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Bells of the New Year

Another year has come and gone.
Time does not wait, it travels on.
This chapter closed, we turn the page;
remembering all we've lost and gained.
Let's raise our hearts and turn to face
the dawning light of this new day. May courage be the
song we sing as hopeful bells of the new year ring.



Birthdays this month!

Residents

Graham J
11th January

Judith P
20th January



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Thank you

On behalf of the Management Team, we would like to thank all staff and volunteers for their continued hard work, dedication and support throughout the year. Your work doesn't go unnoticed and is truly appreciated.



Royal British Legion

A total of £37.20 was raised for the Royal British Legion for the sale of poppies during the month of November at Hewlett Court for Remembrance Day. Thank you to all who purchased poppies and donated to such a great cause.



Sad News

Sadly, on Sunday 7th December, resident Barbara passed away. She will be missed by all at Hewlett Court. We send our condolences to her family and friends at this difficult and sad time.



Sad News

Sadly, on Sunday 25th December, resident Joyce H passed away. She will be missed by all at Hewlett Court. We send our condolences to her family and friends at this difficult and sad time.



Welcome

We would like to welcome Keith to Hewlett Court. We hope you have a happy and healthy future with us in your new home



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ELMC/

Festival News



Young People's Committee Christmas Outing

On Monday 29th December the Young Peoples Committee, Beneficiaries and their families took a trip to the Opera House to watch the pantomime of Robin Hood, 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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Throughout the weeks of December, Hewlett Court was filled with festive cheer as residents enjoyed a wide range of Christmas-themed entertainment and activities in the lead-up to the big day. Hewlett Court was beautifully decorated, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere that helped everyone get into the Christmas spirit.

Residents took part in a variety of seasonal activities, including Christmas bingo, festive quizzes, singers, performers and sing-alongs featuring much-loved carols. There were also opportunities to enjoy special treats, with hot drinks, alcoholic drinks, mince pies, and Christmas snacks adding an extra touch of comfort and celebration.

Live entertainment and festive performances brought plenty of smiles and laughter, while quieter activities allowed residents to relax and enjoy the decorations and company of friends and staff. These moments helped create a strong sense of togetherness during the busy holiday season.

The lead-up to Christmas at Hewlett Court was a wonderful time, full of laughter, creativity, and shared memories. The festive programme ensured that everyone could take part in the celebrations and enjoy the magic of Christmas in a welcoming and supportive environment.

The festivities started on Monday 1st December with a visit from The Mother's Union Christmas shop. Residents browsed and purchased Christmas cards for family and friends. The ladies and gents were served Bailey's coffee to start the festive celebrations.



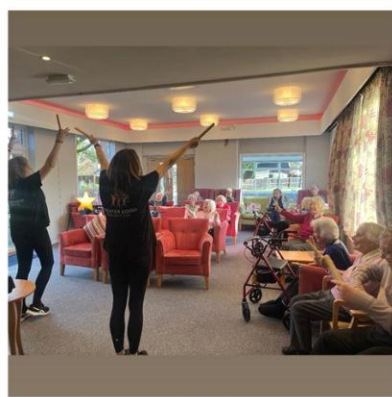
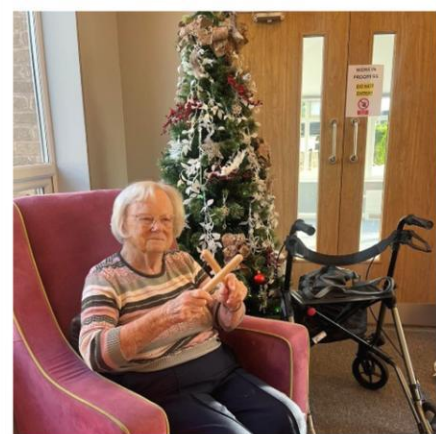
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Greater Good Project

On the morning of Tuesday 2nd December, the ladies and gents had a visit from Cath and Jane from the Greater Good Project. The duo brought lots of energy with them and the residents took part in the energetic armchair dances with the props provided as well as singing along to the well-known songs that were sung. Everyone had such a great time as always when they visit.



