



*Hi everyone – I hope you are all enjoying the run up to Christmas.*

*We have welcomed a new staff member to the team, Susanna Nixon, who takes over from Clare Loughlin running our finances. You will probably see her around so please make her welcome.*

*Sadly we are also goodbye to a couple of long standing and well respected members of staff.*

*Jo Butler is leaving at Christmas after 8 years with us, most recently managing our Gardening service. She has been responsible for its growth and for the superb reputation we have developed. She is heading off to a new job and goes with our very best wishes.*

*Jean is also leaving for a well earned retirement. She works in the Tans, usually on Saturdays but sometimes covers at other times. She is a wonderful cook and a super person to have around.*

*We will miss them both.*

*As I said at the Christmas party you have all worked very hard this year and deserve a rest at Christmas, so enjoy yourselves and we can look forward to a good 2024. Thanks everyone—Bruce*

## Christmas at the Tans...

The Christmas season started off with a Christmas meal at the Tans café! Soup, butternut squash wellingtons and a trio of desserts went down a treat, and the evening kick started the festive season! Decorations have been put up, including many of your hand-designed baubles. Feel free to stop by and take a look, maybe even treat yourself to some wonderfully baked and decorated cakes!



### John's Tricky Quiz Question #31

Q: In Royalty, King Henry II demanded that his court jester Leap, Whistle and what on every Christmas day?

**Answer in the next issue of Hextol Happenings. Answer to question #30:**

Q: What was completed in Doncaster on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1923 costing £7,944?

A: The Flying Scotsman Steam Locomotive.



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# Chester: By Wendy Graham.



Chester is a little dog who comes to Greenbox on Tuesday mornings

One day he went into the kitchen at Greenbox and Claire told him off

He's a lovely little dog

He likes his chin tickled

He is my favourite friend

He sometimes goes into the bins at Greenbox but he makes me smile

I wouldn't swap him for all the tea in China

He likes being tickled under the tummy and gives you a smile

He sometimes cries because he likes the attention

He likes to jump up on Bruce's knee

He is 9 years old

He has a brother called Monty

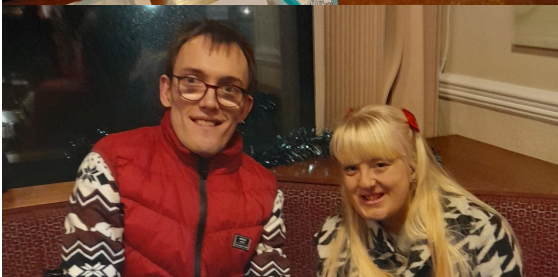
His black and white fur feels like cotton wool.



Chester, pictured above, and his brother Monty, dressed for the season.



## Annual Christmas Party!



We held our Hextol Christmas party last week at the cricket club and had an amazing time.

An amazing thirty five of our volunteers came along to eat, drink and be merry!

There was much dancing, sparkling Christmas outfits (really impressive jumpers!) and dazzling karaoke performances for the entire evening. Everyone who came seemed to enjoy themselves!

Make sure to keep an eye out for future events in the New Year!

