

THE OLD VICARAGE TIMES NEWSLETTER



The Old Vicarage
Allithwaite

WELCOME TO OUR AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

In this new seasonal newsletter, we bring you a collection of photos, memories, staff updates and some interesting facts about The Old Vicarage. We hope you enjoy reading this new style newsletter.



AUTUMN 2024



THE OCTOBER

October, so the arrival of Alice, our new Activities Coordinator, who rolled her sleeves up immediately and started with creating lots of wonderful activities for this chilling month. [READ MORE.](#)

THE NOVEMBER

There was lots of sparkle during the month of November, at our annual Families, Friends and Relative Bonfire Party. Kamal, along with Mike set the night on fire. [READ MORE.](#)



THE DECEMBER

December was a very busy month, with parties, a pantomime, Christmas tree decorating and making lots of lovely cards for friends and families. [READ MORE.](#)



A MESSAGE FROM SUE

I want to wish everyone a happy new year and am looking forward to an exciting year ahead at The Old Vicarage. We have a wonderful staff team across the board, and I could not ask for our residents to be better cared for. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns, and I will be happy to help.

▶▶▶ OCTOBER 2024



DAVID CELEBRATED HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY!

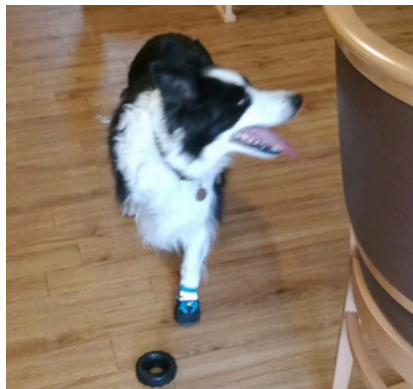
David is an Aston Villa supporter, so we bought an Aston Villa throw for his bedroom. The soccer theme continued with a cake made by Emma,



▶▶▶ Freda and Jane were delighted to meet baby Poppy. The age gap between Freda and Poppy is 102 years! A BIG thank you to Emma who is Poppy's aunt.



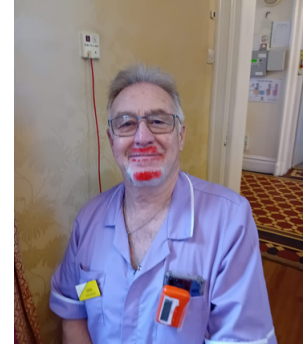
▶▶▶ Fieke, Freda and Jean enjoyed the classic game of Skittles. Alice has found that games are top of the agenda when selecting popular activities!



▶▶▶ Holly, the three-legged Border Collie has become a regular visitor, and she has plenty of friends who will play ball with her! Elaine and Jean, who keep The Old Vicarage Voices Choir in fine tunes, visited throughout the month. And finally, Harvest Festival was celebrated with hymns and reflection of festivals from childhood.

NOVEMBER 2024

- ▶▶▶ Kamal and Mike set the night on fire, quite literally at our annual Family, Friends and Relatives Bonfire Party! Guy Fawkes was lovingly handcrafted by Alice and our residents, and he was dressed in a stylish boiler suit, donated by Christine's husband, Steve. The party went with a bang, as did the burgers and bangers, as well as the gingerbread, which was provided by Grange Bakery.



- ▶▶▶ This year, we remembered the fallen from all wars with both prayer and song. Gaby aka The D-Day Dolly performed a marvelous set with lots of music from various decades, and of course the classic, 'We'll Meet Again'. Homemade poppies decorated the home. Mike, a Senior Care Assistant, wore his military medals, and a red beard and moustache which Hilary had painted whilst painting a poppy!



- ▶▶▶ Flower arranging, playing a percussion set to music on the stereo and enjoying a good game of dominoes were some of the many activities which were enjoyed throughout November.

DECEMBER - LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS



ANGELA'S BIRTHDAY SURPRISE!

Angela, who attends The Old Vicarage for Day Care, celebrated her birthday with us and was very surprised when she was presented with a birthday cake!



Making Christmas wreaths for bedroom doors was an activity which was very popular. As you can see, there were some wonderful, creative designs.

Making Christmas cards for family and friends is great for creativity and there is lots of fabulous banter whilst creating.



Noel went to Stribers Farm with Alice to select a Christmas tree for The Old Vicarage. He was over the moon to have his granddaughter, Rebecca, help him select a fine tree. We would like to thank Stribers Farm for the kind donation of a Christmas tree which as you can see looked fabulous.

