



The Old Vicarage
Allithwaite

WELCOME TO OUR AUTUMN/WINTER NEWSLETTER

The first newsletter for 2026 and we hope it is a good year. We have been busy over the past three months with a vibrant activities schedule and also an increase in new people joining our Day Care programme. This newsletter is a record of the wonderful times we have had during the autumn and early winter months, and we hope you enjoy reading it.



Autumn/Winter 2025



OCTOBER

October is a month to gather both your thoughts and food for the Harvest Festival. So, we collected our apples from the orchard and vegetables from the garden, and headed over to St Mary's to donate.



NOVEMBER

For Remembrance Day, we had two musical sets, with one performance by Steve Low, and the other by Jean and Elaine of The Old Vicarage Voices Choir. Of course, everyone was in fine voice.



DECEMBER

The return of the owls with the Owl Adventures team was just fabulous. As Sylvia's expression shows, the owls were incredibly adorable and everyone enjoyed their visit. We think the owls like us too!



A MESSAGE FROM SUE

Happy New Year everyone! Well, we have most certainly been kept busy over the last three months, and we have been incredibly blessed with wonderful residents, a great team, fabulous entertainers and of course the support of all the residents families and friends. Our activities programme has been fun, and I would like to thank Delia, Angela along with Holly, and Elaine and Jean of The Old Vicarage Voices Choir for volunteering and helping to make The Old Vicarage a happy place.

»»» OCTOBER 2025



Happy Birthday
Eileen

BEST WISHES FROM EVERYONE
AT THE OLD VICARAGE

EILEEN CELEBRATED HER
BIRTHDAY ON 6TH OCTOBER

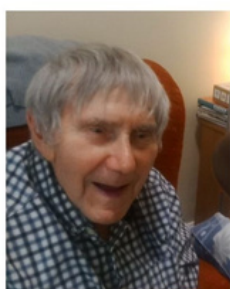


FRED CELEBRATED HIS
BIRTHDAY ON 12TH OCTOBER



Happy Birthday
Fred

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Happy Birthday
David

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DAVID CELEBRATED HIS
BIRTHDAY ON 28TH OCTOBER



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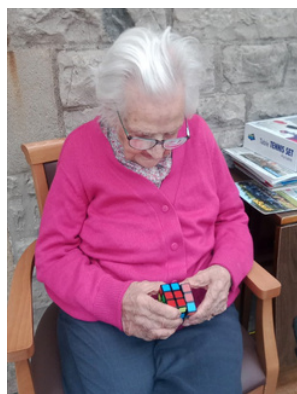
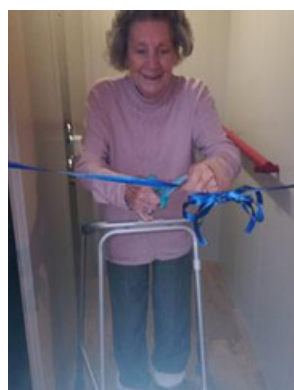
October activities were varied and interspersed with the weekly Armchair Ballet classes which are well attended. Keith Redfern's monthly music performance is likewise proving to be very popular, and we are always pleased to hear David sing a ditty which more often than not is very witty. Lauren, from Nature Makers brought a collection of beautiful pressed flowers and some lovely pictures were made.

NOVEMBER 2025

MARGARET CELEBRATED HER
BIRTHDAY ON 12TH NOVEMBER



As part of our preparations for the Bonfire Party, Anne became very industrious and made lots and lots of Gingerbread Men. If any baking is to be done, then we know that Anne will always be there eager to create something quite delicious.



NOV In November, our new lift was installed. And with a regal air, Ena cut through the ribbon and declared it officially open. Freda, with an equally regal air, decided to take the Rubik Cube challenge.



NOV Tambourines, ukuleles and strong voices for singing - a truly wonderful time is always had when Keith visits us each month. As you can see, David is always happy to join in with a song or two.



DECEMBER 2025



HAPPY
Birthday Angela
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AT THE OLD VICARAGE

ANGELA CELEBRATED HER
BIRTHDAY ON 12TH DECEMBER

AVALON CELEBRATED HER
BIRTHDAY ON 24TH DECEMBER



HAPPY
Birthday Avalon
BEST WISHES FROM EVERYONE
AT THE OLD VICARAGE

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In the build-up to the new year celebrations, Stevie Kaye gave a remarkable performance, singing Sinatra songs. Of course, the lyrics to many a song were sang by our splendid audience. We look forward to Stevie retuning in 2026 with some more fine tunes.

