

Hewlett Court Newsletter



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Welcome, New Year

Welcome the New Year,
Let the bells ring!
Lift up your voices;
Everyone sing.

The New Year's beginning;
Start it off right.
Bid it good fortune
And welcome tonight.
The old year is passing,
But there's none to mourn.
We are rejoicing;
The New Year is born.



*Birthdays
this month!*

Bryan W
12th January

Geoffrey E
26th January



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News



Sad News

We are sad to announce the passing of Sybil Best. Sybil passed away in hospital on Tuesday 10th December 2024. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time.



Sad News

We are sad to announce the passing of Olive Booth. Olive passed away in hospital on Friday 13th December 2024. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time.



Moving On

After a stay in hospital, Audrey will be moving to a home who will provide the care she needs. We wish her all the best in her new home.



Congratulations

Congratulations to General Assistant Courtney on passing her driving test.



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ELMC News



Young People's Committee Christmas Outing

On Friday 27th December the Young Peoples Committee, Beneficiaries and their families took a trip to the Opera House to watch the pantomime of Cinderella, followed by a Christmas meal at Manchester Hall.

The children enjoyed a Christmas Quiz, dancing and balloons and all took home a gift. A fabulous time was had by all.



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Harmony Belles

We started off the Christmas festivities with welcoming back the Harmony Belles Choir. The choir sang a variety of Christmas classics and harmonious songs for everyone to join in with. Everyone had a lovely evening and thoroughly enjoyed the performance.



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Fish & Chips

The ladies gents and staff were treated to a Fish & Chips lunch from Brandlesholme Chippy.

We were delighted when Sam, daughter of resident 'chippy John' contacted the office to offer all the residents and staff a Fish & Chips lunch from the family run chippy.

Everyone tucked in and commented how tasty the meal was.



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Tom Collins

Singer Tom Collins came to sing for the ladies and gents on Monday 9th December. It was Tom's first visit to Hewlett Court and the ladies and gents can't wait for him to return. A wonderful afternoon was had by all, joining in with the Christmas songs. Tom did a fabulous rendition of some Christmas classics.



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Michael & Kyla Sixsmith

On Tuesday 10th December we were visited by the very talented Michael & Kyla Sixsmith, dressed as elves! The ladies and gents certainly got into the Christmas spirit after watching them perform. Michael & Kyla had everyone dancing in their seats, singing along to the well-known songs and even took part in a game of stand-up bingo.



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Northeast Productions

The girls from Northeast Productions came to perform the annual pantomime at Hewlett Court. This year the girls performed Alice in Wonderland. It was a great show to watch.



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Woodhey High School Donate Gifts

Some of Woodhey High School's pupils and teachers came to donate gifts of toiletries, biscuits and chocolates. The donations had been received as part of the school's community and charity week, the school had chosen Hewlett Court as one of the recipients, what a lovely kind gesture it was.



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Annie Valery

Annie Valery came to sing for the ladies and gents on Wednesday 11th December, the lounge was filled with festive cheer as the ladies and gents sang along to the festive Christmas classics that Annie sang.



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Bury Acupeelers Choir

The Christmas Festivities continued with a performance from the Bury Acupeelers on the evening of Thursday 12th December. The ladies and gents enjoyed the harmonious performance.



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Veterans Choir

The Veterans Choir came to sing for the residents on their annual Christmas visit to Hewlett Court on Friday 13th December. What a lovely afternoon we all had, joining in with all the Christmas songs, spreading the festive joy.



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Jack and the Beanstalk Panto

On Saturday 14th December some of the residents took a trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to watch Jack and the Beanstalk and then for a pub tea at The Grey Mare. The panto was fabulous with great audience interaction. The meal was delicious, everyone had a fun afternoon and a lovely evening.



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Jean Forrester

Jean Forrester came to sing for the ladies and gents on Sunday 15th December. A lovely afternoon was had by all, singing along to some well-known songs.



