



What's going  
on at Douglas  
Drive?...

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**welcome to Issue 11 of our Douglas Drive Newsletter.**

*Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things,  
but just look what they can do when they stick together*

*- Vesta M. Kelly -*

It's been a tricky year to say the least but we would like to thank you all for sticking with us at Douglas Drive during this time.

We continue to follow government guidelines for day centres which means that we can still only meet in small groups and we must continue with testing, wearing face masks and following procedures for running in a Covid safe way. We believe that this has contributed towards all who attend Douglas Drive feeling safe and able to enjoy their time with us.

Thank you to all our clients and their families for continuing to test each week before attending sessions. We understand it's not been easy but we really do appreciate your support and understanding.

Thank you also to our team of volunteers, students and staff who have gone above and beyond making sure that everything is cleaned before, during and after each session whilst continuing to offer care and support to all who attend the centre... we are very fortunate to have you with us.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and, as we look ahead to 2022, a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Take care and stay safe.



*Rose*



*Karin*

# thank you

We are always so grateful for the support and generosity we receive at Douglas Drive, and once again, these last few months have been no exception.

## Stevenage Town Bowls Club



We would like to thank Stevenage Town Bowls Club for kindly lending us their indoor bowls equipment

All our day care groups were 'bowled over' with this new activity which will definitely be added to our programme in the future.



## Computers 4 Charities

Back in September Douglas Drive were contacted by Computers 4 Charities. This fantastic group refurbish old computers and laptops and donate them to charities. Their offer of a new laptop really could not have come at a better time as we had just been informed by our IT company that both of our computers were at the end of their life!

Thank you Computers 4 Charities... you saved the day!



## Fun and games



We would like to say thank you to one of Douglas Drives regular supporters.

Martin very kindly made a large version of a popular game for us to use at Douglas Drive and it's gone down a storm.



There has been a lot of concentration, much laughter and not to mention intense competition! Thank you Martin.

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you

Thank you also to these other organisations and charities for the support and generosity you have shown Douglas Drive SCA this year, It is very much appreciated.

Chauncy  
Charity  
Stevenage

Stevenage  
Community Trust

HCF  
Hertfordshire Community Foundation

Rotary  Club of  
Stevenage  
Grange

**COSTCO**  
WHOLESALE

### *Farewell Grace ...*



At the end of September we said goodbye to our Activities Co-ordinator, Grace.

Grace made the tough decision to retire and move back to her home town in Northern Ireland.

We thank you Grace for everything you did for us at the centre and we want to wish you much happiness for the future.

In November we welcomed Michelle to the team at Douglas Drive as the new Activities Co-ordinator.

Michelle has really hit the ground running and is a real natural.

We really look forward to working with you Michelle and hope you'll enjoy your time with us at Douglas Drive



**... Welcome Michelle**

## Dates For Your Diary



### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Tuesday group Christmas Dinner at Douglas Drive.

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Monday and Wednesday groups Christmas Dinner at Douglas Drive and last day before Christmas.

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Tuesday group 'Christmas Fun' at Douglas Drive and last day before Christmas.

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Douglas Drive re-opens for day care sessions.

*"And so I'm offering a simple phrase,  
To kids from one to ninety-two,  
although it's been said many times,  
many ways  
Merry Christmas to you"*

*- Chestnuts roasting on an open fire  
Nat King Cole*



### Christmas Word Cube

N	O	E
A	P	T
M	I	M

How many words of 3 letters or more, can you make using the letters in the word cube?

All the words must contain the centre letter and all letters can be used only once.

There is one 9 letter word!

(Clue: Can be seen during the Christmas Season)



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### Douglas Drive Senior Citizens Association

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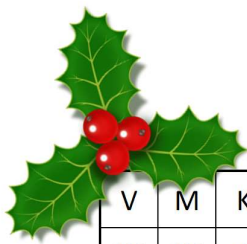
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## Christmas Word Search

V	M	K	Z	J	H	I	F	N	H	V	L	E	N	F
W	W	C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S	Q	W	E	T
G	H	H	N	J	U	N	P	F	T	Y	P	O	Y	E
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B	W	L	H	E	O	T	E	L	T	S	I	M	W	Y
W	D	R	U	M	M	E	R	V	S	N	M	Z	K	M
E	S	O	P	E	M	X	G	E	S	P	U	H	L	H

**Pencils at the ready!**

**This is a two part puzzle!**

The list below are all Christmas song titles with a word missing.

First find the missing words

These missing words can then be found in the wordsearch.

All the words can be found in this word search  
Forwards, backwards,  
upwards, downwards or  
diagonal.

• The \_\_\_\_\_ And The Ivy

• All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front \_\_\_\_\_

• I'm Dreaming Of A \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas

• Rudolph The Red Nosed \_\_\_\_\_

• Driving Home For \_\_\_\_\_

• The Little \_\_\_\_\_ Boy

• \_\_\_\_\_ And Wine

• The \_\_\_\_\_ Days Of Christmas

• Jingle \_\_\_\_\_

• It's The Most \_\_\_\_\_ Time Of The Year

• Frosty The \_\_\_\_\_

• O Holy \_\_\_\_\_







## Useful Contact Information



The Silver Line is the only free confidential helpline providing information, friendship and advice to older people.

Open 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Email: [www.thesilverline.org.uk](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk)



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### Herts Help

**0300 123 4044**

Herts Help is a free helpline to give you the support and advice you need in difficult times.

Herts Help can make sure you get the help you need by directing you to specialist services who can give you confidential and anonymous advice.

Some of the sources of support they offer are: struggling to cope, money problems and abuse.

Email: [www.info@hertshelp.net](mailto:www.info@hertshelp.net)



### NHS 111

NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem and you're not sure what to do.

NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To get help from NHS 111, you can:

- Call 111
- Go to [www.111.nhs.uk](http://www.111.nhs.uk)



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