

# Bethesda Eventide Times

## December 2022

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Hello and welcome to our newsletter for December 2022,

As you will see, we have had a very busy November, enjoying lots of activities as well as beginning preparations for Christmas. We thoroughly enjoyed fireworks night and were pleased to have so many families join us! There were lots of photos to choose from this month - we hope you enjoy seeing everything we have been up to!

The rear garden has also been completed this month, and the garden furniture has been purchased. We are now looking forward to the springtime where we can begin putting some plants in.

Please see to the right the activities planned for December, which you are all welcome to join us for. Inside is also details regarding our Christmas activities, please do invite your friends and families! There is plenty planned, and we are expecting lots of visitors throughout the month, so we look forward to seeing you soon!

We hope you enjoy December's newsletter, and we wish you all a happy Christmas!

from all at Bethesda Eventide Homes

### December Dates

**December 2nd**

Family Pantomime

**December 5th**

Christmas Tree Competition

**December 8th**

Elf Day

**December 9th**

KiddleyDivey

**December 13th**

Otley Bell Ringers

**December 15th**

Carol Service with Salvation  
Army

**December 28th**

Quiz Evening



# Firework Night

On Friday 4th November we had our very own firework night celebrations. We enjoyed a lovely BBQ prepared before watching Nathan and Tom's firework display.

To top it all off we enjoyed a hot chocolate complete with marshmallows. It was a lovely to be able to share the occasion with many of our loved ones and one we are already looking forward to it again next year!







On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1605 thirteen young men planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Among them was Britain's most notorious traitor, a man called Guy Fawkes. They rented a house next to Parliament; dug a tunnel; and into the tunnel they placed 36 barrels (1.5 tonnes of gunpowder).

One of the group members a man called Francis Tresham became a traitor to his companions. He sent an anonymous letter warning his brother-in-law, Lord Monteagle telling him not to attend Parliament on November 5<sup>th</sup>. As a result, Guy Fawkes and some of his companions were captured and the plot foiled. They were imprisoned and tortured, and on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1606 Guy Fawkes and seven others were hanged.

On the very night that the Gunpowder Plot was foiled, on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1605, Bonfires were set alight to celebrate the safety of the King. Since then, November 5<sup>th</sup> has become known as Bonfire Night. The event is commemorated every year with fireworks and burning effigies of Guy Fawkes on a bonfire.



# New Age Kurling

We have brought a new Kurling set. New age Kurling is a very popular game that all can play. We tried not to get too competitive, and the game was certainly enjoyed by all!







Carehome.co.uk is an excellent tool for supporting people in choosing a care home. We do not have any recent feedback on this website. If you would be willing to leave a review on this site, this would be most welcome.



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# Christmas Events

Friday 2nd - Family Pantomime

Monday 5th - Christmas Tree Competition

Thursday 8th - Elf Day

Friday 9th - KiddleyDivey

Tuesday 13th - Otley Bell Ringers

Thursday 15th - Carols with Salvation Army

Wednesday 28th - Quiz Evening

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# Come on England...

We have so far enjoyed cheering on the 3 lions. Hopefully we will still be cheering them on the 18th December! Come on England!



## November Quiz Answers

1. Chrysanthemum
2. Sistine Chapel Ceiling
3. South Africa
4. Bell Systems
5. Margaret Thatcher
6. Haile Selassie
7. Hasbro
8. 30 November 1874
9. Leonardo Di Caprio
10. Melbourne Cup
11. Abraham Lincoln



December was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar. It gets its name from the Latin word "decem" which means tenth. However, when the Romans added January and February to the calendar, it became the twelfth month. They still kept the name, though.

It is the first month of winter and the last month of the year.

National Cookie Day is December 4th. Other snacks celebrated this month include pie, cotton candy, chocolate brownies (mmm!), cocoa, and cupcakes.

December in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to June in the Southern Hemisphere.

The first day of Winter is on either December 21 or 22. This is the shortest day of the year and the longest night. It is called the Winter or Southern solstice in the Northern Hemisphere.

The term Yuletide comes from a Norse tradition of cutting and burning a tree to bring in the Winter Solstice. This was to last through 12 days – later known as the 12 days of Christmas.

December 12th is Poinsettia Day.

Saint Nickolas, who would eventually be called Santa Claus, was originally the patron saint of children, thieves and pawnbrokers!



We have a Homes Facebook page! We will post regular updates regarding activities within the home etc. and we hope it will enable people to have further insight into the day to days occurrences at Bethesda Eventide. Please feel free



# Thanksgiving



We celebrated thanksgiving in true American style. The Kitchen cooked a delicious thanksgiving feast and Yvonne and the staff on duty provided some American themed activities and entertainment, while some residents slept off their banquet!



