



Welcome to the latest issue of Bevern View News

We really value your support and would love you to get involved with our Christmas Fundraising Activities.

Much more information below, including a message from our patron, Natasha Kaplinsky.

The highlight of November for many of us is Bonfire Night and it's no different for staff and residents at Bevern View. As one of our favourite times of the year, we knew that we couldn't miss out on celebrating Bonfire Night. Many of our residents belong to local bonfire societies and would have been taking part in the Lewes Bonfire processions so we decided to create our own in-house version - the Barcombe Bonfire Celebrations! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the chants, bonfire prayers, processions, music, firework sound effects, fake bonfire, smoke machine and giant party poppers!



Check out our [Bevern Bonfire Society photo album](#) for lots more photos.

Residents and staff were resplendent in a vast array of creatively decorative costumes and banners to host their own Bonfire Societies. Each of the ten residents was head of their own bonfire society to reflect their interests and personalities. They and their members dressed accordingly:

- Mark: The Black Dog Society
- JP: Barcombe Bonfire Society
- Chloe: Neville Juvenile Bonfire Society
- James: Commercial Square Bonfire Society
- Amy: The Burping Bonfire Society
- Jonathan: The Fabulous Mr Frostie Society
- Saleem: The King Society
- Paul: The Slapstick Society
- Ciaron: Newick Bonfire Society
- Holly: Neville Juvenile Bonfire Society

Ciaron was our resident house DJ, using our fabulous interactive screen, which was so generously funded by recent gifts, and we sang, danced and made music around our own coloured paper bonfire!

We even featured in the Sussex Express - [click here](#) to see the article.

The Lantern House

Whilst we were busy enjoying our Bonfire celebrations, another special treat was being set in place for when darkness fell. The Lantern House In Our Garden project, funded by The Arts Council, brought a selection of fabulous paper lanterns for us to enjoy. Glowing in different colours, these magical lanterns lit up the garden and our resident's faces as we celebrated the evening with sparklers.



It's Christmas Fundraising Time...!

Listen to Natasha's message, then click on the banner for more details and links



Merry Christmas from our patron, Natasha Kaplinsky



To give you some further ideas for your Santa Run, the team have put together some useful instructions! Watch the video to see how to get involved.



Christmas at Bevern View

A date for your diary! The **Bevern View Carol Service** will take place on Friday 18th December at 3pm and you can join in live on our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels.

We have been busy turning our sensory room into a **Winter Wonderland** and decorating the first of our **Christmas Trees**. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see how we've been getting on.

Our second Christmas tree is awaiting decorations so please do take a look at our [fundraising page](#) for details on how to help us do that. Keep following us on social media for regular updates on our Christmas activities and festivities.

12 days of giving



This year we are taking part in the [12 days of giving fund](#) - nominate us for being picked to be awarded £1,000 from Ecclesiastical Insurance Christmas fund! The draw takes place every weekday from the 7th - 22nd December and the more times we get nominated, the more chance we have of winning £1,000. Its free to nominate us and each one really counts towards the possibility of the Bevern Trust winning £1,000! Just nominate us to be entered into the draw - it's that simple!

Getting to know you better...

This month...meet James and Holly

James Resident

Best thing about Bonfire night: dressing up in his bonfire smugglers outfit, being with his mum and friends. Sharing this night with his Dad which is his most favourite part.

Favourite Christmas activity: putting up his Christmas decorations and his Dad playing all his favourite carols on the piano

Loves: singing and storytelling activities, sensory lights and everything feeling magical

Favourite Christmas song: Away in a Manger - any version!

Holly Key worker

Been at Bevern View for... 5 years

Most rewarding part of your job: making a difference in someones life - singing a song, doing something silly to get a smile. All your worries are gone when a resident smiles at you - it's a very special job!

What are you looking forward to at Christmas? all the yummy food and buying my first Christmas tree!

Favourite Christmas food: the cheese board and all the picky leftovers with a glass of Prosecco!

Thank you!

This month we would especially like to thank [The Lantern House](#) for including us in their wonderful [In Our Garden](#) project, supported by The Arts Council. As you can see from the images earlier, their beautiful lanterns brought such joy to staff and residents. Thank you to Sarah and Jo for inviting us to take part and for your help and care in setting everything up for us.

And a big thank you also to the [Barcombe Bonfire Society](#) for kindly donating materials so that the residents could make their amazing personalised banners, flags and torches.

We have also made a video to say thank you to the [National Lottery Community Fund](#) for your support this year. Take a look at the wonderful thank you video for highlights of the lockdown months.

Thank you to Sian at Little Blossoms Bookshop, [Usborne Books](#) for her very kind gift of 10 books for our residents, each suited to their interests. We really do appreciate this kind Christmas gift from her charity raffle.

And thank you also to Claire at [hrcreative](#) for all your support in producing our Christmas fundraising banners - they look amazing! Keep an eye out for them in Barcombe and Lewes.



Thank you National Lottery Community Fund!

Support us monthly

Thank you to those who already give their time, financial support, prayers or energy towards helping our work at the Bevern Trust.

There are many ways to get involved with our Bevern View community so please do get in touch if you would like to help with fundraising, volunteering, joining Bevern Friends or if you simply have any questions.

Thank you for your amazing support!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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