

# Monthly NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome!!

Welcome to the January edition of The Old Rectory Retirement Home Newsletter.

This special issue looks back on some of the many activities and memorable moments we've enjoyed over the past 12 months.

We'd love to hear from you. If you have any suggestions for topics you'd like us to include in future issues, please get in touch by emailing: [info@theoldrectoryharbledown.co.uk](mailto:info@theoldrectoryharbledown.co.uk)



# Celebrations & Memories

## Remembrance Day

We commemorated Remembrance Day in 2025 by coming together as a community to remember those who served. It was a meaningful moment of reflection shared by residents and staff.



## Pancake Day

Pancake Day was a fun and tasty celebration at The Old Rectory! Residents and staff enjoyed flipping pancakes and trying a variety of delicious toppings. The day was filled with laughter, chatter, and sweet treats shared together. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to come together and enjoy some lighthearted fun.

## Late Summer Party

Our Late Summer Party was a wonderful celebration filled with laughter and community spirit. Residents and staff enjoyed delicious food, fun activities, and vibrant cultural performances. It was a joyful day that brought everyone together, creating happy memories to cherish. Music and dancing added to the lively atmosphere, while games and competitions kept everyone entertained. Many of our residents commented on how special it was to spend quality time with friends and staff in such a festive setting.





### Halloween

Halloween was a spooktacular day at The Old Rectory! Residents and staff joined in the fun with creative costumes, decorations, and themed games. There were plenty of laughs, treats, and friendly competitions, making it a day full of excitement and community spirit. It was wonderful to see everyone getting into the Halloween spirit and enjoying the festive atmosphere together.



### Scouts' Festive Carols

The local Scouts children paid a lovely visit to The Old Rectory to sing Christmas carols for our residents. Their cheerful voices filled the home with festive spirit, bringing smiles to everyone who listened. Residents thoroughly enjoyed meeting the children and joining in with some of the well-known carols, making it a heartwarming and memorable afternoon.

## Merry Christmas

Christmas at The Old Rectory was a truly magical and heartwarming celebration. The home was beautifully decorated, creating a warm and festive atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. Residents shared a delicious Christmas meal, listened to carols, and spent quality time with staff and friends. It was a joyful day filled with laughter, love, and Christmas spirit.



## Happy New Year!!

As we welcomed the New Year, The Old Rectory was filled with hope, joy, and celebration. We wish all our residents, families, and staff a very Happy New Year and a healthy, happy 2026 ahead. May the coming year bring peace, happiness, and many wonderful memories for everyone.



## Star of the Last Quarter:

This award recognises a staff member who has truly stood out in their service. Every four months, residents and staff have the opportunity to nominate someone deserving of this special recognition.

Our Star of the Last Quarter is **Chaturi**, celebrated for her kindness, willingness to help wherever needed, and her consistently positive attitude at work. We are proud to have such a dedicated and cheerful member of our team!

