

# Hewlett Court Newsletter

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## *Holiday Guests during May:*

- *Alice  
Barlow*
- *Hannah  
Barnett*

## *Birthdays:*

- *Dorothea  
Crompton  
13<sup>th</sup> June*
- *Donald  
Spencer  
25<sup>th</sup> June*



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## **Good and Clever**

If all the good people were clever  
And all the clever people were good,  
The world would be nicer than ever;  
Well we thought that it possibly would;  
But somehow 'tis seldom or never that the two hit it off as they should;  
The good are too harsh to the clever  
And the clever so rude to the good.

**By Elizabeth Wordsworth**

## **Welcome Back**

Geoffrey Hill is back home at Hewlett Court after a short stay in hospital due to having a fall. Geoffrey is on the road to recovery and is looking well. Welcome back Geoff!

## **Charity Box Collection**

For a while now there has been a charity box in the foyer reception area. The amount that has been raised for the blind association so far is £3.27. Thank you to all that have donated.

## **Newsletter Feedback**

There have been a few of the newsletter feedback questionnaires handed back. All in all everybody seems happy with the amount of information that is in the newsletter. We are adding a puzzle page to the back of the newsletter as a few residents agreed this is a good idea. Future ideas are always welcome. A couple of poems have been left which will be put in to future newsletters. Thank you for the support.

## **Get Well Soon**

Get well wishes are sent to Laurie Clapham who is currently in hospital following an operation to fix his broken hip. Laurie had a fall whilst out with friends and broke his hip. Laurie has a long recovery ahead of him but I am sure he will be back at Hewlett Court as soon as he is fit and well. Get well soon Laurie!

## **Hewlett Court Fact:**

**The average age of  
the residents of  
Hewlett Court is 88  
years old.**



**VE Day**

On 8<sup>th</sup> May the staff of Hewlett Court took part in the VE Day celebrations and dressed up in 1940's fancy dress. The residents enjoyed seeing the staff dress up "It was like a walk down memory lane" a couple of the residents had said. Residents spent time in Friday Club having a little celebratory drink, reminiscing and listening to songs from the 1940's.





## VE Day Dinner and Entertainment

Julie, Charles, Alison and Michael accompanied ten residents to Rochdale Masonic Hall to attend a VE Day dinner and entertainment night.



### Activities Day

Please keep a look out on the notice board for when activities are taking place with Nicola.



### Comment Cards

We have comments cards, if residents and their family and friends would like to leave any comments about Hewlett Court whether it's good or bad please feel free. No name has to be given. The comments box is outside the dining room.

### Supper Time

Please join in the lounge for 'Tea and Toast' every evening at 8pm – 8:30pm. Tea, coffee, horlicks, hot chocolate, toast and biscuits.



## *A Trip Down Memory Lane*



### **Evelyn Handforth's Memories from VE Day**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May took Evelyn Handforth back to her days as a Land Girl. Rochdale Masonic Hall celebrated VE Day in style, with a three course meal, brass band and footage of VE Day. Many had dressed for the occasion in uniforms and Evelyn loved it.

Evelyn recalls receiving six weeks training in Staffordshire at a big house, learning about farming, how to milk cows and drive tractors. This was Evelyn's daily routine. Evelyn was only eighteen years old when she was called to serve her country. I asked Evelyn if she was ever wounded in the War, Evelyn replied laughing only by the cows that kicked me!

Evelyn missed her family greatly and would cry herself to sleep most nights. She missed her mum terribly and would be in bed by 8:30pm every night. Evelyn dearly wanted to return home and eventually she AWOL from the land army and later left due to a bad back from bending down all the time. Evelyn was so relieved when she finally left the army and when VE Day came she was glad it was all over. Evelyn said she would love to relive her youth as she feels she missed out due to being in the army.

The land army wasn't recognized for what they did in WW2 for many years but Evelyn now feels that this is it. Evelyn has kept a medal in her jewelry box for many years that she is very proud of. Evelyn finished off with saying she had a lovely time at Rochdale Masonic Hall it brought back many memories and some of the songs made her feel very emotional. Evelyn danced the night away and had a ball.



*A Trip Down Memory Lane***Ernest Norbury's Memories of VE Day**

Ernest Norbury is a 95 year old gentleman who served in the second World War for 6 years. Ernest joined when he was twenty years old; he wanted to join the Navy but due to his height, him being 5ft 11in the Irish Guards it turned out to be.

Celebrating VE Day brought a lot of memories back for Ernest. Ernest remembered the last time he was in the trenches and landing in Normandy when it was announced the war had ended. Ernest stayed another twelve months in Normandy after the war had finished. Whilst Ernest was serving his country himself and a fellow soldier were blown up and ended up in hospital. Although Ernest had concussion and eye problems from the effects of the explosion he was sent straight back to continue with his service. His fellow soldier had had his leg blown off. Ernest was wounded twice whilst serving for his country and he lost many friends in the war.

