

Lyn's House Update – Plans & Dates November, December 2020 & January 2021

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Dear Lyn's House friends,

We hope this finds you safe and well.

It has been so good to see many of you in person again in recent weeks! We really miss those of you who haven't been able to be with us – and want to keep in touch however we can. Thank you for persevering against all the odds!

Here are some photos to remind or give you a glimpse of what we've been up to: the end-of-summer reunion picnic; Sunday Zoom 'tea parties'; gazebo gatherings; our first Zoom Film night....





Plans for the rest of term:

What a topsy -turvy time! We have tried to include as many of you as possible in reviewing events so far and looking ahead to the second half of term.

Just a week ago we were all set to go in one direction but were stopped in our tracks by the announcement of the second lockdown.

We have again taken advice and spoken to many of you about what you feel happy and safe with in the light of the new guidelines and our plans for the rest of term are outlined below.

Zooming again!

I know we're all fed up with Zoom, but we really want to be able to keep in touch with you and continue to have fun together, so do please note the following dates and events and come if you can.

'Regular' midweek events will finish at the end of the university term on December 4th (2020) but we have planned a number of Lyn's House 'Christmas specials' and very much hope we can celebrate Christmas in new and exciting ways together this year – not to mention kicking off the New Year.

- **Midweek 'catch-ups' via Zoom: Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays -6-6:30/40pm**
Including 'Surprise Santa' the last week of term (Dec 1,2,3rd) – invitations will be sent in advance (and all will become clear!)



- **Sunday November 15th & 29th (2020) Lyn's House 'tea party' Zoom gatherings – 3-3:45pm**
A chance for the wider Lyn's House community to get together – we're going to try breaking into smaller groups for 10-15mins (in breakout rooms) to help us catch up with one another.
- **Monday Nights (during term)-Prayer Time (via Zoom)- 9pm - x15-20 minutes**
Invitations will be sent in advance – please let Lyn's House know if you aren't already on the list and would like to be! **Please note the earlier start time- 8:30pm- from Monday November 16th. The last time this term will be Monday November 30th -but we'll restart in the New Year.**



Lyn's House 'Christmas Specials'

- **Design a Lyn's House Xmas Card!** to share in an 'exhibition' at the Zoom 'tea party' on Sun Nov 15th &/or Nov 29th (3-3:45pm)



We'll use your designs to create e-cards to send to the many friends and supporters of Lyn's House!

- **Sunday December 13th – 3-4:30pm - Xmas Crafts, Decorations & Cookery session with Xmas music** - Details and invitations to follow – come for the whole thing – or just for part of it- and sing your hearts out!



- **Saturday December 12th - Xmas Carols (played on the organ) by candlelight at St Andrew's Cherry Hinton -3pm** (socially distanced) – to be confirmed with details.



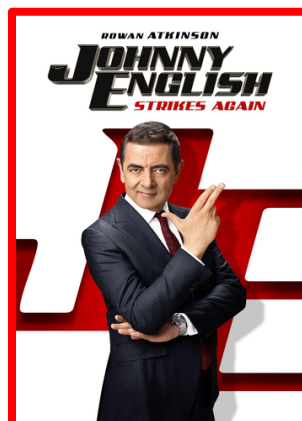
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- **Saturday December 12th -Xmas Film via Zoom– 3pm** to be confirmed (depending on where things have got to by then...) Let us know what film you'd like to watch!



