

Hewlett Court Newsletter



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May

May is here
And spring is in the air
Flowers are blooming
And trees are no longer bare.

The birds are chirping
The sun is finally out
The animals are playing
And running all about.



Birthdays this month!

**Jimmy
1st May**

**Doreen
4th May**

**Hazel
8th May**

Staff

**Evelyn (18)
17th May**

**Mary
18th May**

**Emily
18th May**



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Race for Life

Director of Operations, Julie Ward will be taking part in Cancer Research Race for Life on Sunday 5th July. Julie will be racing in memory of her late husband, Charles Ward.

Charles was a huge part of Hewlett Court being the Chairman of the Comforts Fund. If anyone would like to sponsor Julie and help her raise money for a great cause, please pop in Julie's office to donate or follow the link below

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/julies-race-for-life-711635575>

Stay Hydrated

As the weather is getting warmer, we encourage everyone to make sure they are staying hydrated, drinking plenty of water and protecting yourselves from the sun by wearing a sun hat, sitting in the shade and applying suncream when needed.



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ELMC/



Festival News

The ELMC Spring Party 2026 was held on Friday 10th April at Stanley House, Audenshaw. Among the invited guests were the President of the Charity, RWBro Robert Frankl, and his wife Fiona, along with several Officers from the ELMC and the Province, accompanied by their partners.

Guests were warmly welcomed by Chairman of the Comfort's Fund, WBro Alston Hall, Director of Operations Julie Ward, and members of the Committee. Just over 90 guests attended, including several ladies and gentlemen from Hewlett Court.

Attendees enjoyed an excellent three-course lunch, accompanied by the beautiful music of violinist Katie Fiddlestix, who performed throughout the meal. Following lunch, entertainment was provided by the duo Soul Men, who delivered a brilliant performance and soon had everyone up dancing. During the glorious afternoon, the President, Committee Members, and Officers took the opportunity to circulate and chat with guests, creating a warm and friendly atmosphere. Fiona Frankl, wife of the PGM, and Julie Ward, Director of the ELMC, were each presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. In addition, every guest received a gift to commemorate the occasion.

The table flowers, thoughtfully arranged by the ladies at Hewlett Court, were given to one lady from each table to take home as a memento of the day.

A fabulous afternoon was enjoyed by all. A big thank you goes to everyone involved in organising such a lovely event, to Stanley House for the excellent meal, and to the entertainers, Katie Fiddlestix and Soul Men, for making the afternoon truly memorable.

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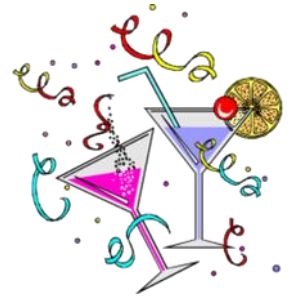
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A Visit from Jo Jingles and Holcombe Brook Nursery Children.

We were delighted to welcome back the children from Holcombe Brook Nursery and Jo Jingles. The ladies and gents love spending time with the children, and with a wonderful Easter theme, everyone enjoyed singing and dancing together. The visit ended on a lovely note, with the children handing out Easter biscuits — a gesture that truly made everyone's day!



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Melodies and Memories

Residents at Hewlett Court were treated to a delightful musical afternoon on Wednesday 1st April, as Suzy from Melodies and Memories paid a special visit to perform.

Suzy brought warmth, energy, and a wonderful selection of well-loved songs that had everyone tapping their feet and singing along. From timeless classics to nostalgic favourites, her performance sparked fond memories and plenty of smiles throughout the room.

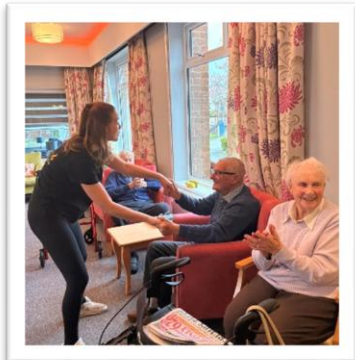
The atmosphere was uplifting, with many residents joining in, clapping along, and even sharing a dance or two. Suzy's friendly and engaging style made the experience feel personal and inclusive, ensuring that everyone felt part of the occasion.



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Easter Celebrations

We enjoyed a truly wonderful Easter weekend filled with music, delicious food, and plenty of fun activities for everyone to take part in.

Our celebrations began on Good Friday morning with a special visit from Lee Lambert, who entertained residents with a lovely singing performance. Later in the day, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch of seabass, followed by a traditional tea of hot cross buns and tasty homemade Easter-themed buns, kindly prepared by Mel the Hewlett Court Cook.