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Honey Badgers Choir & Band

On Thursday 4th December the residents of Hewlett Court were entertained by the Honey Badgers Choir & Band. The ladies and gents enjoyed a good old singalong with the group and even took part singing in the performance. A wonderful morning was had by all.



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Bury RUFC Bring Gifts

We were delighted to welcome the Bury RUFC U13s on Saturday 6th December for a lovely morning filled with Christmas songs, friendly chit-chat, and plenty of festive cheer. The team also brought along generous gifts for everyone to enjoy, which made the visit even more special.

The U13s were recently awarded a generous grant from the ELMC to help purchase their new playing kits (as pictured). Feeling grateful for this support, the team wanted to give something back to the community. They reached out to us here at Hewlett Court to visit in the run-up to Christmas and show their appreciation — and what a wonderful visit it was!

A big thank you from all of us at Hewlett Court!



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Christmas Fair

Sunday 7th December was the day of the East Lancashire Bicentenary Christmas Fair which was held at Hewlett Court. The day had finally arrived, where the months of planning unfolded into a spectacular day.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us! Your support made it a memorable event for all!

A special shout-out to all the amazing volunteers whose hard work and dedication made everything run smoothly.

Thank you to our incredible Bury Choral Society Choir and Tottington Brass Band for their fantastic performances and the big man himself – Santa and his Elf, that truly captured the Christmas spirit!

The grand raffle with over 50 prizes was a huge hit.

To all the wonderful stalls and everyone who helped make the fair a success, we couldn't have done it without you!

A total of £2,800 was raised for the EL Festival 2026.



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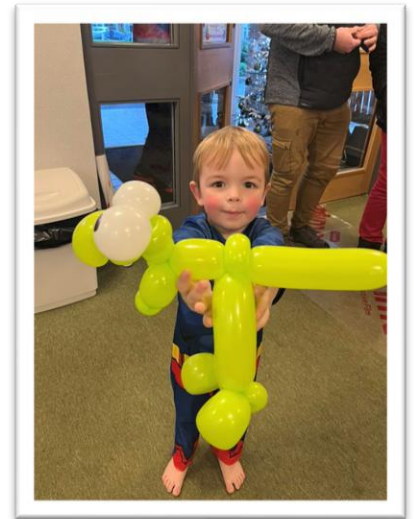
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Bury Ukulele Group

The Ukulele Band of Bury joined us on 8th December in the lounge for a festive afternoon, treating everyone to a wonderful variety of songs — including plenty of Christmas favourites to get us all into the festive spirit!

The ladies and gents loved joining in with their tambourines and singing along, filling the room with music and Christmas cheer.

It was such an uplifting and enjoyable performance!

Later in the evening the Emmanuel Church Singers came to sing for the ladies and gents, a lovely evening was had by all.



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Holcombe Brook Nursery and Jo Jingles

We continued the festive celebrations by welcoming Holcombe Brook Nursery children back to Hewlett Court with Jo Jingles on Tuesday 9th December.

What a fantastic, jam-packed day it was! The children brightened everyone's day with cheerful songs, fun instruments and plenty of bubbles. The red nose stickers made the ladies and gent's smile. The little ones were thrilled to receive an early Christmas present to thank them for their visit to Hewlett Court.

