

EDITH CAVELL DAY CENTRE

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We write this as 2019 draws to a close. Everyone is saying how fast this year has sped by!

We have much to be thankful for but this year has not been plain sailing – notably the flood at the Rugby Club premises in March which caused us to relocate for over four months to Wreningham Village Hall. The extra work and continuation of the programme where possible meant we had a successful year – plenty to interest and enjoy and, as you will have seen recently, we have welcomed several new folk to join our ‘merry throng’!

As our numbers increase so does the need for volunteers and particularly drivers. So if you hear of anyone who has a few hours to spare who could volunteer their car and time in this way – amongst your friends and neighbours – please get in touch with Liz!

You may not know we employ a ‘chair and equipment mover’ on the staff team, and as David Rice retired from this job at the end of the summer we are pleased to say that Audrey and John Batchelor have taken on this important task that helps Liz and Julia prepare the rooms and put the furniture away each day. So if you see them helping behind the scenes, an occasional ‘thank you’ is always appreciated.

December is a short month but you will see from the programme we have packed in seasonal content and are trying something new by inviting a couple of reindeer and their ‘carers’ to visit! We would love to open that afternoon to visitors – just give us a call so we can provide the right amount of refreshments - and carrots! Our carol services are also open to visitors joining in and sharing sherry and

mince pies afterwards. It is helpful to know if you are planning to come so we can put out more chairs. You are most welcome to swell the song! As in previous years we have Christmas parties for each of the days on the last week we are open in December, and hopefully get the festive spirit going to last the break ... until we re-open again in the New Year. This year it will be on Monday 6th January 2020.

As always new ideas, comments – positive or otherwise – and suggestions for the programme are always appreciated. Contact Julia by phone or email: info@ecav.co.uk

Finally, some of you will know that another tradition we seem to have begun is to put on a pantomime biennially, so on Monday 27th and Thursday 30th January at 1.30 pm Paul Wilson, our script writer, and many staff and volunteers will be treading the boards for everyone's delight and entertainment, we hope – as we put on "ALADDIN!" (Oh yes, we are!)

You will note we don't perform on all three afternoons that week, so if you have a burning desire to see it and it is not a day you normally attend, do have a word with Liz or Julia and we will try and make arrangements to provide a seat for you at the event-of-the-year – one not to be missed.

We hope you have a wonderful time this Christmas and are looking forward to a happy and busy 2020.

Seasonal best wishes from

Julia and Liz

On behalf of the Trustees and
Management Committee

