



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



**Welcome to Issue 12 of our Douglas Drive Newsletter.**

*Kindness is like snow – it beautifies everything it covers*

- Kahlil Gibran -

Something we have noticed, particularly this year, is the kindness and support our groups give to each other. It's heart-warming to see and hasn't gone un-noticed by new comers and visitors to Douglas Drive.

We are so proud of Douglas Drive and your appreciation of the work we do to ensure your enjoyment and safety in the time that you spend with us. Our staff team feel privileged to have such a wonderful client group to work alongside.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our team of volunteers, students and staff who continue to provide the utmost care, enthusiasm and attention to supporting our clients throughout their precious time spent with us at Douglas Drive

Special thoughts go out to the families and friends of clients we have sadly lost during this time and to those clients who themselves have lost loved ones.



Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and, as we look ahead to 2023, a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Take care, stay safe and warm and we look forward to seeing you all in January!



*Rose*



*Karin*



## Dates for your Diary



### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Tuesday group Christmas Dinner at Douglas Drive.

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

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

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

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

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

Douglas Drive re-opens for day care sessions.

## **Welcome Donna**



In September we welcomed Donna to the team at Douglas Drive. Donna is our Dementia Support Worker, a brand new position generously funded by Chauncy Charity.

We look forward to working with you Donna and hope you enjoy your time with us at Douglas Drive.

**Sneaky preview of the  
Douglas Drive Logo for  
our Golden Jubilee year!**



## **Golden Jubilee Family Fun Day Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Douglas Drive Senior Citizens Association will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday next year.

We are planning exciting things to celebrate this fantastic milestone with our groups throughout the year however, our main event will be the Golden Jubilee Family Fun Day!

Please save the date as we would love for you all to join us!



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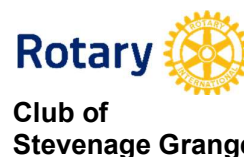
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# thank you



We would like to take this opportunity to thank these other organisation and charities for the support and generosity you have shown to Douglas Drive SCA during this year, It is very much appreciated.

**The Chauncy Charity  
Stevenage**



## Introducing The Chauncy Charity

At Douglas Drive, we have spoken frequently about The Chauncy Charity. In this newsletter we are taking the opportunity to once again remind you of the ways in which they can help.

Douglas Drive have received financial grants from this charity to pay wages for additional staff members, that have enhanced the work we do. In the past we have also had grants for trips, entertainment and Christmas gifts but, did you know, they also make individual grants to elderly people in Stevenage and surrounding areas.

**Please Do Not Go Cold or Hungry**, grants are available for those who genuinely cannot afford to pay the price of essential costs for food and amenities.

For further information, please speak to Rose & Karin at Douglas Drive, who will be happy to assist you further.

[www.chauncycharitystevenage.wordpress.com](http://www.chauncycharitystevenage.wordpress.com)



Although the office at Douglas Drive will be closed during the Christmas and New Year period, answer phone messages and emails will be checked on a regular basis. We will get back to you as soon as possible.



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The **Hertfordshire Hearing Advisory Service** are now holding a monthly clinic here at Douglas Drive Day Centre (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month)

This clinic is open to anyone who uses NHS hearing aids and is a free service offering maintenance and battery dispensing.

Please call the Hearing Advisory Service for an appointment on **01707 324582**



## 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)

### 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)



# Christmas

word fun!

## Christmas Word Search

Listed are the 12 things given in the Christmas song, The 12 days of Christmas.  
All the words can be found in the word search grid either upwards,

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

COLLY BIRDS

GOLD RINGS

PARTRIDGE

DRUMMERS

LADIES DANCING

PIPERS

FRENCH HENS

LORDS

SWANS

GEESE

MAIDS MILKING

TURTLE DOVES



## Christmas Word Cube

O	T	S
L	M	E
E	I	T

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

All words must contain the centre letter and all letters can be used only once per word e.g. Met

There is one 9 letter word!



### Words Found

### Nine Letter Word

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Clue: If you don't want to get caught, watch where you stand...

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

- Nat King Cole-



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