

# The Willows Whisper

January 2025



The New Year is already here, and we are gearing up to make new promises and new beginnings for 2025.

It's time to make New Year's resolutions that will help us all achieve our goals.

We wish you all a Happy New Year!



# How do we welcome the New Year around the world?

## Big fireworks display

One of the most popular ways to celebrate seeing in the New Year is with big fireworks displays. These take place all over the world, as different countries hit midnight.



In the UK, masses gather in London to watch the Fire works in Central London. Whilst it is also viewed by many in the comfort of their own homes via the Television. Every year the displays seem to get bigger and better, with the Fireworks in sync with all the big music hits of the year.



## Smashing plates in Denmark

If you came out of your front door to find a load of smashed plates, you might be a bit confused living in the England.



However for those celebrating New Year in Denmark, it would be welcomed to find this on your doorstep as it means good luck.

So on New Years Eve, if you were Danish, you might go and smash a plate on a friend's doorstep to bring them good luck over the next 12 months.

## Eating lentils in Brazil

In Brazil, there is a tradition to eat lentils at New Year, as these represent money - meaning good fortune for the year ahead!



## Dropping things in New York

In New York in the US, Times Square is the center of the countdown to midnight. But the thing that everyone is looking forward to is called the ball drop. This is when a glowing ball is lowered down a big flagpole, to signal the start of the new year.



## Eating grapes in Spain

When the clocks hit midnight in Spain, you'll find people reaching for grapes. This is because there is a tradition to eat one grape each time the clock strikes at midnight.



## Dressing up as bears in Romania

In Romania, there's a tradition for people to dress up as dancing bears to chase away any evil spirits.



So it is common for Romanian children can be seen dressing up as bears to bring the New Year in. This is because bears are special according to old Romanian stories and can protect and heal people.

## Ringing bells in Japan

Some countries, like Japan and South Korea, ring bells to start the New Year.



This man is helping his three-year-old son to ring a bell in Tokyo on 31 December

In Japan, the bells are rung 108 times, so you can expect it to be quite noisy!

## Walking with an empty suitcase - yes, really!

In some South American countries, you will see some people walking around with an empty suitcase on New Year's Eve.



This is, if you want to have adventures in the year ahead, as many believe that taking what is called a "suitcase walk" means they will have a year full of adventures ahead.

Let's grab those cases!!!

## **Best of December 2024**

**The last month of 2024 was a very magic one! We kept our residents busy and entertained with the variety of events.**

**The lineup was quite impressive as we kick started with Barrow Ukuleles band, which was received very well by our residents.**

**We hosted professional singers to keep the holiday season joyful and merry. Andy Well's version of the 'Twelve days of Christmas' became the legendary! We are already practicing for next year!!**

**Santa visited the home on several occasions. The 'premium quality' snow was falling on the day of our Christmas winter event, and the residents enjoyed some seasonal drinks with their families and friends outside. Our kitchen department produced some fabulous cakes and Christmas burgers. We could not have asked for it to be more of a success.**















# Realtives Meeting

Yvonne will be holding a Relatives meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

This agenda for the meeting includes:

Updating you all on the Home's working towards the Gold Standards Framework for End Of Life Care.

- What it means.
- What it means for the residents.
- What it means for relatives.
- Information we are required to have to achieve this award.



## Messages for our Staff.....

**'.....all the staff who care for Mum are lovely, and we are equally grateful to the behind the scenes staff too.....'**

**'Your work and dedication is very much appreciated by us and all the family...Thank you all!'**

## The 3ab Care Referral Program



Do you know someone seeking a Care Home for a loved one?  
If you refer a resident, who comes to live at The Willows, you can receive a reward!

We are offering:  
£250 vouchers if the resident comes to stay with us  
on a respite stay  
Or  
£500 vouchers if the resident you refer comes to our Home permanently.  
If you would like more information, please speak to Priya Patel or Yvonne Manton.  
Contact us on: 01509 650 559  
Email: [the.willows@3abcare.co.uk](mailto:the.willows@3abcare.co.uk)

