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Second World War veteran celebrates 101st birthday

Friends and family joined a Second World War veteran at The Royal Star & Garter Home in Surbiton to help celebrate her 101st birthday.

A party was held for Nora Birtwistle on Friday 7 June, with residents, family and guests enjoying a delicious birthday cake, Champagne, and live music.

Nora lived in Surbiton before moving nearby to the Home in Upper Brighton Road, which provides care for ex-Servicemen and women and their partners living with disability or dementia.



Nora served in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) between 1941 and 1945, working as a radar operative and attaining the rank of Leading Aircraft Woman.

The party was attended by her nephew James Birtwistle, his wife, their two children and baby grandson.

James said: *"The party was wonderfully organised by The Royal Star & Garter Homes and my aunt had a lovely time."*

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Captions:

1: Nora (seated right) with friends and family

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About The Royal Star & Garter Homes:

The Charity provides award-winning care for military veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia.



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**The Royal Star
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Caring for the nation's military family since 1916

The Royal Star & Garter Homes is a charity founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War.

Today our friendly, state-of-the-art Homes offer a pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care. We have award-winning Homes in Solihull, West Midlands and Surbiton, Surrey. Our third Home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, opened in April 2019.

We continue to expand our services to reach even more veterans. In 2018, we were able to support 186 residents in our Homes and 36 guests at our Day Care service. We also offer interim care for young disabled Service personnel. We provided 11,700 individual sessions of physiotherapy and speech & language therapy last year to support our residents' health, and over 5,600 places to residents for activities, outings and events, to promote well-being.

We are proud to have enjoyed Royal patronage since our foundation, including that of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II from 1953 to the present day.

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