If you know of anyone who may like to receive our newsletter, please get in touch with the home so we can add them to our mailing list. Thank you!





This month is a test of your observational skills. Hidden within the picture below are many Christmas songs, both traditional and contemporary. How many can you spot? There are 28 in total!





# December Quiz

1. What is the birth flower of December?
2. Which artwork, painted by Michelangelo, was shown for the first time on December 1, 1512?
3. On December 1, 1995, the apartheid system came to an end in which country?
4. The push-button phone was first offered to the public on December 18, 1963, by which company?
5. Which longest-serving British Prime Minister in the twentieth century, resigned on December 22, 1990, after 11 years in office?
6. Who was crowned Emperor / “King of Kings of Ethiopia” on December 2, 1930?
7. On December 5, 1935, which company presented the Monopoly game to the globe?
8. What is the date of birth of British statesman Sir Winston Churchill?
9. Which famous actor of the film “Titanic” was born in December?
10. Which famous Australian horse racing event is held in December every year?
11. On December 19, 1863, which US President delivered his Gettysburg Address?

## October Dingbats- Answers

1. Forget it   2. Jack in the box   3. Somewhere over the rainbow   4. Back door   5. Read between the lines   6. Blood is thicker than water   7. Belong   8. Cancelled check   9. Once upon a time   10. Green eggs and ham   11. Try to understand   12. Downtown   13. Bump in the night   14. First aid   15. One in a million   16. Apple pie   17. Ice cube   18. Rockin' around the Christmas tree   19. Think outside the box   20. Six feet under the ground   21. Won by a nose   22. Too big to ignore



If you see a photo in our newsletter of a loved one and would like a copy of it, please get in touch with the home so we can provide you with the original.

# MEETING PIXIE

We were very grateful to Shirley, for bringing in Pixie to say hello. We certainly enjoyed her visit!





# Quiz Evening

As you may have seen in November's newsletter we will be holding a quiz evening on Wednesday 28th December 2022 at 7pm. This will be a chance to put your knowledge to the test against a team of staff and residents based at the home, the Bethesda Brainboxes!

If you would like to enter, email tom at [tom@bethesdaeventidehomes.co.uk](mailto:tom@bethesdaeventidehomes.co.uk) by Friday 23rd December to let him know. Teams are welcome to join us at the Homes for the quiz, or equally welcome to join us at home over Zoom - just let us know which you will be doing!

Please also feel free to share this event with any other family or friends who may wish to enter! There is no entry fee, however any donations towards our activities fund would be hugely appreciated. There will be some festive treats for the winning team!

A poster for a quiz night. The top half has a teal background with a large yellow lightbulb on the left. Several question marks are scattered around the lightbulb. The text 'BETHESDA EVENTIDE HOMES' is in white at the top right. Below it, 'QUIZ NIGHT' is in large white letters. Then 'Dec. 28 7PM' is in yellow. Below that, 'WRITTEN & HOSTED BY TOM' is in white. The bottom half has an orange background. It says 'JOIN US IN OUR MAIN LOUNGE FOR THIS YEARS QUIZ - OR ALTERNATIVELY, JOIN US FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME ON ZOOM!' in teal. Below that, 'CAN YOU BEAT OUR TEAM OF STAFF AND RESIDENTS?' is in black. Then 'IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US, PLEASE LET TOM KNOW. MAXIMUM TEAM SIZE OF 6(ISH) PLEASE!' is in black. At the bottom, 'DONATIONS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED TOWARDS OUR ACTIVITY BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR - BUT THIS IS OPTIONAL, WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!' is in black. A black starburst shape on the left says 'PRIZE FOR THE WINNERS!' in white.

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# QUIZ NIGHT

Dec. 28 7PM

WRITTEN & HOSTED BY **TOM**

**PRIZE FOR THE WINNERS!**

**JOIN US IN OUR MAIN LOUNGE FOR THIS YEARS QUIZ - OR ALTERNATIVELY, JOIN US FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME ON ZOOM!**

**CAN YOU BEAT OUR TEAM OF STAFF AND RESIDENTS?**

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# Remembering...







**In Flanders' Fields**

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
 Between the crosses, row on row,  
 That mark our place; and in the sky  
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago  
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
 Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
 In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
 To you from failing hands we throw  
 The torch, be yours to hold it high.  
 If ye break faith with us who die  
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
 In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915



November has seen Betty and Pamela  
celebrate their birthdays

In December we see Betty, Coral, John  
and Rosemary celebrate their birthdays,  
we look forward to sharing photos of  
their celebrations next month.



**If you know of anyone who might like to be added to our  
newsletter email distribution list, please contact the home to let  
us know!**

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