable bags and containers that we need. Thank goodness for that well known on line Delivery Company!

So a huge thank you to all the superb volunteers, you all play your part, cheerfully and willingly.

Kath Cole. Chair of Link Up.

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## WELCOME TO THE FIRST LINK-UP KNEBWORTH ARTS COMPETITION.

We all need a bit of a lift in these strange times so Link-UP are organising a Christmas Art Competition. It's open to everyone in Knebworth and there will be cash prizes and gorgeous award certificates.

We will be announcing the prizes soon and we also have several sponsors lined up.

### Categories (make sure you say which age category you are in please)

- **Photography**

Adult  
Under 18  
12 yrs and below

- **Painting and drawings**

Adult  
Under 18  
12 yrs and below

- **Poems and short stories**

Adult  
Under 18  
12 yrs and below

- **Singing and song performing/writing**

Adult  
Under 18  
112 yrs and below

- **Sewing, embroidery and hand made crafts.**

Adult  
Under 18  
12 yrs and below

- **Best Christmas display from your home.**

Window, tree, decorations, or fun outfits.  
Any age

You can enter on the **Facebook Page** - search for Link Up On Wheels on FB - or by email to **Linkuponwheels@yahoo.com**. Just email your photographs to us, or links to **Youtube, Spotify or Soundcloud** for musical performers.

You can also drop off your artwork to Mather Marshall in the high street. Please make sure you put your home address and your email address so we can contact you and return your artwork.

The amount of prize money per winner will be announced shortly. There will be a judging panel plus a vote for the finalists on the Facebook page.

**The competition runs from 10th November to December 20th 2020**

If you have questions, email **Steve DD at Linkuponwheels@yahoo.com**

Look out for updates on this competition as details may change.

**GOOD LUCK !**

Steve Deakin-Davies Link Up Christmas Art Competition





**UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS  
NOVEMBER 2020**

**Garden refuse**

Subscriptions for the garden waste are open with the year running from 1st October. If you want to compost instead try visiting <https://getcomposting.com/en-gb/profile/login> for more information.

**Coronavirus**

The NHDC website <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/emergency-planning/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-and-support/coronavirus-latest-guidance> has some good links for you to follow on the latest information as does the Knebworth Covid response website, which gives local information and help available : <https://knebworthresponseteam.org/>. Please note that the rate in Hertfordshire is significantly increasing and we should all remain alert to this and keep ourselves safe.

**Councillor Surgeries**

These normally take place on the second Saturday of the month, please email Lisa to get a zoom link. The next Councillor surgeries will take place on Saturday 14th November and then with a break in December will restart in January. There's no need to wait if you need to contact us before.

**Parliament week events**

NHDC will be holding events for 13-17 year olds on 2nd, 3rd and 4th November from 3.30 to 5.30. If you know or are a young person who would like to book a place please email [committee.services@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:committee.services@north-herts.gov.uk).

**Council Meetings**

All council meetings can be viewed on youtube. The next full council meeting will be on 12th November at 7.30

Kind regards

Lisa and Steve

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Nothing to do with NHDC, but because its that time of year and because this space needed filling ...



WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?



## Celebrating 20 years as a Girlguiding Leader

Despite the fact that our weekly Guide meetings are still taking place via zoom, we managed to plot a socially distanced presentation for Penny Parr who has just been awarded her 20 year service badge. Doorstep delivery of flowers and chocolate cake (freshly baked by fellow leader Sarah Berry) took place during a recent zoom meeting much to Penny's delight and surprise.

Having enjoyed her early years as a Brownie and Guide in Knebworth, Penny started her Guiding career as a Young Leader with 1st Knebworth Rainbows back in 1999 and on completing her adult Leadership Qualification she progressed to Assistant Leader before moving away to University where she joined a local Rainbow unit in Leeds. On returning to Knebworth, Penny soon found herself helping to run the Knebworth District Ranger unit before being welcomed back as a leader with 1st Knebworth Guides where she has been inspiring the next generation of Guides since 2006. She went on to achieve the Queen's Guide Award - the highest award in Guiding.



Penny has enjoyed worldwide travel and adventure through Girlguiding which gave her the confidence to become a County International Adviser. She then trained as a mentor to support other leaders and was invited to join the national Girlguiding Council. More recently, Penny took on the challenge of the Girlguiding Training Qualification which now sees her leading training sessions for leaders and commissioners across Hertfordshire.

Congratulations Penny and keep on Guiding!

Linda Brookes  
1st Knebworth Guides

Knebworth Rainbow, Brownie and Guide meetings are taking place virtually for the time being with occasional outdoor meetings. We are still welcoming new members and volunteers and would be especially pleased to hear from anyone who would like to become a leader. For enquiries visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or email [lindab1kg@btinternet.com](mailto:lindab1kg@btinternet.com)

### KNEB WORTH TENNIS CLUB



Fortunately with tennis being a no contact sport and the Club having outdoor facilities, we have managed to keep going throughout the summer and autumn keeping a watch on the national tennis regulations and carefully following them. With two all-weather courts recently installed it has had to be only the worst of weather conditions that has kept people away. This has been good for our many new members. Thanks to enough members volunteering to go on a Club-house cleaning rota we have managed partially to open the facilities.

