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THE BELMONT THYMES

A ROUND-UP OF ALL OUR NEWS FROM OUR CARE TEAMS AT
EDENDALE LODGE, HASLINGTON LODGE, MADEIRA LODGE & WOMBWELL HALL
AND OUR HOMECARE SERVICES

Wombwell Hall Care Home appointments new Manager

Wombwell Hall Care Home is thrilled to announce a significant milestone in the journey of the Care Home with the appointment of Claire Skinner has joined as new Registered Manager.

Bringing her wealth of experience, and an unrivalled passion for the care industry, Claire's arrival marks a new era in the Care Home's mission to provide top-quality care for their residents while continually improving their service.

Claire's career in the care industry began at the tender age of 14 and over the last 20 years, Claire has worked with an array of small to large corporate care companies, witnessing first-hand the nuances, the challenges, and the triumphs that come with this ever-evolving sector. Her journey has shaped her into an exceptional professional, making her a highly sought-after manager in the field.

Claire is set to personally develop her team, fostering an environment of growth and continual learning. She believes in harnessing the power of collective knowledge and is passionate about mentoring the next generation of care professionals. She's a true believer in leading by example, and she's eager to bring this mindset to her role at Wombwell Hall Care Home.

Another exciting element for Claire is the prospect of embracing technology to enhance our service offering. As a forward-thinking professional, she recognises the immense potential that technology has in transforming care. Whether it's using digital tools to streamline administrative tasks or employing advanced health monitoring systems, Claire is poised to bring a new level of tech-savviness to the home's operations.

In her own words, Claire said, "I am looking forward to being part of the team at Wombwell Hall Care Home and working in an environment that is both innovative and flexible. I believe that together we can make a real difference in the lives of our residents and continue to raise the bar in the care industry."



Welcome

to our wonderful Belmont team Claire!

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Belmont Healthcare Group Celebrates Multiple Finalists in the Prestigious Kent Care Awards

We are proud to announce that five outstanding staff members from across the Belmont Healthcare Group have been selected as finalists in the highly respected Kent Care Awards.

Chris Saunders, an unswerving member of our team, has been named a finalist in the Ancillary Frontline category. Chris's exemplary service to the Belmont Healthcare Group has always been a beacon of professionalism and dedication. His commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for our residents has been recognised with this nomination.

Gurpreet Vara's remarkable work in Social Nursing has been acknowledged as she has been selected as a finalist for the Social Nursing award. Gurpreet's unwavering commitment to offering emotional support, fostering relationships, and providing holistic nursing care at Wombwell Hall Care Home is a testament to her skills and passion for the profession.

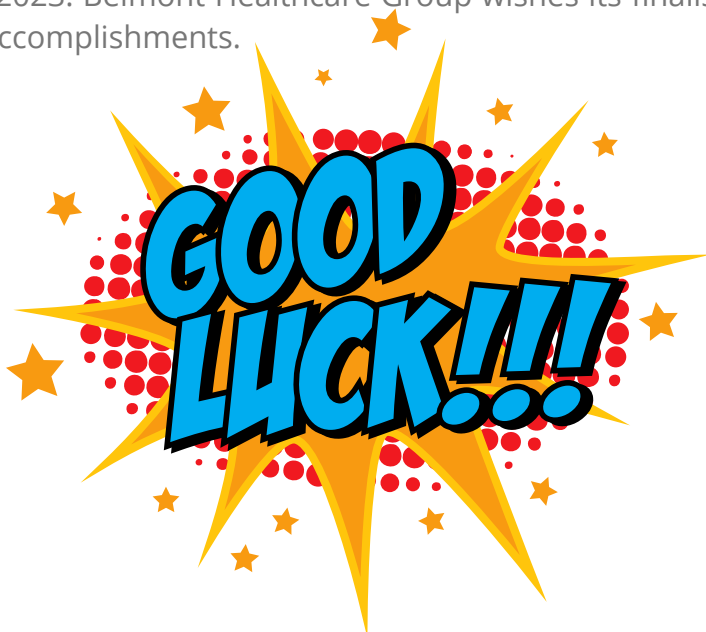
Kyle Butcher, a bright spark in our team, has been named a finalist in the Rising Star category. Kyle's exceptional dedication, quick learning, and innovative ideas have marked him out as a future leader in the sector. This nomination affirms his ongoing commitment to providing the highest level of care.

