

# Hewlett Court Newsletter



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## December

Wintry mornings wrapped in white,  
Evenings, calm and still,  
Snowflakes dancing all around,  
Sled rides down a hill,  
Gatherings with loved ones –  
Such a pleasure to remember –  
all memories and special gifts  
That come with each  
December!



## *Birthdays this month!*

**Pat L**  
**18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Mary**  
**21<sup>st</sup> December**

**Eileen**  
**30<sup>th</sup> December**

**Staff**  
**Debbie**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Christine**  
**8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Michael (40)**  
**15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Sam**  
**21<sup>st</sup> December**

**Amy (18)**  
**25<sup>th</sup> December**



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## News



### Sorry you're leaving

General assistant Caron will be leaving at the beginning of December.

We wish her all the best in her new job.



### Welcome

We would like to welcome Emily to the Hewlett Court team. Emily has filled the position of a weekend General Assistant and will be working on Saturdays.



### Donations

We would like to thank everyone that has kindly donated gifts for the tombola and Raffle. We are overwhelmed with the support we have had from everyone. Thank you.

### Welcome

We would like to welcome Beverley, Graham, Margaret and Pat to the Hewlett Court family. We hope you have a happy and healthy future at Hewlett Court.



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## ELMC News



### Tie and Tinsel Event

**On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November the Tie and Tinsel dinner took place at the Holiday Inn, Bolton. Raising funds for the EL2026 Festival. The room was beautifully decorated with festive decorations, lights and Christmas trees.**

**The night started with the Rock Choir performing some well-known songs and what a performance it was.**

**A traditional Christmas dinner was served whilst guests embraced the harmonious music played by Katie Fiddlestix on her violin. Games were played throughout the night to raise funds for the EL2026 Festival including a silent auction as well as a game of Win the Jar and Heads & Tails.**

**The night finished with lots of dancing and a live DJ. A total of approximately £5000 was raised which is a fabulous amount.**

**A wonderful and enjoyable night was had by all that attended.**



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## Lee Lambert

What a wonderful afternoon the ladies and gents had when Lee Lambert came to sing for them on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Everyone was singing along and dancing in their chairs. It was a great performance enjoyed by all.





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## Hewlett Court Fireworks Display

Ladies, gents, friends, families and staff celebrated bonfire night with a spectacular display of fireworks on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Hewlett Court.

Homemade Meat & Potato pie, homemade parkin and ginger cake made by cook Mel, chocolate apples and treacle toffee were served to all the guests as well as mulled wine, tea and coffee.

We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped on the night. The event couldn't have happened without your help and support. We also want to thank all those that came to support the event and kindly donated money.

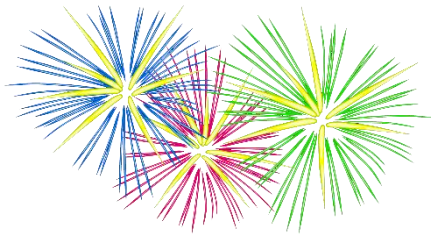
A total of over £250 was raised from money donated on the night. All monies raised will go towards the entertainment for the ladies and gents at Hewlett Court



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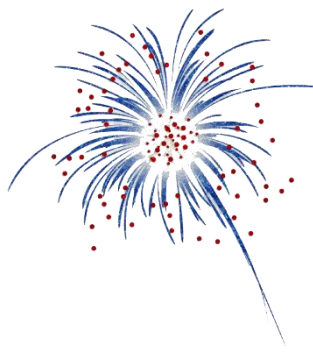




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## We Will Meet Again Theatre Trip

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Team Coordinator Debbie and volunteer Mel took some of the ladies and gents to Blackburn Empire Theatre to watch 'We'll Meet Again'.

The show was based on songs and comedy from the WWII era. Those that attended thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

We finished the afternoon off with a meal at The Grey Mare in Blackburn where everyone tucked into fish and chips.





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## Bury Hospice Christmas Shop

Amber from Bury Hospice came to Hewlett Court with her pop-up stall selling Christmas gifts, cards, calendars and diaries. The ladies and gents got a start on their Christmas shopping and purchased some lovely items whilst supporting a local charity.