An obvious recent change has been the felling of the conifers between the courts. Their roots had caused significant damage to our lower block of two courts and prior to resurfacing those two it was necessary to deal with the problem. Replacement trees will be planted in the winter with root guards to prevent further damage.

We have had an influx of new members, but have not as yet been able to offer the full range of our normal activities. However we are able to offer most in a slightly restricted fashion.

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- **Coaching** - our new coach Dan Clegg, who also coaches at Odyssey, started regular adult and junior group coaching on Saturday mornings starting in August and more advanced team tactics adult coaching on a Wednesday evening. Those wishing to attend need to book in advance with Dan coaching@knebworhtennisclub.co.uk
- **Thursday Club night** -this is almost back to normal at the moment other than members having to notify via WhatsApp in advance and register on arrival. All our three floodlit courts are routinely being utilised.
- **Club Championship** - despite a delayed start the all-weather courts resulted in matches being played in time, but starting late resulted in the need for an October finals day, and we picked the wrong weekend for the weather. However all was rearranged and the weather held for a good day with some excellent tennis.

**League matches** - while the summer league matches were cancelled, the autumn ones are well underway with a number of teams entered. However, the social interaction is limited. There are still opportunities for new members to join in with teams which cover a range of standards.

For those interested in finding out a bit more about the Club they can either look at the website [www.knebworhtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.knebworhtennisclub.co.uk) or contact us by email [enquiries@knebworhtennisclub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@knebworhtennisclub.co.uk)

Michael Maresh

## KNEBWORTH AND MARYMEAD MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP NEWSLETTER

### SOCIAL PRESCRIBING

What are the things that are important to you at the moment? What does a good day feel like? How can I support you?

I'm Kevin, a new GP Link Worker attached to Knebworth and Marymead Practice, and three other Practices in Stevenage. I'm here to ask you questions like these, to give you time to help you explore what matters to you. Together we can look at how you can move closer to a better life, as you see it.

As a 'social prescriber', I can work with you to make sure you get whatever practical and non-medical support you need.

You may want to think about what you can do to improve your well being, get more social connections or become more involved in the local community. Or you may be struggling with financial or emotional issues.

If you are feeling you'd like some extra support, are feeling isolated, overwhelmed or misunderstood, or aren't coping well with life at the moment for whatever reason, please contact the surgery if you are a Knebworth and Marymead patient. I can give you a ring - either once or a few times, depending upon what we agree.

For example, I could put you in touch with practical support, or help get you in contact with like-minded people so you can talk about whatever you are interested in or struggling with. I could even help you start a support group yourself.

I look forward to chatting with you.

Kevin Pike

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## **PRACTICE NOTES**

### **Getting Back to Normal**

As we all continue to struggle with the problems and restrictions of Covid-19, the Practice is slowly but surely regaining some lost ground with regard to patients and appointments. For example, we now have a limited in-house phlebotomy service, currently only at Marymead but, hopefully this will extend to Knebworth in December when the main flu vaccination programme is completed. Our nurses are now offering most services including childhood immunisations, wound care, chronic disease reviews, general vaccinations and contraception including coil and Implanon clinics.

However, it is still necessary for the Practice to remain as Covid-secure as possible, and the vast majority of appointments will continue to be held as telephone or video consultations but if, as a result of this, the GP or nurse feels that a face-to-face appointment is required, this will be arranged.

### **Extended Access Appointments**

Even though we are in the throes of a corona virus pandemic, the Extended Access Service is still operational. These out-of-hours routine appointments are at the King George Surgery at 135 High Street, Stevenage SG1 3HT and can be arranged through the Practice at both Marymead and Knebworth reception desks by telephone on the usual surgery numbers. Extended Access appointments are available from 6.30 to 8.00 pm on weekdays and from 10.00 am to 2.30 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

It is important to realise that these are for routine appointments and not for emergencies and they will be conducted as telephone or video consultations, and with face-to-face only when deemed necessary by the GP. The doctor at the Extended Access clinic can provide you with a prescription but any requests for tests or for referrals will be sent through to your usual doctor at our own Practice.

It should also be remembered that our own surgeries run out-of-hours clinics and these remain available for GP appointments, as telephone or video consultations, during the Covid-19 pandemic. These are held on Tuesdays from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm and on Thursdays from 7.00 am to 8.30 am at one or other of our surgeries; check the location with our receptionists.

## **PHARMACY NEWS**

### **Lloyds New Pharmacy**

We are pleased to be able to report that, on Monday, 16th November, the Knebworth branch of Lloyds Pharmacy is relocating from London Road to their new premises, adjacent to Knebworth Surgery.

Their telephone number remains unchanged at 01438 813008 and their opening hours stay the same as at present.

As well as the pharmacy, Lloyds will continue to stock their usual range of over-the-counter medications, together with products for skincare, haircare, etc.

