

# Bethesda Eventide Times

## December 2024

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Hello and welcome to our newsletter for December 2024!

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!

Please see to the right the activities planned for December, which you are all welcome to join us for. Inside are also further 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 4th**  
Elf Day

**December 5th**  
Christmas Tree  
Competition

**December 6th**  
Pantomime

**December 12th**  
Carol Singing with  
Prep School

**December 17th**  
Otley Bell Ringers

**December 20th**  
Family Christmas Party





# 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



# 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?

## 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



# Wild West Day



One themed day we enjoyed in November was "Wild West day". We enjoyed a KFC for lunch (not actually western - but it was lovely)! We had a wild west quiz, and watched a western film. The highlight was the afternoon line dancing, led by Shirley and other members of her line dancing group. Everyone joined in, and lots of fun was had by all!







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.



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!





# Out and About...







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

# Spa of Bethesda

The activities team enjoy turning the quiet lounge into a nice relaxing spa.

Not only do residents enjoy a pamper, they also enjoy the opportunity to offer staff a little pampering too. The result is a lovely relaxed and pampered Home!







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!





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# Christmas Events

Wednesday 4th - Elf Day

Thursday 5th - Christmas Tree Competition

Friday 6th - Beauty & the Beast Pantomime

Thursday 12th - Carols with Ipswich Prep School

Tuesday 17th - Otley Bell Ringers

Friday 20th - Family Christmas Party  
(Salvation Army, Santa's Grotto, Crafts & More)

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Carehome.co.uk is an excellent tool for supporting people in choosing a care home. If you would be willing to leave a review on this site, this would be most welcome.





It is with great sadness that we include the news of the passing of Coral Sharpe since our last newsletter. Coral was known to many associated with the Homes for many years, either in her role as a Dr or as a Pastor's wife, Coral certainly touched many, and she will be very dearly missed by us all.

Jesus said to her, *"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"* **John 11 v 25 & 26**





# Family Christmas Party

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER

6:00pm - 8:30pm

**BETHESDA EVENTIDE  
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Carol Singing

Make your own Gingerbread Man

Santa's Grotto

Hot and Cold Food and Drink

and much much more!

**CHRISTMAS JUMPERS MUST BE WORN!**



# It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas









In November we enjoyed celebrating Pamela's birthday. Happy Birthday Pamela!

In December we look forward to celebrating with Betty and Rosemary and look forward to sharing some birthday pictures again next month!



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