



# Evergreen Leaves

*"But blessed are those who trust in the LORD ... they are like trees planted along a riverbank ... their leaves stay green and they never stop producing fruit." - Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT)*

## NEWSLETTER OF EVERGREEN CARE BEXLEY

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Induction Training

10<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at  
St Andrews Parish Church  
Bostall Heath,  
Brampton Road

#### Elvis Tribute Night

21<sup>st</sup> February 2015 at  
Barnehurst Golf Course  
clubhouse. Further details  
to be confirmed

#### Prayer In The Office

Every Friday starting  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2015 between  
1pm - 2pm, all welcome

### FUNDRAISING

By visiting our website:  
[Evergreencarebexley.org](http://Evergreencarebexley.org)  
you can find ways to  
support us.

You can donate online,  
join Give As You Live,  
donate by text, send a  
cheque or leave a legacy.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.  
We want to thank each and everyone who has helped make Evergreen possible.



### WE NEED YOUR VOTE !

Evergreen Care Bexley have applied for a grant through the Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund. At the end of each week the charity with the most votes will be awarded a donation of £300. Please visit the webpage below and vote for us. Don't forget to share with all your friends, family and colleagues.

[www.galaxyhotchocolate.com/galaxyfund2014/profiles/evergreen-care-bexley](http://www.galaxyhotchocolate.com/galaxyfund2014/profiles/evergreen-care-bexley)

You can now find us on Facebook, please like and share our page to help raise our profile in the local community:

<https://www.facebook.com/EvergreenCareBexley>

### THANK YOU TO CORPORATE SPONSORS

Evergreen Care Bexley has received a grant from the London Community Foundation to help fund the launch of the Clean Team.

Thank you also for the donations from ASDA, Sainsbury's and Co-operative Food.

### TRUSTEES NEWS FRANK PAYNE RETIRED

Frank was our first Chairman. We consider him invaluable in setting up the charity and helping steer us forward, it is sad to see him go and we would like to say a great big thank you for all the time, wisdom and inspiration he gave us and wish him well with all he does in the future.

### MAGGIE COMPTON NEW CHAIRPERSON

Maggie is a valuable member of our team and has been working with Evergreen from the start. It is great that she is willing to assist us further by taking on her new role. Thank you Maggie!

### CHRIS BRYANT VICE CHAIRMAN

Chris is another great asset to our team who has been with us from day one. We welcome him in his new role and thank him for all ongoing support to date.

### NEW TRUSTEES

We would like to welcome Mick Harvey and Keith Coleman as new trustees both of whom bring with them a wealth of experience.

### EVERGREEN PRAYER

We are now praying every Friday afternoon in the Evergreen office from 1 - 2pm. It is good to catch up with what's going on, hear about prayers that have been answered and also prayers that are needed. We have a good God and it is great to see His finger prints over everything that is happening. If you have a heart for Evergreen and would like to join us then please give the office a ring - anyone is welcome.

#### **Praise God for answered prayer:**

Teresa now has a lady called Jan to help her with the Befriending Lead role and they're working well together. The Clean Team has been given £5,000. The computers in the office weren't working properly but they're now all up and running.

#### **Prayer requests:**

That all elderly people will be reached. £36,000 is needed for next year. We need more befrienders and volunteers, leaders for the Home Support and Clean Team services, experienced Admin Staff and larger Office space.



## We are delighted to introduce our latest Befriending Lead Support

### JAN COOPER:

Jan retired 3 years ago from her role as HR Manager with the YMCA Thames Gateway. Previously she had worked for an Environmental Charity in a similar role for many years. The Charity specialised in Community Development and it was here that she realised she had a passion for improving her local community.

It is only since retiring and following the sudden death of her husband that she has had the free time to contribute more to the voluntary sector. Jan has been an Advocate for an elderly gentleman with Learning Difficulties for over 15 years, volunteered with Age UK and the Greenwich and Bexley Cottage Hospice in the past. When she heard about Evergreen she wanted to get involved. Initially she became involved on the administrative side, and is now more 'hands on' assisting Teresa in coordinating the Befriending Service.

## 'MEMORIES' AFTERNOON TEA, VINTAGE STYLE:

Hosted by Refresh at Belvedere Baptist Church, our second Vintage Afternoon Tea was attended by almost 50 people who had a wonderful afternoon being served tea and cakes, 'Lyons Corner House' style, accompanied by festive Christmas music.

We would like to thank the volunteers for their hard work making the afternoon special. We would also like to say a thank you to Sainsbury's Local Belvedere and Co-Operative Food Belvedere for their kind donations towards the afternoon tea.



## ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS' CHRISTMAS EVENING:

We had a great time at our Annual Volunteers' Christmas Evening. There was Live music from Rob Ashdown, who was joined by Pete and Diane Kot and Richard Andrews for a selection of Christmas songs. There were two quizzes and a special guest visit from Mr Santa Claus himself who had presents for all who attended.

Our thanks to Linda, Charlotte and Jane for preparing the buffet.



We would also like to thank Bruce Levy of ASDA Bexleyheath for the kind donation towards the buffet for our volunteers' evening. ASDA Bexleyheath are also running a 'Spot the Snowball Competition' from 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> December to raise funds for Evergreen Care Bexley. The winner gets a hamper! You can find details on their Community Board publicising the event.

## CHRIST CHURCH ERITH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



This year we were invited to the Christ Church Christmas Festival on the Saturday where we decorated our Evergreen Christmas Tree and had a stall and held a tombola. A big thank you to Maggie Compton for donating the gifts and arranging the event for Evergreen.

We were joined by Kathy and Christina from the Evergreen Knitters who are a group of ladies supporting Evergreen by selling their hand-crafted items. They had a wonderful selection of hand-knitted baby items, soaps and teddy bears which drew lots of attention from the public. We would like to thank the whole group for their ongoing support for Evergreen. If you are interested in any items or in joining their group please contact us and we will let Kathy know.



*Evergreen Care Bexley is committed to serving the older and vulnerable people in the local community, by developing and sustaining useful, appropriate and excellent services to support and honour them.*

