



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

Vintage Afternoon Tea

28th March 2015 2pm-5pm
Belvedere Baptist Church,
50 Nuxley Road, DA17 5JG

Family Night

(Formerly Volunteers' Evening)

10th April 2015 7pm-9pm
Bexley Christian Life Centre,
80 Rowan Road,
Bexleyheath, DA7 4BN

Launch of New Services

31st March 2015

- Clean Team

- Home Support

FUNDRAISING

Visit our website to find out how you can get involved: evergreencare-bexley.org

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

Our First Newsletter of 2015

We were delighted with the high level of interest and support we had in 2014 from volunteers and clients. We know only too well how the changes since the recession have affected the services available to the elderly and vulnerable and we have been really encouraged by the feedback from our volunteers, our clients and organisations in Bexley. Positive changes have been made to ensure we continue to meet the requirements of being a life-changing charity.

A great start to the year and an exciting time ahead of us

We have so much going on in 2015, with lots of preparation working toward the launch of our new services this year which include our Trusted Trades & Professionals, the Clean Team and our Home Support - see reverse for more information.

We have reconstructed our entire website to meet the growth of our charity. We welcome you to visit our brand new website launched in March. Find out where we've been so far, our growing number of services and where we plan to go in the future, how you can get involved and much more!

Elvis Tribute Night



On 21st February, our Elvis Night was hosted, with thanks to Barnehurst Golf Club. Gary King (aka Elvis) was fantastic and really got the crowd going. Everyone had a fantastic time and over 170 people attended the evening where an impressive **£1617.21** was raised! We want to say a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who came and everyone who made this possible.

W a n t e d ! New Premises

We are so pleased to announce that we are already outgrowing our current office space, which is fantastic news as it shows how much of a difference we are making to the lives of elderly people! We are working toward projects to enable us to provide further much-needed services to the elderly in the Bexley Borough. If you know of any office premises or shop fronts available for peppercorn rent (remember, we are a charity!) please contact us as soon as possible. Contacts are also very much welcome.

Home Support Co-Ordinator



Our Co-Founder Diane Kot is excited to be heading up our new Home Support Service, launching in March, as our Home Support Coordinator. Having worked in the care industry for 31 years, her passion and experience in care will be perfectly suited to this role. Further details for this service can be found overleaf and on our website.

Social Media

We are expanding our social media presence to increase awareness about Evergreen, and to help you keep in touch with us. You can find us on the following social media platforms, don't forget to connect, like and share!

Twitter - where we have over 130 followers so far

www.twitter.com/EvergreenCareBY

Facebook - where we have over 160 likes to date

www.facebook.com/EvergreenCareBexley

Streetlife - where the local community connects online

www.streetlife.com



Clean Team

Service Launch End March 2015

Changed or deteriorating circumstances sometimes prevent a struggling adult from managing and improving their home situation without supportive and non-judgemental help. The Clean Team work to reinstate cleanliness and order, restoring a sanitary and dignified environment for the client.

This is a free and confidential service for senior citizens and vulnerable adults in the absence of able family and/or carer support. The work of the Clean Team can include a one day "deep clean" of your property prior to the commencement of our Home Support Service, to several days in the case of a more challenging environment.

It is the Trust's policy to implement Clean Team operations only if the client agrees to employ our regular Home Support Service for a minimum of 6 months to maintain the standard. If our risk assessment highlights health and safety concerns the Trust will signpost to other professional and statutory agencies for management.

For further information on our Clean Team Service or to book an assessment, please contact us on 01322 431 765.

Home Support Service

Service Launch End March 2015

The Home Support Service will provide assistance in the areas of shopping, cleaning, laundry and meals where a client may be struggling to cope with these everyday tasks. We do not promote dependency but encourage each client to participate in the activities where they are able, nurturing a sense of respect and self-worth during the visits.



After the initial visit and assessment by our Home Support Coordinator, you will be allocated a carefully chosen regular Home Support Worker to assist you with your tasks, who will also develop a trusting, friendly relationship with you and monitor your health and well-being.

Home Support is a paid for service that does not include the provision of personal care such as washing, dressing and toileting. For further information on our Home Support Service or to book an assessment, please contact us on 01322 431 765.

Trusted Trades and Professionals

Service Now Live

Ever find yourself looking for tradesmen and don't know where to look? **Don't Leave It To Chance.** give us a call! We have a large database of trusted traders, based on recommendations and feedback we have received, to help ensure you receive a reliable and quality service.

Many of our clients who have used this service have been highly satisfied with the standard of service and have been surprised by how competitive their quotes have been. All requests are made through our office, the tradesperson or professional you require will contact you to make an appointment to quote for the work required. We will contact you shortly after to ensure you are satisfied with the work provided.



If it all goes wrong? In the unlikely event that you're dissatisfied, we will look into this matter on your behalf.

As a part of their support for us, the Trusted Trades and Professionals make a donation to our Charity for every job they complete which has been referred through us. So not only do you get a good job done without having to worry about bogus tradesman, but you also get to support Evergreen Care Bexley as well.

Although Evergreen Care Bexley cannot guarantee the quality of work, nor be held responsible for poor workmanship, honest feedback from You can go some way to ensuring everyone receives a good quality standard of work at a competitive rate. For further information on the Trusted Trades and Professionals Service please contact us on 01322 431 765.

Property

Building Contractor
Alarms / CCTV
Flooring Restoration
Carpets & Flooring
Double Glazing

Leisure & Events

Photographer / Film Maker
Catering
Travel Counsellor

Business Support

Office & Printer Equipment
Commercial Waste
Removals & Storage

Motor Trades

Mechanic
Bodywork Specialist
Vehicle Audio and Security

Financial and Legal

Financial Advisor
Mortgage Advisor
Accountant

Health & Wellbeing

Registered Acupuncturist
Florist

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.