Tracey Crittenden an invaluable asset to our residential team, has been nominated for the Residential Champion award. Tracey's tireless work in enhancing the residential experience and her commitment to resident-centred activities sets a benchmark for the rest of the industry.

Our very own Liz Tart has also been acknowledged as a Frontline Leader finalist. Liz's steadfast leadership as deputy manager and commitment to her team and focus on improving quality care has set a new standard for what it means to be a leader in healthcare.

"It's always a proud moment when the dedication and hard work of our team are recognised," said Adam Hutchison, Managing Director from Belmont Healthcare Group. "These nominations highlight the outstanding contributions that our team has made to the field of care in Kent. We are delighted to see Chris, Gurpreet, Kyle, Tracey, and Liz as finalists and are excited for what the future holds."

The Kent Care Awards celebrates the valuable contributions made by individuals within the care industry in Kent. This year's winners will be announced at a gala event in Maidstone on September 22nd, 2023. Belmont Healthcare Group wishes its finalists the best of luck and is incredibly proud of their accomplishments.



*...to all of our nominated
Team Members for the
Awards Evening taking
place in
September 2023*

Belmont @ Home Midlands Supports Local Primary School's Outdoor Classroom Revamp with £200 Donation

In an effort to support early education and environmental learning, Belmont @ Home, a prominent local home care service provider, has recently donated £200 to Coppice Primary School. This contribution will be used to enhance the school's outdoor classroom learning area, providing students with a stimulating, nature-based learning environment.

The generous donation was inspired by the personal connections that exist between Belmont @ Home and the school. The daughter of the company's Registered Manager was a student at the school, while Lisa Hull, Finance Manager, has a daughter, currently studying at the school.

Tom Noakes, Early Years Practitioner at Coppice Primary, reached out to the company seeking assistance for the project aimed at children aged between 3 and 5. He envisions a transformed learning area that encourages children to learn through interaction with the natural world around them.

Noakes's plan involves a comprehensive enhancement of the current outdoor area to make it more appealing, accessible, and inclusive. The revamped space will include an array of plants, shrubs, flowers, raised beds, and a running water feature. These elements will offer a mix of colour, texture, and scent - experiences crucial to a child's development.

"I believe children learn best through being outside and up close with nature," Noakes said. "With Belmont @ Home's help, we could deliver these experiences and make a significant impact on their learning."

With the received funds, Noakes aims to procure child-friendly plants, shrubs, flowers, as well as raised beds. He also plans to install a solar-powered water feature and buy seeds, bulbs, and soil.

The Team at Belmont @ Home were more than happy to assist with this noble cause.



L-R: Tom Noakes, Early Years Practitioner at The Coppice Primary School, Lisa Cox, Administrator and Customer Relations at Belmont Healthcare, and Mr Hutt, Headteacher at The Coppice Primary School sealing the deal of support for the benefit of outdoor learning.

During Care Home Open Week Edendale Lodge Care Home receives a Beacon of Hope

During Care Home Open Week, a quiet sense of anticipation filled the air at Edendale Lodge Care Home. It was not just any day; Father Roberts from St. George's Church in Crowhurst brought comfort and joy to both residents and staff with his uplifting home service.

Making his debut appearance during Care Home Open Week, it seemed fitting to welcome Father Roberts in to the care home community where residents eagerly anticipated his visit marked with blessings, prayers, and uplifting spiritual reflections.

Zoe Kendall, Manager of Edendale Lodge, reflected on the importance of these visits, saying: "The invaluable bond between Father Roberts, Edendale Lodge, and its residents serves as a vivid reminder of faith, community, and love. It highlights how small acts of service can have a profound impact, enriching lives and providing comfort to those in need."