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Country & Western Paddy

Paddy joined us in the lounge on Monday 16th December with a performance of Christmas songs with a country & western twist. Residents joined in with the songs, another great afternoon was had by all on the lead up to Christmas.



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Greater Good Project

The girls from The Greater Good Project came with bundles of energy on Tuesday 17th December. The ladies and gents got involved in all the armchair dances with Christmas props as they sang Christmas songs. A fabulous and fun morning was had by all.



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Lee Lambert

We welcomed the very talented Lee Lambert to Hewlett Court on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th December. As usual he put on an amazing performance, interacting with all the ladies and gents and making everyone laugh with his one liners. He certainly got everyone in the Christmas Spirit.



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Emmanuel Church Singers

The ladies and gents from Emmanuel Church came to sing for Hewlett Court all donned in Christmas attire on the evening of Tuesday 17th December. The residents enjoyed a short performance after tea of Christmas classics with lots of festive cheer. A lovely finish to a packed day of entertainment.



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Holcombe Brook Nursery

We were delighted when the young boys and girls from Holcombe Brook Nursery School came to sing for us on Thursday 19th December. They were adorable and sang like little angels. It was very heartwarming listening to them sing Christmas carols. They were gifted selection boxes as a thank you for coming to Hewlett Court.

Later in the morning the pupils from Woodhey High School came to sing for the residents along with a flutist. What a wonderful morning it was listening to the children.



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Festive Flower Arranging

The ladies took part in the Festive flower arranging activity which takes place every year with volunteers Mel & Rita. Some beautiful arrangements were created by the ladies to take pride of place in their room for the Christmas period.



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Teresa Harper

Teresa Harper joined the ladies and gents on Friday 20th December, dressed for the festive season, she got everyone in the Christmas spirit with a wonderful selection of Christmas songs. It was a great afternoon!



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Tottington Brass Band

A fun packed day was had by many on Sunday 22nd December when Tottington Brass Band came to play for the residents in the main lounge. We had a special visitor that popped by to present all the ladies and gents with a gift from Hewlett Court. The Hewlett Court Grand Raffle was drawn with many winners claiming some amazing prizes. The total raised from the Grand Raffle was £639 for the Hewlett Court Comforts Fund! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and donated prizes!



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Peter Kozuri the Accordionist

Peter came to play some Christmas favourites on his accordion on Monday 23rd December. Everyone enjoyed singing along with another musical afternoon.



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Christmas Eve

The day started with the ladies having their hair styled and their nails painted whilst sipping on prosecco ready for the festive celebrations.

Katie Fiddlestix put on a harmonious performance for everyone.

A buffet made by cook Mel was served ready for all residents to sit, relax and enjoy the Christmas movie 'Elf' on the big screen whilst enjoying a festive hot chocolate and nibbles.



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Christmas Day at Hewlett Court

What a lovely Christmas day we had at Hewlett Court. The residents started the morning greeted at the dining room with a glass of bucks fizz before being served a full breakfast cooked by Mel. Everyone then joined together in the lounge to enjoy a mince pie and a baileys coffee whilst awaiting Arkscroll lodge for a singalong and to gift presents of chocolate to all the residents. The staff even introduced the members of Arkscroll Lodge to the famous '12 days of Christmas' action dance, which everyone had great fun learning. The ladies and gents then gathered for the spectacular four course Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings.



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Christmas Activities

On the lead up to Christmas as well as all the entertainers that have performed for the ladies and gents, there have also been lots of fun, games and Christmas singalongs. One of the favourites has to be the staff's rendition of the '12 days of Christmas' action dance, everyone loves watching the staff do the yearly dance and also joining in themselves. Staff and residents have had fun singing Christmas Carols every morning, playing bingo and games throughout the month.



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Boxing Day fun!

The game was on, on Boxing Day as everyone played 'Name 5 things'. Well done to Pat, Tom and Paul for all reaching the final and each winning a prize.