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## Veterans Choir

**The veterans choir came to sing at Hewlett Court on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. It was a beautiful performance that the ladies and gents embraced.**



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## The Body Shop at Home

**Christine held a Body Shop at Home party at Hewlett Court on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

**The ladies loved testing and sampling the products whilst browsing through the catalogue, the goods smelt amazing!**

**The ladies treated themselves to some gifts and even purchased some Christmas gifts for relatives.**

**Christine will also be holding a stall at our annual Christmas Markets which is taking place at Hewlett Court on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 12pm – 3pm.**





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## Armistice Day

**On the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month we remember.**

**A two-minute silence was held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November to honour those who lost their lives in the war, the fallen soldiers, those who fought to save our freedom.**

**Ladies, gents and staff gathered outside whilst others gathered in the conservatory as Tom, who served as a police officer in the RAF placed a wreath underneath the flag for all the fallen soldiers.**

**Lest We Forget.**



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## Greater Good Project

The girls from Greater Good Project came to entertain the ladies and gents on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone sang along to the well-known songs and danced in their chairs.

What a lot of fun everyone had!





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## Flower Arranging

The 'green fingered' ladies of Hewlett Court put their flower arranging skills to the test on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November and created some lovely Christmas table centre pieces. The centre pieces were used to decorate the tables at the Tie & Tinsel event which was held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, raising funds for the EL Festival 2026.

Thank you to volunteers Rita & Mel who helped the ladies.





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## Maggie the Therapy Dog

**Maggie the Therapy dog paid another visit to Hewlett Court. The ladies and gents adore Maggie and love seeing her and owner Gill at the coffee and quiz morning.**





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## Coffee & Quiz Mornings

Everyone likes to join General Assistant Jayne on a Wednesday morning for the coffee and quiz morning. Jayne has introduced a new game of Play Your Cards Right with those that take part being in with a chance of winning a free bingo session for the Tuesday afternoon bingo.

This month's winners are pictured below. Well done to everyone that won.



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## Deck the Halls

**The Christmas decorations have been put up in Hewlett Court, thank you to the ladies, gents and volunteers that helped. I am sure you'll agree it looks lovely and festive. We are now ready for Christmas and all the celebrations to come.**





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## The Grand Raffle

**Have you ever seen a raffle as good as the Hewlett Court Grand Raffle? Tickets are on sale and are available to buy for £1 from the Hewlett Court office. Get them before they go!**

**The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

**All monies raised will go towards the entertainment and events organised for the ladies and gents at Hewlett Court.**

**There are lots of prizes including Sunday lunch for two at the Clifton Park Hotel in St Annes, Butcher vouchers, fruit hamper, a Cut & Blow from our inhouse hairdresser Sally, a Kettle & Toaster set, a Slow Cooker. Hampers, alcohol and much much more.**

**Thank you to those that have donated prizes and those that have already purchased tickets. We appreciate all the support.**





## Christmas Entertainment



**At Hewlett Court we like to make every Christmas extra special for all the ladies and gents and this year is no different.**

**This year's lead up to Christmas is jam packed with festive entertainment for everyone to enjoy, with singers, dancers, choirs, pantomimes, quizzes, bingo and games to name a few.**

**The Christmas Markets will be taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December with lots of stalls and entertainment to get you in the festive spirit.**

**We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year**







## November Birthdays!



**Sheila celebrated  
her birthday on  
4<sup>th</sup> November**



**Joan celebrated  
her birthday on  
5<sup>th</sup> November**



**Paul celebrated his  
birthday on  
10<sup>th</sup> November**



**Dorothy celebrated  
her birthday on  
12<sup>th</sup> November**



**Ron celebrated his  
birthday on  
18<sup>th</sup> November**



**Miriam celebrated  
her birthday on  
21<sup>st</sup> November**

### **Staff members**

**Manager Bev celebrated her birthday on 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Director of Operations Julie celebrated her birthday on 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Nights General Assistant Gill celebrated her birthday on 17<sup>th</sup> November**

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## Hewlett Court Upcoming Events

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Christmas Markets 12pm – 3pm

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Strictly Christmas Dancing & Musical Cracker  
3pm

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Go on Tour 2pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Lee Lambert 3pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Amanda Summers 3pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Feels Good Project 11am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

NE Productions A Christmas Carol Pantomime  
3:30pm



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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Beauty Beast Pantomime 2pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Cajun Rascals

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Annie Valery 3pm singing in the lounge

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Michael & Kyla Sixsmith Dancing 11am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Veterans Choir 2pm in the lounge

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

Teresa Harper 11:30am

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Katie Fiddlestix 2pm playing the violin in the  
lounge

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Ark Scroll Lodge gifting presents 11am

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## CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

**Across**

1. One of Santa's Reindeer
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular snowman.

**Down**

2. Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ to the world!

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