Easter Sunday was just as special. Residents were delighted to receive Easter eggs before sitting down together for a full cooked breakfast. The celebrations continued with a fantastic lamb roast lunch cooked by Bev, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In the afternoon, residents joined in a variety of Easter games organised by Ellie and Robyn, bringing lots of laughter and friendly competition.

The festivities carried on into Easter Monday, when we announced the winners of our Easter bonnet competition. Congratulations to Paul, who came in third place, Hazel in second place, and Brenda H, who took first place with her wonderful creation. We also drew the raffle and revealed the result of our "Name the Bunny" competition—won by Sylvia, who chose the name Suzy.

We are delighted to share that a total of £338 was raised over the weekend for The Comforts Fund. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the Easter celebrations so memorable.



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Easter Egg Hunt



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Easter Celebration Winners

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Brenda H came 1st in the Easter Bonnet Competition

Hazel came 2nd in the Easter Bonnet Competition

Paul came 3rd in the Easter Bonnet Competition



Edna won the Easter Egg Hunt



Sylvia won the 'Name the Bunny' Competition



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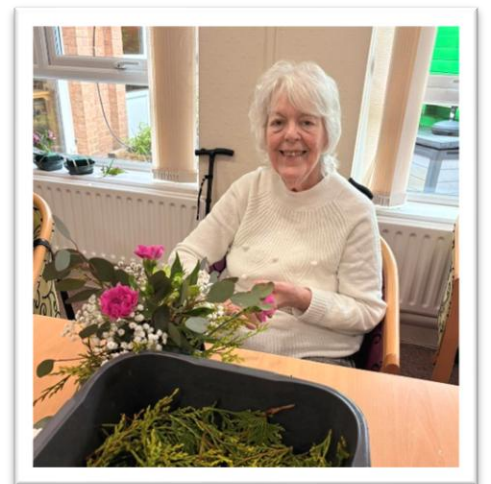
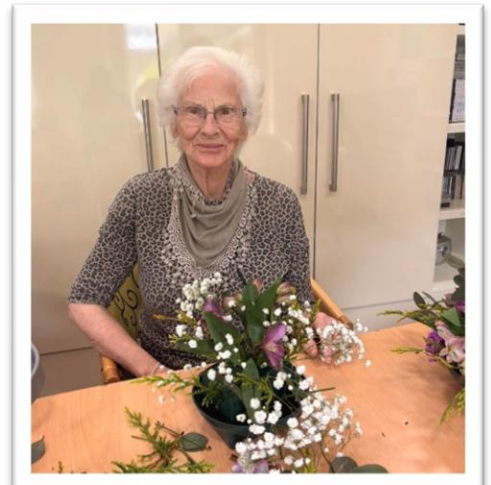
Flower Arranging for the Spring Party

A warm and cheerful atmosphere filled the craft room, when some of the ladies of Hewlett Court gathered to make some flower arrangements for the table centrepieces at the ELMC Spring Party.

Working together, they carefully selected and arranged fresh blooms, blending colours and textures to reflect the spirit of spring.

The ladies were ably supported by Rita, whose guidance and assistance helped ensure everything came together smoothly. Her support was greatly appreciated and contributed to the success of the preparations.

A sincere thank you goes to everyone involved for their time, enthusiasm, and attention to detail. The stunning centrepieces were a true testament to their hard work and added a special touch to a memorable evening.



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Christine Cannings Clothes Sale

The ladies of Hewlett Court gathered for a delightful clothes sale that proved to be a great shopping opportunity. The ladies were eager to browse an array of stylish pieces, from gently worn wardrobe staples to eye-catching statement items. Rails of clothing lined the room, offering something for every taste with seasonal favourites to admire. The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly, with plenty of shared fashion tips as the ladies helped one another pick out hidden gems. Many left with bags in hand and smiles on their faces, please with their purchases.



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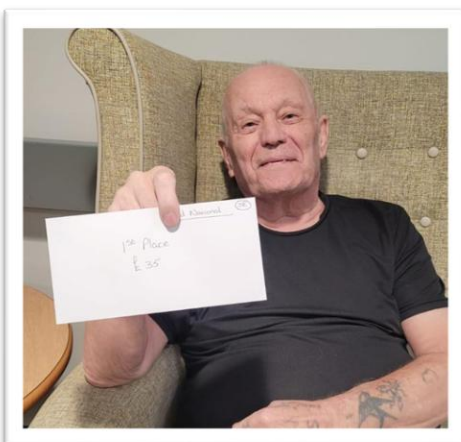


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Grand National Sweepstake

Residents at Hewlett Court enjoyed an exciting and sociable afternoon as they took part in a Grand National sweepstake, celebrating the famous race held on 11th April. In the lead-up to the event, ladies and gents blindly selected their horses, each hoping luck would be on their side. On race day, a cheerful crowd gathered in the lounge to watch the action live on television. The room was filled with anticipation as the race unfolded, with plenty of cheering.