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New Years Eve!

The ladies had a pamper morning with Courtney and Jayne ready for the big New Years Eve party, they enjoyed a glass of fizz whilst having a manicure.

The ladies, gents and staff then gathered in the main lounge to have a few games of 'Bingo' and 'Play Your Cards Right'! Well done to winners of Bingo - Anne, Margaret, Cheryl and Rachel and to the winner of Play Your Cards Right – Rita who all won a prize!

Everyone then tucked into a delicious buffet by Mel, Cook, accompanied with a glass of wine.



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New Years Eve Party!

What better way to bring in the New Year than with a New Years Eve party, Hewlett Court style.

Hosts - Claire, Megan, Erika and Christine welcomed the ladies and gents to the ticket only event from 6pm to enjoy a spectacular evening full of fun to bring in the New Year. With drinks flowing, music playing and various games to play with prizes to be won, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the night!

A big thank you to everyone involved for making it a special night for the ladies and gents. Wishing everyone all the very best for 2025!



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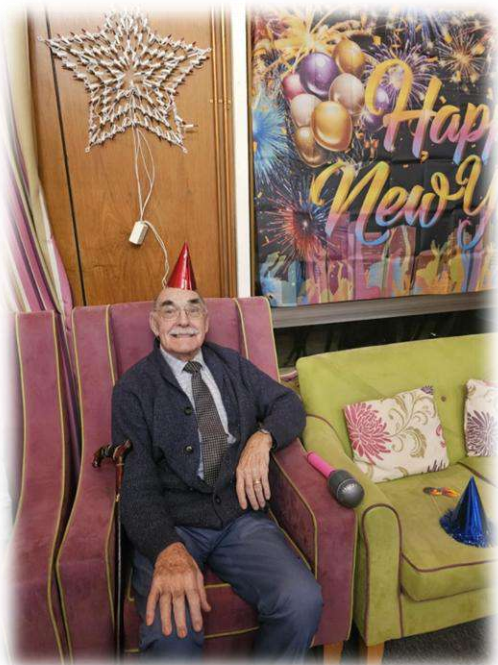
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New Years Day celebrations!

The ladies and gents started off the New Year with a glass of Buck's Fizz on arrival to breakfast followed by a full breakfast cooked by Mary.

Everyone then gathered in the main lounge at 11am for Brandy or Baileys coffee and mince pies reminiscing about the past year before the staff came to have a few games!

A festive four course lunch was then served, consisting of a prawn cocktail or melon starter, followed by a roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings, then Christmas pudding with brandy sauce and finished off with cheese & biscuits as well as a selection of sherry or port and a glass of wine.

Before the cheese and biscuits were served, Team Leader, Rachel and Resident, Tom gave a speech to welcome in the New Year and thank the staff for their hard work throughout the past year. A toast was then done to all absent friends and well wishes were given for the New Year.

From all the residents and staff, we wish all the very best for 2025.



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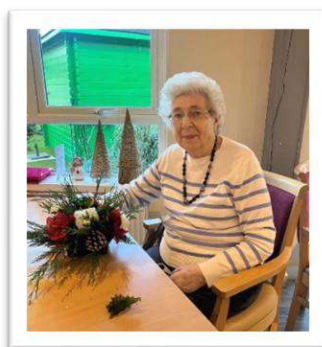
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December Birthdays!



Anne celebrated her
birthday on
4th December



Mary celebrated her
birthday on
21st December



Eileen celebrated her
birthday on
30th December

Pat celebrated her
birthday on
18th December

Team Coordinator Debbie celebrated her 40th
birthday on 3rd December

General Assistant Christine celebrated her
birthday on 8th December

General Assistant Michael celebrated his
birthday on 15th December

Supervisor Sam celebrated her birthday on
22nd December



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Happy New Year

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BALLOONS
CONFETTI
NEW YEAR

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