Although the pharmacy is in the same building as the surgery, from a business perspective Lloyds Pharmacy is quite independent of the Knebworth and Marymead Medical Practice but, of course, they will continue to welcome and serve the patients from the Practice who usually have their prescriptions dispensed by Tobi and his team.

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## **Lloyds Home Delivery**

Lloyds Pharmacy are now charging for in-store home delivery of prescription medicines.

The charges are as follows:

Single Plan - £30 for six months, £60 for twelve months

Household Plan - £45 for six months, £90 for twelve months

The Household Plan enables all members of the household to benefit from the home delivery service.

There is also a one-off delivery charge of £5 for patients who are not in either of the above Plans.

In order to avoid these charges for home delivery, it is necessary to sign-up to their online service ECHO. This lets you order your medicines via your computer, tablet or smartphone. For further information see [echo.co.uk/homedelivery](https://echo.co.uk/homedelivery).

If you don't need to have your medicines delivered, you can still visit your local Lloyds Pharmacy to collect your prescription.

## **PPG MEETINGS**

Following a successful PPG Meeting by Zoom on 22nd September, it was agreed that we should continue these on a monthly basis. The remaining Meetings scheduled for this year will be on Tuesday, 17th November and Tuesday, 15th December, both using Zoom. Please make a note of these in your diaries. If you are interested in joining either of these online events, please notify one of the PPG Officers (contact details below) so that you can receive the Zoom code and password, together with a copy of the Agenda.

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## **KNEBWORTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Having successfully opened 30 of the largest libraries in Hertfordshire, the Library Service is working with the volunteer committee to explore options for providing a service from Knebworth and the other community libraries.

Items borrowed from Knebworth library (and the other closed libraries) - we will continue to extend automatically the due dates for items borrowed from Knebworth until we re-open, for any customers who have not been able to return or renew items themselves.

Items borrowed from other libraries - items borrowed from a library that has re-opened will no longer be automatically renewed and should be renewed by the customer or returned to one of our larger libraries. Their due date will depend on when they were borrowed. The normal charging policy now applies to these items.

You can check which libraries have reopened, the due date of your loans, or renew your books through the Hertfordshire library app, by visiting [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries), or by calling 0300 123 4049.

We are aware that the automatic renewals process has had some glitches, and some charges have been applied incorrectly. Please call 0300 123 4049 if your loans have been affected by this.

## KNEBWORTH SCHOOL

It has been a relief to finally be back in school. We have started learning new and interesting topics with our teachers – some of us even have the same teacher that we had last year! A change of scenery has been good too, instead of learning on a computer! We are reading a really great class book at the moment called 'Boy in the Tower', where the main character has similar experiences to the ones we had in lock down.

'This book has kept me up at night, wondering what will happen next' said Molly.

'It has been so nice to have access to a whole library of books again,' said Seb.

'We're having to write the next chapter and I feel anxious for the characters,' said Nikhil.

After 6 weeks of being back, things are starting to feel normal and we have even started our after-school clubs for Football, French and Netball. We can play with our friends again, even though we are in a 'bubble' with other year 5 children, we can still share and play with the same equipment. It's a bit different from Zoom calls to friends.

We have all been showing our core values at Knebworth School, which are Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We have been excited about celebrating people's achievement of in our virtual Celebration Assembly! We love getting to see all the year groups at the same time. We love being back at school.

Written by Year 5 pupils.

### KNEBWORTH RESPONSE TEAMFACE



As we all thought there would be, the winter Covid-19 virus spike is with us.

We are all better prepared now than in the gloomy days of the lock down and everyone will be more up to speed in getting support than they once were.

**Remember: Wear a Mask, Wash your hands, Social Distance at least 6 feet.  
Be kind to everyone, these are difficult times.**

The Knebworth Response Team remains ready to help as a last resort for everyone in Knebworth.

The Knebworth Response Team are proud to say we will be sponsoring one of the Link-Up Christmas Arts Competition prizes and so do enter!

**KNEBWORTH TOGETHER**

Steve Deakin-Davies Operations KRT

## STOP PRESS! Health Walks restarting!



Here are the Health Walk Leaders receiving their Covid training. Suitably “vizi jacketed” we did a risk assessment with County Advisor, Katherine O’Brien.

Stephen and Mike are demonstrating the two metre spacing rule.

Walks will restart on **Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** and continue on November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

They will start at 10.30 am at the Pavilion in the Knebworth Recreation Ground. For now, it will be a **medium length walk** (to the post at Bragbury End!)

However – please note that numbers will be limited to **10 walkers** and two leaders and **you must book in advance**. All walkers already registered with Herts Health Walks (those of you have walked with us before) will be receiving information about the booking in system, which will be by telephone for the time being. If you have not registered before, google Herts Health Walks Register online.

**So – it’s a start.** Let’s hope that we will soon be able to return to the variety of walks and the lovely social gatherings that we were able to enjoy before! Stay safe!

Joy Hall, on behalf of Mandy, Angela, Rosie, Kathie, Barry, Stephen and Mike and the Knebworth and Marymead Patient Participation Group.