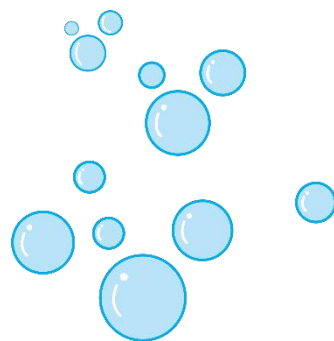
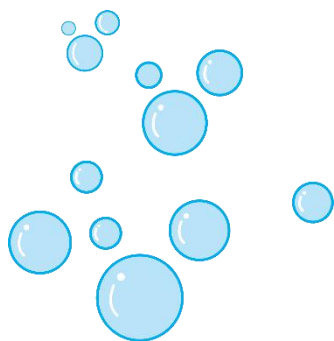
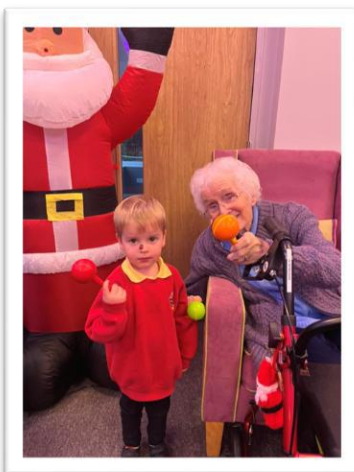
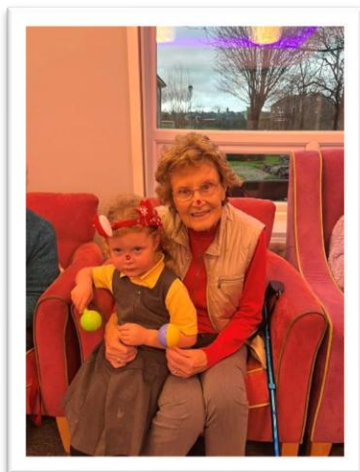
The residents were then treated to a performance from Suzy from Melodies and Memories who filled the room with beautiful music, singing Christmas classics for everyone to sing along to, with added armchair dances for everyone to join in with.



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Kyla and Michael Sixsmith

By Wednesday 10th December the festivities were in full swing at Hewlett Court. We had the pleasure of welcoming back the fabulous jiving duo Kyla & Michael Sixsmith who danced and sang through the morning. There were plenty of dancing, singing and a few games which had everyone smiling and dancing in their chairs with the musical instruments that Kyla and Michael provided.



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Teresa Harper

We were delighted when Teresa Harper arrived to sing for the ladies and gents on Thursday 11th December all dressed in her festive outfit. What a fabulous performance she put on for all to engage in and sing along to all the Christmas classics. The residents were full of Christmas spirit after Teresas visit.



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Northeast Producers Pantomime

Residents enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of entertainment on Friday 12th December as they watched Jack and the Beanstalk performed in the lounge. The lively pantomime was brought to life by Alex and Emily from Northeast Producers, who filled the room with laughter, colour, and plenty of audience interaction. Residents were delighted by the familiar story, humorous characters, and energetic performances, with many joining in by clapping and cheering along. It was a fantastic production that created a warm, joyful atmosphere and provided a lovely, shared experience for everyone who attended.



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Northwest Widows Sons Chapter Bring Gifts

Residents and staff were thrilled to welcome members of the Northwest Widows Sons Chapter, who paid a special visit on their motorbikes on Saturday 13th December, to deliver Christmas gifts to the ladies and gents at Hewlett Court.

The impressive arrival of the bikes created lots of excitement and smiles throughout the home. Everyone enjoyed sitting with the visitors, chatting, and admiring the motorbikes, with some residents and staff even having the opportunity to enjoy a ride.

It was a memorable visit that brought joy and laughter.

A big thank you to the Northwest Widows Sons Chapter for their generosity and for making the day so special.



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Tom Collins

On Monday 15th December Tom Collins came back to perform for the ladies and gents bringing his festive cheer to spread throughout Hewlett Court. Everyone enjoyed singing along to the well-known songs he sang including some Christmas classics.



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The Grand Surprise Opening of the 'Lightbown Lounge'

This afternoon, family, friends, staff, and our ladies and gents gathered at Hewlett Court for a very special occasion — the grand opening of the newly renovated Lightbown Lounge and a surprise celebration for David Lightbown, Chairman of the Advisory Committee.

The Lightbown Lounge, formerly the conservatory, has been beautifully transformed into a modern, welcoming space that can be enjoyed all year round. This renovation was made possible thanks to David, along with the support of fellow committee members who helped turn it into reality. What a fantastic space it has become! While we were all together for the grand opening, we couldn't miss the opportunity to surprise David with an early celebration for his 80th birthday. Everyone joined in singing Happy Birthday as David was presented with a birthday cake, and then we were treated to wonderful entertainment from Fletch, who rounded off a lovely afternoon. A heartfelt thank you to David for his years of hard work, dedication, and commitment to Hewlett Court. His passion and willingness to go above and beyond have helped ensure Hewlett Court continues to grow, improve, and thrive.