When Ernest was 25 he was made Acting Company Sargent Major and was in charge of eighty soldiers. Ernest felt this was a lot of responsibility put on him for his age. He was also a Pipe Major and was in a band. At the back end of the War Ernest finished up doing doctoring for soldiers. If it wasn't for men like Ernest we wouldn't have the life we have today.

Ernest enjoyed his evening out celebrating VE Day, he did however state that some of the uniforms weren't right.





Get well Wishes

Get well wishes are sent to Marleen (the shower lady) who is sat at home resting after falling on holiday and breaking her leg. Marleen has to go back to hospital for another operation on her leg again soon. We hope to see her back at Hewlett Court again very soon. Get Well Soon Marleen!

Welcome

The chairman of the Comforts Fund Charles Ward would like to welcome Ray and Barbara Christian to the Comforts Fund committee. Ray and Barbara made a visit to Hewlett Court back in May to meet the residents. They will be assisting Charles with the future events at Hewlett Court.

Elsa's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Residents joined Elsa in the lounge on 13<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Elsa's son and daughter-in-law brought a cake and bottles of prosecco for Elsa and the residents to enjoy and to toast the birthday girl. Elsa would like to thank everyone for her birthday gifts, cards and birthday wishes. Elsa had a wonderful day.

New Alternatives Menu

You will already have noticed the new menus that are on the dining room tables. These are the new summer menus. Mel and Mariya - Hewlett Court's cooks provide meals that fit everyone's dietary requirements. We also have a new alternatives menu which includes – Ham, Cheese or tuna sandwiches, ham, cheese or tuna salad, jacket potato with cheese, beans, coleslaw or cottage cheese and a choice of Hollands pies. If you would like an alternative please write what you want along with your room number on the list outside the dining room by 11:15am for lunch and 3:00pm for tea.

Thank you From Esther Clothing

Esther Clothing have sent a thank you letter thanking the residents of Hewlett Court for the support they receive when they host an afternoon selling their goods at Hewlett Court. They look forward to returning in November. There is a copy of the letter further in the newsletter.

Residents Meeting

On 8<sup>th</sup> June we are holding the residents meeting. Sadly Roy Faulkner – who was an in house representative passed away in March so we would like to ask if anybody would be interested in filling Roy's position and joining Margaret Murray and George Heaveyside on the panel to discuss the day to day issues of Hewlett Court. If anyone is interested in becoming an in house representative then please speak to Julie or Alison. If anyone has an issue they would like to raise in the residents meeting please write it down on a piece of paper and hand it to Margaret Murray.

## Bolton District Dinner and Entertainment

Bolton District came to Hewlett Court on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May to cook the resident's dinner and provide entertainment. The residents enjoyed the food and entertainment.



Anyone who would like any photographs printing off please ask a member of staff in the office.







A wonderful time was had by all. The residents of Hewlett Court really enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to Bolton District.





# Puzzle Page

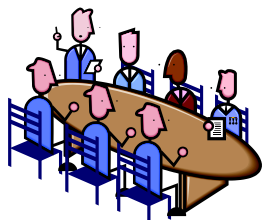
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## Staff

I am sad to say that Jemma Ard our weekend supervisor will be leaving us. Jemma has another job as a mental health worker and is putting all she has got in to that job. Jemma has been working at Hewlett Court for over 11 years and she will be greatly missed by both staff and residents. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the luck in the world as she furthers her career. Good Luck Jemma!

I would like to welcome two new members of staff Chloe Martin and Jessica Yates who have a General Assistant position at weekends. I'm sure you will make them feel welcome in their new job roles.

Well done to Rachel Cookson on passing her driving test. Congratulations!

## What's On

### *Movie Monday*

Monday afternoons at 2pm in the lounge.

### *Armchair Exercise*

Tuesday morning at 11am in the lounge.  
Friday morning at 10:30am in the lounge.

### *Bingo*

Tuesday afternoon at 3pm in the lounge.

### *Coffee and Quiz Morning*

Wednesday morning at 11am in the lounge.

### *Thirsty Thursday*

Thursday afternoon at 3:30pm cocktails in the lounge.

### *Friday Club*

Friday at 3:30pm residents and staff join in the lounge.

## Events

### *Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June*

Moments Singing and Humor  
2:15 in the lounge

### *Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June*

On Tour  
2pm In the lounge

### *Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August*

Lifeboats craft fair evening  
6pm-9pm in the lounge

### *Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October*

Mothers Union Shop & cakes  
2:15pm in the lounge

### *Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November*

Firework Display

### *Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November*

Esther Clothing  
2:00pm in the lounge

### *Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November*

Hewlett Court Christmas Fair

### *Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December*

Mothers Union advent service & cakes  
2:15pm in the lounge

### *Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December*

Bury Veterans Choir  
2pm in the lounge

**Transport will be arranged to all events outside of Hewlett Court**