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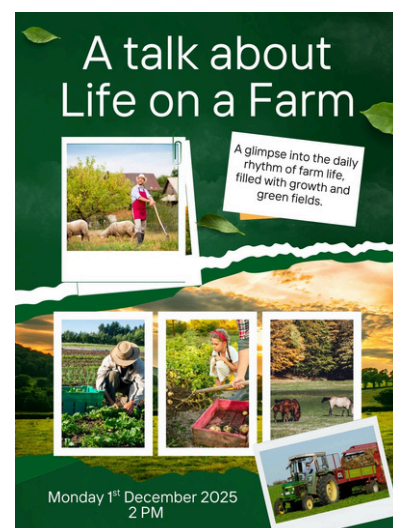
Margaret was presented with a Lifetime Membership from the Allithwaite Bowling Club. Members of the club attended The Old Vicarage to present this award and as you can see, it was received with much gratitude.



»»» Well, December was a very busy and creative month! We enjoyed making decorations, our Family & Friends Christmas Party with Mark McKenna providing some festive tunes, a performance by the Bay Community Singers, a Christmas set by Flookburgh Brass Band, Christmas carols by The Old Vicarage Voices Choir, and of course visits from Grange Primary School and Allithwaite C Of E Primary who sang some wonderful songs.

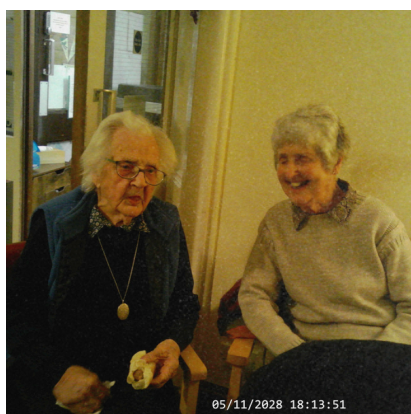
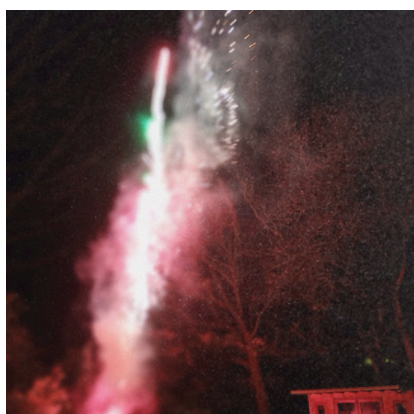
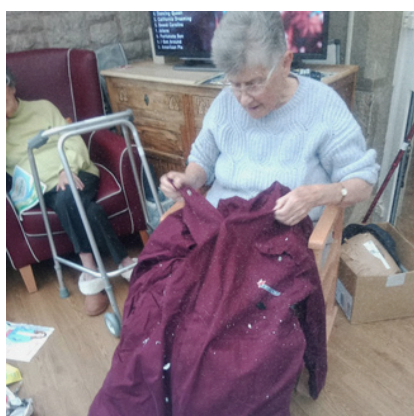
OUR EVENTS AND PRESS GALLERY

Below are some posters from this seasons entertainment schedule. As always, we are continually looking to book entertainers to support our vibrant activities programme. We are open to suggestions regarding activity ideas and if you have any recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact Alice, our Activities Coordinator - activities.tovc@gmail.com



>>> BONFIRE PARTY 2025 GALLERY

The weather was thankfully perfect for this year's Bonfire Party! Guy Fawkes was as always, lovingly made by our residents and with the help of the usual donation of a boiler suit from Steve Cleasby. So, with some hot food, scrumptious gingerbread, and mulled wine, many braved the cold to enjoy the firework display which was provided by Kamal and his assistant pyrotechnic, Christine.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025 GALLERY

Our Families and Friends Christmas Party was wonderful, and we celebrated with a wonderful music performance by Mark McKenna, who stood in last minute when sadly Folksy Theatre cancelled due to ill health. There was lots of food, mulled wine and dancing! Many thanks to Luke of Zephyr Catering <https://www.zephyrcatering.com/> and his mum, Claire, who provided a lovely, festive buffet.



CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATIONS

What a super day was had by all! The joyful festivities started on Christmas Eve, and the spirit of Christmas continued with the opening of presents and a delightful Christmas Day Dinner. Claire, Natalie, Vanessa and Karen dressed for the occasion which delighted everyone.