We're happy to say Father Roberts will now be visiting monthly so now everyone can look forward to a spiritual lifeline.



Sylvia and Ira, two long-standing residents, were seen with faces beaming with joy, reflecting the inner peace and satisfaction they found in Father Roberts words and blessings



Haslington Lodge Care Home Dazzles with Ballroom Dancing Extravaganza

The residents and staff at Haslington Lodge Care Home in Greenhithe are twirling with excitement as they embrace the spirit of the popular TV show, Strictly Come Dancing.

The care home has been buzzing with anticipation since the news broke that the first two names on the Strictly Come Dancing 2023 line-up have reportedly been revealed.

Though the official names have not yet been announced, the care home decided not to wait to get into the dancing mood.

In a heart-warming and inspirational performance, Kyle, a dedicated volunteer at the care home, and Mo, the home's beloved cleaner, took to the floor to show off their ballroom dancing skills. The mother-son duo wowed everyone with their graceful moves and impeccable coordination, earning a resounding score of 10 from the judging panel comprising of residents and staff.

Tracey Crittenden, Activities Coordinator at Haslington Lodge Care Home, couldn't contain her excitement. She said, "This was such a special moment for everyone here. Kyle and Mo's performance was not just entertaining, but it brought so much joy and energy to our care home community. It's amazing to see how dance can uplift spirits and bring people together."

Kyle and Mo, who have been practicing their routine for weeks, were overwhelmed by the response. Mo shared, "Dancing with my son in front of all these wonderful people was a dream come true. We wanted to bring a little bit of the Strictly magic to Haslington Lodge."

Strictly Come Belmont - Dancing



***The delightful dancers: Mo and Son Kyle treating everyone
at Haslington Lodge to their wonderful dance routine***

Northfleet School for Girls Lights Up Wombwell Hall Care Home with ABBA Mania

Pupils from Northfleet School for Girls decided to bring a touch of fun to the care home by organising a performance of ABBA's greatest hit 'Dancing Queen'.

As part of a unique work experience collaboration between the school and the care home, the performance was a surprise treat for the residents and was met with great enthusiasm.

Claire Skinner, Manager at Wombwell Hall Care Home, expressed her delight at the impromptu concert "We are delighted to be working with Northfleet School for Girls to provide their students with valuable work experience in the care home setting. It's important to us to engage with the younger generation and show them the rewarding nature of working in social care. "This is especially important as the demand for social care workers is expected to increase in the coming years, with an ageing population and an increased need for care services.

The performance was part of an ongoing initiative that has already seen 17 students from Northfleet School for Girls complete their work experience at Wombwell Hall. The partnership includes students from a range of disciplines, including health and social care, beauty, and performing arts, and pairs each student with a care team member for one-to-one mentoring.

The school pupils are buddied up with a member of the care team and receive one-to-one mentoring on the job, allowing them to gain valuable skills and experience in the care home setting. The partnership has been well received by residents, with one saying: "It was the best day seeing loads of youngsters about the home." The working relationship is part of Wombwell Hall Care Home's commitment to engage with the younger generation and raise awareness of social care as a career.



Youngsters from Northfleet Girls School singing 'ABBA's Dancing Queen



Here's what else have we been up to throughout July.....



Here we are taking strides across the group in fitness with target practise perfect for energizing our minds and bodies – perfect for any age and ability – and great for bringing everyone together



Getting into the spirit of Wimbledon Tennis 2023!



Drinking Summer Pimms at Madeira Lodge

Email us here to find out more about joining our amazing team:
recruitment@belmonthealthcare.co.uk
Pass it on!



Councillors David Mote and Carol Gale, along with Parish Councillor Anita Baram, at Haslington Lodge having coffee, cake, and conversation, the day was marked special with David's thoughtful gift of Coronation mugs.

We look forward to bringing you many more updates in our next edition of The Belmont Thymes!

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