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Annie Valery

On Wednesday 17th December, the ladies and gents were delighted to welcome Annie Valery back to Hewlett Court. Annie put on a beautiful performance singing a range of songs including some festive Christmas classics.



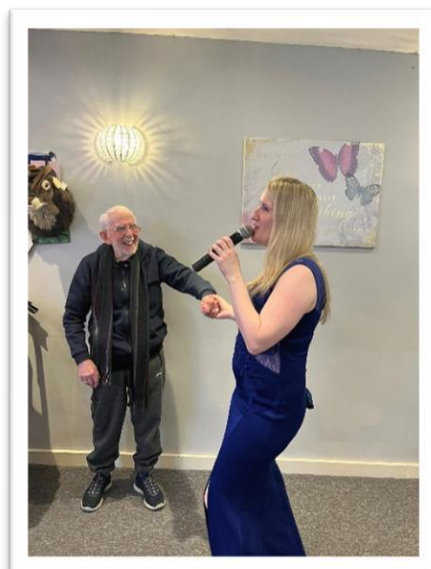
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Poppy Holiday

We continued with the festive celebrations and Thursday 18th December brought to us Poppy Holiday. We were delighted to have Poppy come to sing and perform for the residents. The room was full of smiles as the ladies and gents joined in, singing along and even dancing in their chairs. A highlight of the performance was when puppet Betty Boop made an appearance, bringing lots of laughs and nostalgia. Resident Graham was invited to sing 'We wish You a Merry Christmas' alongside Poppy for all to enjoy.



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Paddy Johnson

On Friday 19th December we had another fun filled afternoon when Paddy Johnson came to sing some fantastic festive country & western songs. There was a lot of toes tapping and singing along to the well-known songs.



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Hannah Wright

On Saturday 20th December Hannah came to perform and sing for the ladies and gents at Hewlett Court and what a lovely morning everyone had. Hannah created a lovely atmosphere which made the whole audience smile. Hannah sang some well-known Christmas songs which the residents took pleasure in singing along.



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Panto Time!

Sunday 21st December was fantastic day for a group of the ladies and gents who took a trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to watch Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The pantomime was full of colour and laughter which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. It was a lovely opportunity for residents to get out and about, share smiles and experience the magic of the season. We then finished the day with a meal at the Grey Mare which was delightful.



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Go on Tour

We were delighted to welcome back one of Hewlett Court's favourite acts – Go on Tour. The afternoon of Monday 22nd December was filled with the residents dancing and singing along to the various songs that the ladies and gents from Go's on Tour performed to. There was lots of audience interaction, lots of laughs with a truly memorable performance.



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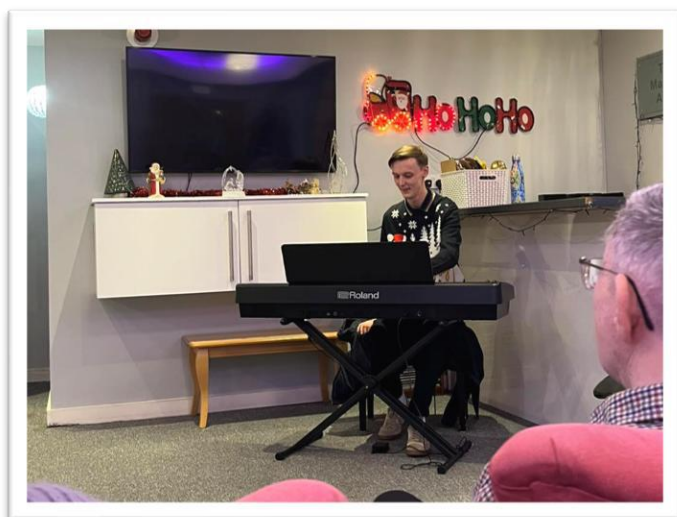
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Louis Timperley

Louis Timperley came to play some festive tunes on his piano on Tuesday 23rd December. The residents enjoyed singing along, toe tapping and dancing in their seats to the well-known Christmas carols and songs that Louis played. Its was a beautiful afternoon.



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Christmas Eve at Hewlett Court

What a truly wonderful day of celebrations the ladies and gents had on Christmas Eve!

