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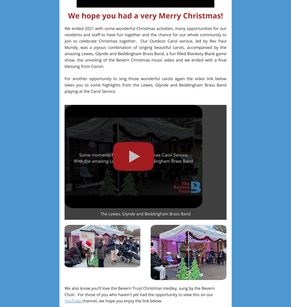
Welcome to Bevern View News

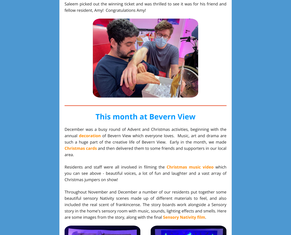
All the latest news and updates from residents and staff



We hope you had a very Merry Christmas!

We ended 2021 with some wonderful Christmas activities, many opportunities for our residents and staff to have fun together and the chance for our whole community to celebrate the festive season. Highlights included a visit from Father Christmas, a Big Sing Roundy, was a joyous confrontation of singing beautiful carols, accompanied by the amazing Lewes, Glynde and Beddingham Brass Band, a fun filled Blankety Blank game show, the unveiling of the Bevern Christmas music video and we ended with a final blessing from Canon.

For another opportunity to sing those wonderful carols again the video link below takes you to some highlights from the Lewes, Glynde and Beddingham Brass Band playing at the Carol Service.

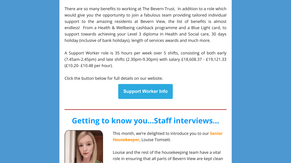


We also know you'll love the Bevern Trust Christmas medley, sung by the Bevern Choir. For those of you who haven't yet had the opportunity to view this on our YouTube channel, we hope you enjoy the link below.

Bevern Trust Christmas Hamper

A huge thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for our fabulous Christmas Hamper, expertly put together by Sandra S with generously donated items from our Bevern View parents. Together, we were pleased to have raised over £350!

Saleem picked out the winning ticket and was thrilled to see it was for his friend and fellow resident, Amy! Congratulations Amy!



This month at Bevern View

December was a busy round of Advent and Christmas activities, beginning with the annual decoration of Bevern View which everyone loves. Music, art and drama are such a huge part of the creative life of Bevern View. Early in the month, we made Christmas cards and then delivered them to some friends and supporters in our local area.

Residents and staff were all involved in filming the Christmas music video which you can see above - beautiful voices, a lot of fun and laughter and a vast array of Christmas jumpers on show!

Throughout November and December a number of our residents put together some beautiful sensory nativity scenes made up of different materials to feel, and also included the real scent of frankincense. The story books work alongside a Sensory story in the home's sensory room with music, sounds, lighting effects and smells. Here are some images from the story, along with the final Sensory Nativity film.

This month, the Amazing Musical series had a Christmas theme, with A Muppets Christmas Carol alongside the Nativity! Everyone was also involved with the creation of our annual nativity/pantomime blend, with some photos below!

Even our baking had a Christmas theme with the creation of a delicious Yule log.

We had a dramatic finale to our Bowling season as James defeated his neighbour Paul, with his second 79 points in a row including a dramatic side strike. Jonathon showed great technique to score a superb 78 putting him with League 2 and gain promotion to the top league for the first time. This means for the first time ever the top league only has men, with all the ladies competing in the Fighting 5 league next season. Our final stats for this year are: James has won the monthly championships 5 times, Canon has won 3 7 times, Mark, Chloe, Amy and Holly each have won 5 times. Saleem was our first ever winner, and James has won more than a year.

A full match report can be found on our Facebook page - do follow us for regular updates on Bevern View life.

Join our Support Team

Are you looking for a new challenge and would like to become more involved with the Bevern Trust in 2022? We currently are currently looking for caring and passionate Support Workers to join our dedicated team, who are driven to support our residents to get the very best from life. No experience is necessary as you will be trained on the job through a supportive induction programme and ongoing supervision.

There are so many benefits to working at The Bevern Trust. In addition to a role which will provide you with opportunities to join a fabulous team providing tailored individual support to the amazing residents at Bevern View, the list of benefits is almost endless! From a Health & Wellbeing cashback programme and a Blue Light card to support towards achieving your Level 3 diploma in Health and Social care, 30 days holiday (inclusive of bank holidays), length of services awards and much more.