Following the race, the much-anticipated results were announced, and congratulations went to the lucky winners. Prizes were awarded to those who finished in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, adding to the excitement of the occasion.



John R won £35 with his chosen horse, 'I Am Maximus' coming in 1st place



Paul won £20 with his chosen horse, 'Iroko' coming in 2nd place



Keith won £13 with his chosen horse, 'Jordans' coming in 3rd place

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Veterans Choir Visit Hewlett Court

The ladies and gents of Hewlett Court were treated to a wonderful afternoon of music and entertainment as they welcomed The Veterans Choir on Tuesday 14th April. Everyone gathered in the lounge to enjoy the performance, which featured a selection of well-loved songs that had everyone tapping their feet and singing along. The choir's rich harmonies and uplifting spirit created a warm and engaging atmosphere, bringing smiles to faces throughout the room.

The performance sparked fond memories for many, with residents reminiscing. The visit from The Veterans Choir was greatly enjoyed by all, and residents are already looking forward to welcoming them back again in the summer.



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St George's Day Celebrations

The ladies and gents had a wonderful time celebrating St George's Day on Thursday 23rd April.

We kicked things off with a fun and engaging St George's quiz, followed by a lively sing-along filled with patriotic songs that everyone enjoyed.

It turned into quite an emotional afternoon as everyone stood proudly for the National Anthem, waving their St George's flags with smiles and a few tears along the way. Everyone then tucked into delicious scones with jam and cream prepared by cook Mary, to end a special day filled with joy, pride, and togetherness.



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The Greenmount Strummers

The ladies and gents at Hewlett Court were treated to a lively and heartwarming musical afternoon as the Greenmount Strummers paid visit. The group brought with them an array of string instruments, filling the room with cheerful melodies and familiar tunes.

As the Strummers played, residents eagerly joined in, singing along from prepared song sheets. The atmosphere quickly became one of shared joy, with smiles, laughter, and plenty of toe-tapping throughout the performance. Many commented on how much they enjoyed the singalong and expressed their appreciation for the group's time and energy.



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Broken Column Lunch

A group of ladies were delighted to attend the recent Broken Column Lunch, with Manager Bev and General Assistant Donna among those enjoying the occasion. The afternoon featured a traditional afternoon tea, including an inviting selection of sandwiches, pastries, and cakes, all beautifully presented.

The event was made even more memorable by live entertainment from a talented singer, who brought great energy to the room—and even persuaded Manager Bev to join in with a song, much to everyone’s delight. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon filled with good company and laughter.



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Winners

This month's winners of play your cards right are pictured below.

To be in with a chance of winning a free bingo session, join Jayne in coffee morning every Wednesday at 11am to take part in play your cards right.

You've got to be in it to win it!



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April Birthdays!



**Margaret L
celebrated her
birthday on 19th
April**

**Cook, Mel
celebrated her
Birthday on
5th April**

**General Assistant
Michelle celebrated
her Birthday on
13th April**

**Nights General
Assistant Gill celebrated
her Birthday on
17th April**

**Nights General
Assistant Sue
celebrated her
Birthday on
19th April**

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Hewlett Court Upcoming events in May

Monday 4th May 2026

NE Producers Pantomime in the lounge 11am

Friday 8th May 2026

Bury Ukulele playing in the lounge 2pm

Friday 15th May 2026

Tom Collins singing in the lounge 11am

Tuesday 19th May 2026

Louis Timperley playing the piano in the lounge 11am

Friday 22nd May 2026

Accupeelers Choir singing in the lounge 11am

Wednesday 27th May 2026

Katie Fiddlestix playing in the lounge 3pm

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Riddles

1. What must be broken before you can use it?

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3. What begins with an 'E' but has only one letter?

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5. What has holes but still holds water?

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7. What is bigger when it is upside down?

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9. George's parents have four children - Eeny, Meeny, Miny and ? What is the 4th Child's name?

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11. If you are in a race and pass the person in 2nd place, what place are you now in?

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2. What has a neck but can't swallow?

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4. What has 3 feet but cannot walk?

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6. What is white when dirty and black when clean?

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8. What bet can never be won?

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10. You bought me for dinner but never eat me. What am I?

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Answers: An Egg, A Bottle, An Envelope, A Yardstick, A Sponge, A Chalkboard, The Number 6, The alphabet, George, Utensils, 2nd Place.