We started the day with a relaxing pamper morning for the ladies, complete with a glass of prosecco, followed by festive Christmas carols with the staff and a very challenging 100 question quiz. A big well done to our brilliant winners Jimmy, Julie, Bev and Rachel, who each won a prize!

In the afternoon, the ladies and gents gathered in the lounge to enjoy beautiful Christmas classics performed on the violin by the talented Katie Fiddlestix. Everyone then tucked into a delicious buffet tea, kindly prepared by Mel, our cook. To finish off such a lovely day, the ladies and gents settled down to watch the festive favourite "The Christmas Chronicles", accompanied by nibbles and refreshments.



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Christmas Day at Hewlett Court

Residents began Christmas morning with a full festive breakfast, complete with a Buck's Fizz on arrival.

The celebrations continued in the lounge with brandy and Baileys coffees, along with delicious mince pies.

We were delighted to welcome Arch Scroll Lodge, who joined us for a wonderful Christmas sing-along and kindly gifted presents to our residents —bringing lots of smiles and festive cheer.

The day was topped off with a traditional four-course Christmas lunch, accompanied by port, sherry, and red and white wine.

A truly joyful and memorable Christmas celebration for everyone involved.

Thank you to all the staff who made the day special for all the residents



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Boxing Day Celebrations

To conclude our festive celebrations after such a special day yesterday, we enjoyed a lovely morning with Tom Collins. Despite all the festive treats, it didn't stop the ladies and gents from getting up out of their seats and dancing along to his wonderful singing!

The residents then tucked into a delicious Boxing Day lunch, starting with homemade soup, followed by succulent seabass served with seasonal vegetables, and finished with a Peach Bellini roulade with cream, cheese and biscuits, plus tea and coffee to round things off.

Later in the afternoon, everyone enjoyed a relaxing wind-down in the lounge at Friday Club with staff, reminiscing about all the lovely memories made during this year's festive celebrations. Smiles, laughter and contentment all around.



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New Years Eve Celebrations

Preparations were well underway from the start of the day for our Rainbow New Year's Eve Party tonight!

The ladies enjoyed a relaxing pamper morning, getting glam and feeling fabulous. In the afternoon, everyone put their knowledge to the test with the End of Year Quiz, followed by lots of laughs during a few fun games of Play Your Cards Right.

A delicious buffet tea, prepared by Mel, cook, featuring chicken legs, pork pies, a selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls, and a variety of cakes will be enjoyed before the main event this evening to see out the year!

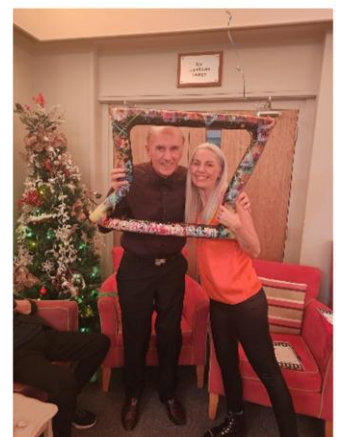
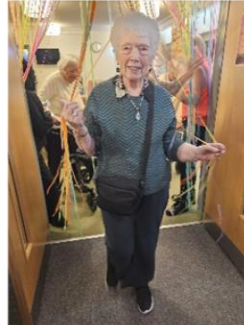
On behalf of everyone at Hewlett Court, we would like to wish you all a very happy New Year. As we welcome the New Year ahead, we take a moment to reflect on the year gone by and remember those we have sadly lost. They remain in our thoughts and hearts.



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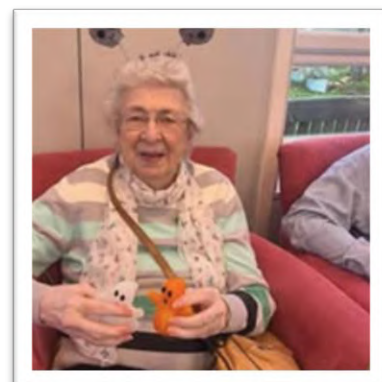
December Birthdays!



Anne celebrated her
birthday on
4th December



Vera celebrated her
birthday on
18th December



Mary celebrated her
birthday on
21st December

Team Coordinator Debbie celebrated her
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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