A Support Worker role is 35 hours per week over 5 shifts, consisting of both early (7.45am-2.45pm) and late shifts (2.30pm-9.30pm) with salary £18,668.37 - £19,121.31 (£10.20- £10.48 per hour).

Click the button below for full details on our website.

Support Worker Info

Getting to know you...Staff interviews....

This month, we're delighted to introduce you to our Senior Housekeeper, Louise Tomsett.

Louise and the rest of the housekeeping team have a vital role in ensuring that all parts of Bevern View are kept clean and tidy, safe for residents to take part in their activities and to enjoy a pleasant family home atmosphere.

Louise Tomsett

What is your job role and how long have you been doing this at Bevern View?
My Job role is Senior Housekeeper and I also help out in the kitchen. I've been working at Bevern View for 11 years!

Can you tell us about who works on the housekeeping team with you?
We are a tight knit housekeeping team, made up of my mum Sheila Tomsett, Teresa, Karen and Tim.

How does your team role connect with the other teams at Bevern View?
As part of the Housekeeping team, I regularly liaise with the clinical team for ordering supplies. I help out in the kitchen and put the big shopping orders away. I also help the activities care the rooms are clean and ready for activities to take place with the residents.

Can you describe a typical day for you at Bevern View?
I always start the day assessing what needs to be done and checking stock, then I will do the shopping and put away the stock. I will then do the rounds, starting with the shopping delivery area, clean the kitchen and assist the cook with anything that needs to be done to prepare for the meals for residents and staff. then I spend the rest of my time cleaning and tidying the building.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?
I think it's making the residents home a nice, tidy and clean place for them to live in.

As a regular cake baker for the residents and staff, which are the resident's and staff's favourite bakes?
I would have to say most probably banana cake and apple sponge - delicious!

What are some of the challenges of your role?
I think sometimes it can be hard when we might clean an area and then it become untidy and unclean soon after but that is life! It's a lived in home so that's what's to be expected.

Can you tell us about your family and whether you have any pets?
I have my partner David and three children, Ella is 13, Saul is 8 and Marley is 4. We have four cats called Star, Raven, Blaze and Lupe. We also have two tortoises called Captain Underpants and Shelley. And not forgetting our cute snakes called Mango!

If you could go on holiday tomorrow, where would you go and who would you take?
I think it would have to be South Africa as I would love to visit Victoria Falls and go on safari. Of course, I would take my family!

What do you like doing on a day off?
I like going on bike rides, meeting friends for lunch, shopping, going to the beach, and gardening.

And to end with, a game of 0ther0r:

'Move every year or stay in the same house forever?' Stay in the same home forever
'Pet snake or pet rabbit?' Pet snake
'Great British Bake Off or Strictly Come Dancing?' Great British Bake Off
'Climb a snowy mountain or trek through a tropical rainforest?' Trek through a tropical rainforest
'Sweet or savoury?' Savoury

Birthdays at Bevern View

Thank you to everyone who continues to support us as you shop - Amazon Smile has recently donated £38.49 for the last quarter to Bevern View as a result of your Amazon shopping.

Give as you Live is an organisation which helps raise funds for charities when you link through to a partner company such as Sainsburys, John Lewis, M&S and hundreds more through the Give as you Live website. They simply give as normal and your purchase will raise free funds for The Bevern Trust. Click the link to register and start shopping!

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Thank you

A huge thank you to the children of Badgers Class at Barcombe CE School who kindly created and delivered over 30 amazing Christmas cards to residents and staff at Bevern View. We really do appreciate their love and support for our residents. They helped decorate Bevern View beautifully and we're so thankful for our link with the school.

And finally... a date for your diary

Further details to follow but mark your diaries for another fun and fabulous virtual quiz night, hosted by Natasha Kaplinsky.

We are looking forward to all that 2022 has to bring for residents, families and staff at at Bevern View, and in sharing this with our supporters in our newsletters each month.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to become involved in supporting our dynamic and life-changing work on a regular basis through monthly giving. We really appreciate all your support, and this monthly giving helps us to make plans for the care we provide.

Click on the Donate here button to set up a regular monthly or make a one off donation to The Bevern Trust in 2022.

Donate here

Do follow us on our social media pages - all links below - for regular films, photos and updates on Bevern View life and memories from activities over the years.

Please do let us know if there is anything else you would ever like to hear more of - we're always open to suggestions!

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