

# PATHWAY NEWS

The Lodge Trust Monthly Newsletter

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Many people use the opportunity of a new year to make resolutions, which may include exercising more, eating healthily, giving up bad habits, or perhaps reading our Bibles and praying more often. A resolution should mean that we are resolved, or truly determined, to do things differently, but if we are honest, how often does that translate into actions? Some of us may fail on the very first day, promising to start next week; others may get off to a flying start only to find our determination fading with the empty hype of the New Year. We fail pathetically at resolutions which pale into insignificance when we consider those of the famous minister Jonathan Edwards (1703—1758). He resolved first of all (out of 70!) to do everything that he believed would bring glory to God for his entire life. How could he make such a resolution? Surely he was setting himself up for failure! Yet he of course knew he in his own power could never keep it; rather, he was resolved to do this in Christ. He trusted that God would fulfil everything He resolved to do, including, in time, making him like Jesus, regardless of his own stumbles along the way. We fall down when we trust ourselves and fall short when we impose limits on God. However, "God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20, NIRV). So this year, when we resolve to do anything, let us resolve it in Christ, trusting that we can do it in His strength, and never in our own.



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# Interview with Jo Knight

(Acting Deputy Manager—Maternity Cover)



## **What was your background before coming to The Lodge?**

Before working at The Lodge I was at university, studying medicine. A number of years into my study I came out of med school and, looking for something to do with my spare time, started volunteering at The Lodge in the woodwork department. After a couple of months, I applied for a job in Residential and here I am now!

## **Do you think that experience has been valuable in your role?**

I think my past experience has really helped me at The Lodge. I have had a good foundation to build off, both practical and theoretical, and have found myself calling on long forgotten information on many occasions when at work. The time spent volunteering was a real blessing, both seeing The Lodge from the WES side of things, as well as talking to and working with the residents in their day-to-day work.

## **How did you first hear about us?**

I've known about The Lodge for many years. Having grown up in Oakham, I went to St George's Stamford where I met and talked to a number of the residents weekly.

## **What are your favourite things about working here?**

What I really love about The Lodge is that the residents are at the heart of what we do. When you walk around the site, seeing the residents in WES and in houses, you can see such growth and potential in everyone. Furthermore, it's a privilege to work somewhere where my faith is such an integral part of what I do, and being able to support the residents to grow in their own faith and relationship with God is a real blessing.

## **What are you looking forward to in your role as an Acting Deputy Manager?**

I'm looking forward to working with the other staff to keep giving the residents a great home to live in, full of opportunities where they can grow and have new experiences. I am also looking forward to the new challenges that the role will bring.

## **What do you do to unwind outside of work?**

Outside of work I like to unwind in my woodworking shed. I mainly make pens on my lathe, and have started to sell my creations on my website. I also like to read a good book or watch a good TV series.

# Panto and Christmastime

Here are some of the thoughts from those who went to the panto this year:

The panto this year was Snow White. I liked the queen and the singing.

It made us laugh. It was really good. I liked the dwarf's house.

This is what some of our residents got up to this Christmas:

I enjoyed seeing my family. Richard

We had fun at Christmas, here together at The Lodge. Lisa and Sarah

I enjoyed seeing my family and having Holy Communion with them. Carolyn

I enjoyed seeing my brother and my nephew just before Christmas. Chris

Christmas was nice and lovely. We had lots of food and red juices. We watched lots of films. We went to church to sing carols and had cake there. Jonathan

I had a lovely Christmas at home. John

## The Year Ahead

We have an exciting year ahead to look forward to:

We will be out and about with our stalls again this year, so say hi if you see us or if you would like us to come to your event, then get in touch.

We are hoping to get to some conferences this year to spread the word even further.

We are also hoping to have some new exciting developments to share with you soon and to ask for your help with, so watch this space...



## Prayer Points

- Thank God for new staff that have recently started, but please continue to pray for more staff, as we still need more.
- Pray for the health and wellbeing of our residents, Service Users and staff.
- Pray for our managers and trustees as they guide the organisation into the future.
- For new opportunities to spread the word of the work of The Lodge Trust.

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