

# CITIZEN'S news

CHRISTMAS 2021

## CHRISTMAS CHEER AT BCHA

Helping you keep safe this Christmas

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Take part in our festive quiz



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## THANK YOU!

We just wanted to take the chance to say thank you for your patience and understanding again this year. We've had to continue to find new ways of delivering services and it's not always been easy for you - our residents or our staff.

We have continued to work to put the health and safety of residents and colleagues first and this will always be our priority.

Finally, we'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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# WELCOME

Welcome to our Christmas 2021 Special Edition.



We don't normally have a Special Edition of Citizens News at Christmas but, yet again, this year, much like last has been anything but normal!

At the start of the year we were looking forward to things getting back to something like normality in 2021.

Unfortunately that hasn't always been possible and we are still taking a number of precautions to keep each other safe.

We have however had had some good news; for example coffee mornings and lunches are back on and visiting for residents has been able to start again.

We've been able to work with residents to make sure as many of you as possible have had Covid vaccinations and booster, as well as flu vaccines too.

**Our next full edition of Citizens News will be with you in January and we will have lots more to share with you.**

**Marie Taylor** Chief Executive



## HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS A COUPLE OF THINGS TO REMEMBER

We want everyone to have a safe, as well as a happy, Christmas so please be fire safety aware with your Christmas decorations.

Here's a quick fire safety checklist to help:

**Lights** - Check Christmas lights are in good working order. All lights, new and used, should carry the British Safety Standard sign. If yours don't, buy some that do and recycle your old ones. Any lights not working properly need to be replaced.

**Decorations** - Never place candles or a heat source near your decorations or any other materials that can catch light easily. And don't attach decorations to lights or heaters as they can burn easily. Never leave a lit candle unattended.

**Christmas trees** - Whether your tree is artificial or real, it can be a fire hazard. Keep it away from heat sources and keep a fresh tree watered so it does not dry out, making it more of a fire risk.

**Electricity** - Don't overload electric plug sockets and always switch lights and appliances off at the wall before you go to bed.





# CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Here's our Christmas Quiz - just for fun (the answers are below)

1. Which band had a Christmas number one in 1973 with 'Merry Xmas Everybody'?
2. In the film 'It's a Wonderful Life' which actor plays the character George Bailey?
3. In Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' what was Scrooge's first name?
4. What birds are traditionally popular on Christmas cards?
5. What gifts were given to Jesus by the Three Wise Men?
6. What was the first Carol broadcast from space?
7. What is Father Christmas called in France?
8. Which character is best known for 'stealing Christmas'?
9. What words follow 'Silent Night' in the song?
10. How many of Father Christmas' reindeers begin with the letter D?

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**Answers:**  
1. Slade;  
2. James Stewart;  
3. Ebenezer;  
4. Robins;  
5. Gold, Myrrh, and Frankincense;  
6. Jingle bells;  
7. Pere Noel;  
8. The Grinch;  
9. Holy Night;  
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