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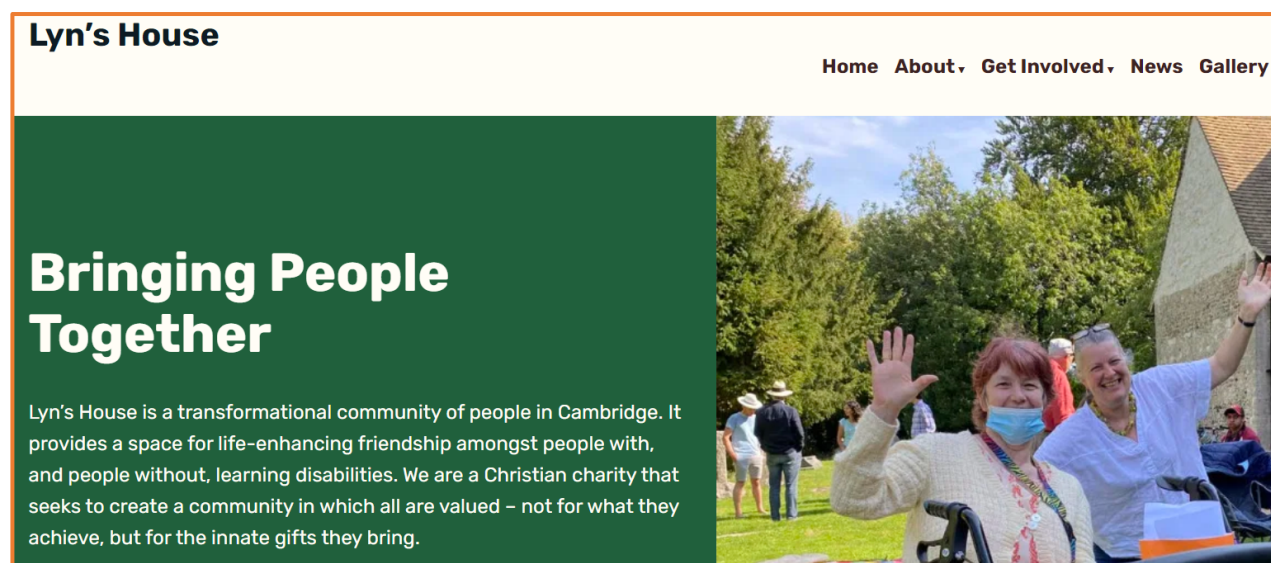
- **Friday January 8th -6pm - New Year Film Night via Zoom** -(watch together in the comfort of our own homes – with popcorn/ pizza/ snacks - followed by time chatting together afterwards): **'Johnny English Strikes Again'**



Other Lyn's House news:

Behind the scenes: Lots of work in Lyn's House carries on 'behind the scenes', as we try to discern and develop our life and future together as a community.

New website: Our new Lyn's House website will soon be going live (many thanks to Jon and especially to Josh, for all your hard work on this) – so watch this space! This is a screenshot of the homepage:



Publicity and Communication: We are keen to let other people know about the things we enjoy and have discovered together in Lyn's House - and to include as many voices as possible (and in as many ways as possible). One way is through a **Lyn's House Newsletter** we're putting together.

Please think how you can contribute to this and send / email it to Patrick, Sam and Lakshmi (editors) at the Lodge (12/14 Grange Rd, Cambridge CB3 9DU) or lynshouse.cam@gmail.com

It could be a favourite photo (of you or someone / something else); a drawing; a prayer you like; a favourite film (how many times you've seen it and what you like about it); a favourite song... whatever you fancy!

Lyn's House Logo We are in the process of choosing and designing our very own Lyn's House logo! To help us with this, we've shortlisted a few posters from the picnic party and we would love to hear which ones you like best and think we could use as inspiration.

Please vote! on the poll [here](https://pollunit.com/polls/whmoiodwwr1lzc8pdphykg) (<https://pollunit.com/polls/whmoiodwwr1lzc8pdphykg>) (5 ***** = your favourite!)

Thank you! To all of you who have stuck in there and helped us pull together as we navigate these unusual times: particularly Lakshmi, Patrick and Sam (living in the Lodge) for all they've done in helping to coordinate and host various events – and for the grace with which they have done it.

Thank you, too, to all our wonderful volunteers, who help in so many ways. It is so good to have many of you back in Cambridge again and that those of you living further away (Patrick McK in Italy this year; Josh and Hania in Austria; Dan and Lena in Germany; Jacqui in Kenya; Suzie in Edinburgh....) have been able to join us via Zoom. A warm welcome to Shanti (Daffern), Sofia (Carozza), Mary (Osborne) and Thomas and Brigit (still in New York, awaiting their UK visas!) – who join them this year. We're thrilled to have you on board.

Welcome to the world!

Josephine Renee Powell
(born to Philip & Renate 11.9.20)

&

Esther Olivia Smith
(born to Dan & Lena 19.9.20)



Many congratulations to Philip and Renate; and to Dan and Lena!
We hope to see you all again soon (and please send more photos!)

Shalom,

Debbie (Ford, Trustee, on behalf of the Lyn's House Steering Group)



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