>>> FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Our activities events programme for the autumn and winter season is always quite busy, and also helps us to raise funds for national and local charities. We also donated Christmas Selection Boxes to the children at Allithwaite Church of England Primary School, to say many thanks for visiting our residents.



We raised funds for two marvelous charities

We successfully raised £67.70 for the Cumbrian branch of The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association at our Bonfire Night Party.

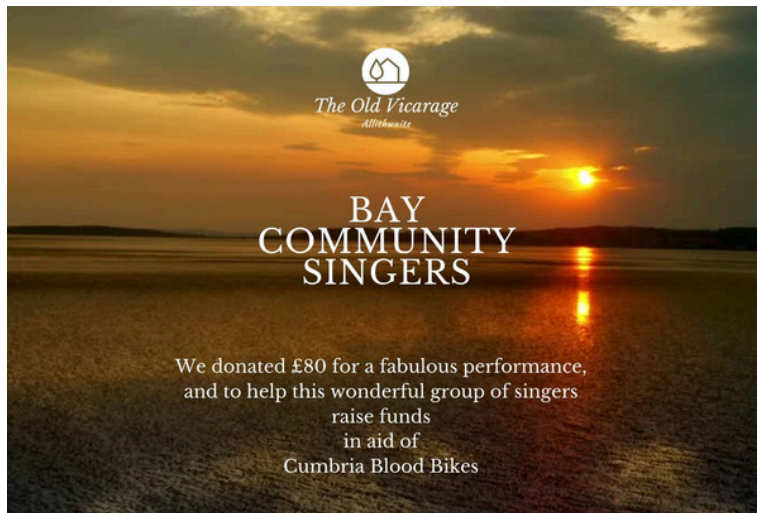
We also raised £38.65 for Children in Need on Pudsey Bear Day.



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BAY COMMUNITY SINGERS

We donated £80 for a fabulous performance,
and to help this wonderful group of singers
raise funds
in aid of
Cumbria Blood Bikes



>>> STAFF PROMOTION



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We have a new Senior Care Assistant

Congratulations to Roberta on her promotion.
We wish her success in her new role.



FESTIVE MENUS

Our festive menus were lovingly created by Claire (Christmas menu) and Denise (New Year menu). We think you may agree that the menus look rather wonderful.



CHRISTMAS DAY

STARTER

Galia Melon & Strawberry Cocktail

MAIN COURSE

Succulent Roast Turkey

with stuffing, pigs in blankets, pan-fried buttered sprouts, peas & carrots, roast potatoes, cranberry sauce and gravy

DESSERT

Christmas Pudding

served with brandy sauce or ice cream

DRINK

Coffee and Teas

served with after eight mints

TEA

A selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls, cheese & crackers, crisps & grapes

Christmas Cake & Mince Pies



NEW YEAR'S DAY

MAIN COURSE

Slow Baked Beef Bourguignon

OR

Salmon Fillet with a Prawn Butter Sauce

served with dauphinoise potatoes, glazed carrots, sweet garden peas and tenderstem broccoli

DESSERT

Lemon & Blueberry Pavlova

served with chantilly cream

DRINK

A glass of chilled Prosecco or Fruit Juice

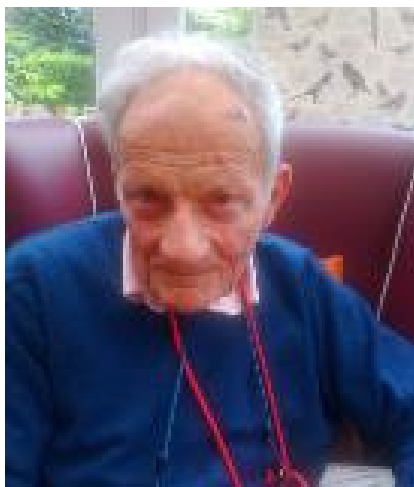
FOLLOWED BY TEA OR COFFEE

served with after eight mints



>>> OBITUARY

It is with much sadness that we inform you of the loss of David, who sadly passed away on the 7th October 2025. Our thoughts are with David's family.



>>> OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next newsletter will be delivered at the beginning of April 2026, we hope! If you have any suggestions regarding the content of the newsletter, please email Karen at marketing.tovc@gmail.com



Please do not hesitate to contact Sue, our Care Manager, if you wish to discuss any element of our services. You can either email caremanager.tovc@gmail.com or call 015395 33703

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