DECEMBER - A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Alice and our residents enjoyed creating decorations for our Christmas tree at this year's St Paul's Christmas Tree Festival, which helped to raise funds for designated charities. We were very pleased to have the children from Allithwaite Primary School deliver handmade Christmas cards. Flookburgh Brass Band also visited and played some wonderful Christmas carols.



OLIVER TWIST - OUR CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

We always enjoy a pantomime, and this year the performance by the actors from Northeast Producers Ltd was very entertaining. There were lots of twists in the plot!



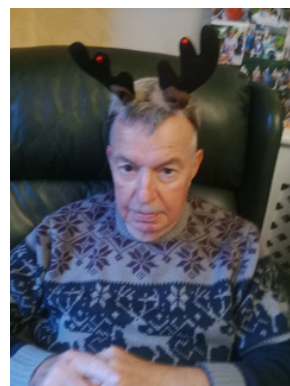
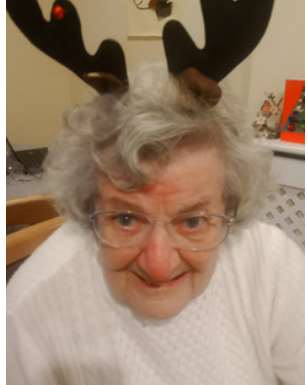
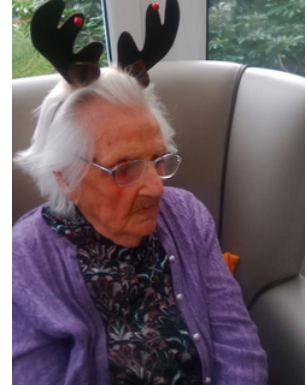
»»» DECEMBER 2024 CHRISTMAS PARTY

»»» Our Family, Friends and Residents Christmas Party on Wednesday 16th December will be remembered for the festive spirit which was in abundance! Lauren and George entertained with lots of Christmas tunes. Lauren also sang the The Pogues song, 'Fairytale of New York' with her father, Russ. Claire created a most amazing festive buffet, whilst Alice and Sue were rushed off their feet organising this super party.



DECEMBER 2024 CHRISTMAS DAY

Mike donned a Santa suit, and Gloria, Diasha and Jill were Santa's helpers. Together they handed out gifts and lots of good cheer. Our residents wore festive headwear and the dining table was set with elf place cards, and served with lots of delicious Christmas food made by Claire.



»»» DECEMBER 2024 NEW YEAR PARTY

»»» On 30th December we enjoyed our New Year Party with music, laughter and games. Oh yes, and not forgetting Carla visited in the morning to give a new year inspired armchair ballet session. Just a perfect day!



»»» NEW FACES



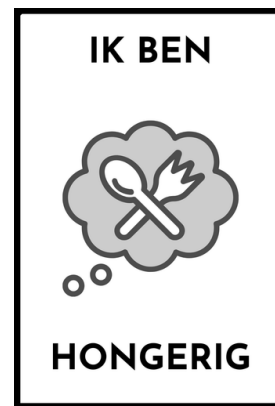
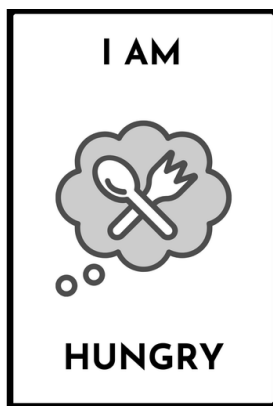
WE WELCOMED SOME NEW STAFF

Alice, joined our team in October as the new Activities Coordinator, who has mastered the Oomph system for research and recording with incredible ease.

Our team also welcomed Roberta, Jane, Rob, Gloria, Donna, Laura, Joan and Sarah.

We also said goodbye to staff who we wish lots of success for the future.

»»» IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HOME



»»» We are always looking for ways to improve our home and sometimes it is just small things which make a difference to the quality of the provision of care we offer. The menu cards are proving to be helpful for residents with communication difficulties and enable them to select from the menu with these visual aids. They are updated when the menu is changed on a seasonal basis. Communication cards which we have created, are also proving to be beneficial and we also created a version in Dutch for a resident.

For those who have visited recently, you may have noticed some changes, with the replacement of our chairs being perhaps the most apparent. The conservatory chairs are now colour coordinated and we have relocated furniture to create more space in the dining room, corridors and lounge. We have even decided to change the dining experience with the addition of some new tablecloths and flower arrangements. For 2025, we have on our improvement plan, a new boiler, redecoration of the lounge and a new drive. So, lots to look forward to!