## Birthdays in January



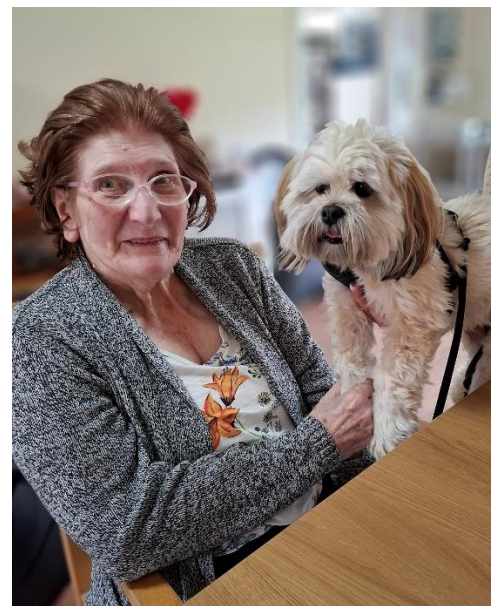
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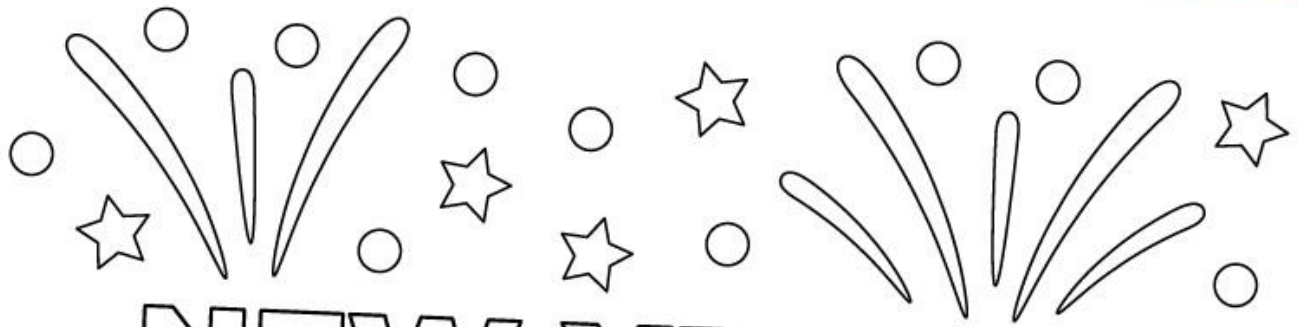
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# January Events at The Willows

Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Boogie Beatz with Hannah	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Dog therapy session	
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Visit from our Mini Goats	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Magic Dave	





# NEW YEAR'S

## WORD SEARCH

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CALENDAR  
CELEBRATION  
CHEERS  
CLOCK  
CONFETTI

COUNTDOWN  
DECEMBER  
EVE  
FAMILY  
FIREWORKS

FRIENDS  
HAPPY  
HOLIDAY  
JANUARY  
MIDNIGHT

NEW  
NOISEMAKER  
PARTY  
RESOLUTION  
YEAR

## **General Knowledge Quiz Questions**

- 1 What does KFC stand for?**
- 2 What Street does the British prime minister live on?**
- 3 Mycology is the study of what?**
- 4 In what year did the Berlin Wall fall?**
- 5 Which TV show features Tommy Shelby, Alfie Solomons and Luca Changretta?**
- 6 Who founded Amazon?**
- 7 What is Batman's butler called?**
- 8 Jimmy Page formed which rock band?**
- 9 On what date is Independence Day in the USA?**
- 10 What is a female donkey called?**
- 11 In Greek mythology, who was the father of Zeus?**
- 12 What is the currency of Denmark?**
- 13 Arachnophobia is the fear of what?**
- 14 Which volcano destroyed the city of Pompeii?**
- 15 Alastair Cook plays which sport?**
- 16 Who wrote 'The Hunger Games'?**
- 17 Which car manufacturer's badge features a cross and a snake?**
- 18 An optometrist specialises in treating which part of the human body?**
- 19 What is the tallest building in the world?**
- 20 Who is Liverpool Airport named after?**
- 21 Hund is the German word for which animal?**
- 22 In the TV show 'Friends', what doesn't Joey share?**
- 23 How many consonants are there in the English alphabet?**
- 24 Tom Cruise is a follower of which religion?**

## Answers

1 Kentucky Fried Chicken

2 Downing Street

3 Fungi

4 1989

5 Peaky Blinders

6 Jeff Bezos

7 Alfred

8 Led Zeppelin

9 July 4th

10 A jenny

11 Kronos

12 Danish Krone

13 Spiders

14 Mount Vesuvius

15 Cricket

16 Suzanne Collins

17 Alfa Romeo

18 Eyes

19 Burj Khalifa

20 John Lennon

21 Dog

22 Food

23 '21'

24 Scientology

