

OAKDALE NEWS

Autumn 2025



Welcome to the latest edition of the Oakdale Residential Home newsletter! As the end of the year approaches we are excited to bring you all the latest news and updates from our home. Inside, you will find a glimpse of the joy we shared over the last few months, along with snapshots of those cherished moments. We have included important reminders and details about upcoming events to keep everyone informed and engaged. At Oakdale, we believe in creating a home where each resident is treated like family, and we hope this newsletter brings you closer to the heart of our home.



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The closest
thing to being
cared for is
to care for
someone else.

Carson McCullers

“It didn’t matter
how big our
house was;
it mattered
that there was
love in it.”

PETER BUFFETT

MESSAGE FROM MANAGEMENT

What an amazing team I have, I would like to thank them all for their support, patience and extra demanding work while all our lovely new floors are being laid.

Thank you to all our wonderful families,
your support is second to none and we could not do it without you.

We are now in full planning mode getting ready for the magical festive season.

We are excited to celebrate the end of another wonderful year at Oakdale.

We are always striving to excel ourselves and continue to be the best that we can be by providing the highest quality care for all our residents and visitors.



REMINDERS

Just a reminder that we bring into our home many outside services that your loved ones may require, you are always more than welcome to contact us to discuss services you may need or any worries that you may have.

The Benfleet Surgery / Benfleet Primary Care Network (PCN) visit us weekly for a GP or Matrons ward round, they are always available at other times if we request.

As a home we are in contact with our local Dementia Nurse Team and also our visiting District Nurses, in particular those that deal with nutrition, swallow & oral health.

We also have a Dentist and an Optician that visit our home as required.

Tina is our hairdresser Joining us every Tuesday.

First 4 Feet (Hadleigh) our chiropodist visit us every 6-8 weeks.



HELP OUR TEAM



You can do this by providing your loved one with the personal care items they need, our staff are constantly going out to the shops to supply your family members with:

Shower Gel / Deodorant / Body Spray / Toothpaste & Brush / Steradent / Hairbrush or Comb / Razors / Shaving Foam.

This takes time away from the care of your loved ones. All we ask is that once a month you drop in the personal items required (e.g. 2 large or 4 small shower gels) so that we may get on with caring for and supporting your and our loved ones in our home.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Activities:

Exercises with Ben - every other week

First-4-feet monthly Chiropody services – 6-8 weekly

Hairdresser Tina - every Tuesday

Events/Activities:

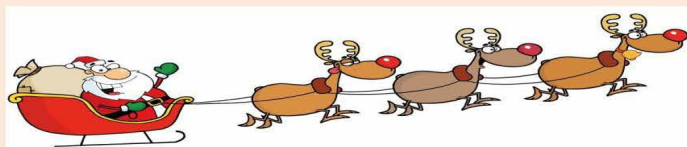
28th November – Residents Meeting

19th December – Christmas Party



CHRISTMAS PARTY

OAKDALES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER
STARTS AT 3.00PM



BUFFET AND DRINKS



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

We would like to invite everyone to attend our annual Christmas party.

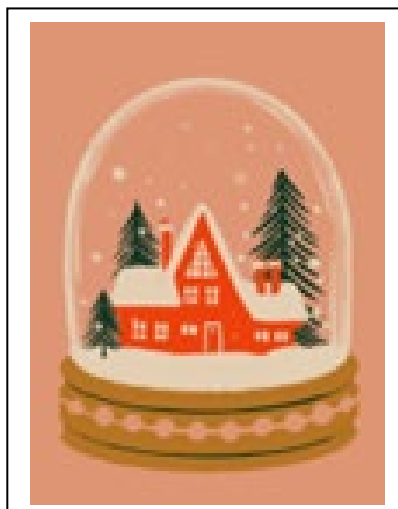
This is the highlight of our festivities and chance for families, friends and staff to come together and have some fun.

As usual our amazing kitchen team will be preparing a sumptuous buffet. All beverages will be provided.

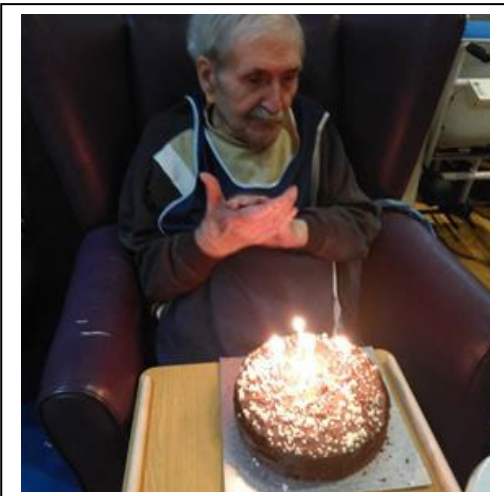
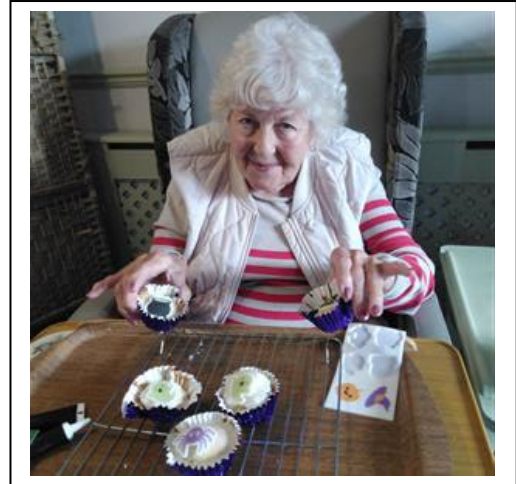
We will have some special visitors, as well as an amazing raffle.

Entertainment will be provided by the fabulous singer Hollie-Blue, returning to perform for us for the second year running.

Any donations for raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated



ACTIVITIES



STAFF NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

To our carer Lovejeet on the birth of her daughter and
to our carer Kranthi on the birth of his Son,
both arrived over the summer and all are doing well.

To our carer Naresh on his recent engagement.

To our carer Julie on becoming a Nanny for the first time.

To Angel who has moved from being tea cook to our
new Activity Co-ordinator who passed her driving test (first time!)



**On 31st October Melanie was named at
The Great British Care Awards as the
Manager of the Year for the East of England
Very well deserved and good luck at the
National Final in February.**



RESIDENTS MEETINGS

Family and Friends are always welcome at our
Resident's meetings.

We receive valuable feedback and input from those that
attend, which help us continue to improve our community.

Please let us know if you would like anything to be discussed
at future meetings we will hold.

Your support and engagement mean so much to us, and we
look forward to many more fruitful meetings in the future.

Next Residents Meeting: 28th November 2025 at 2.30pm



BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

Residents

November:

6th Christine
28th Jean S
28th Maureen

December:

January:

25th Jean W



Staff

November:

December:

12th Gresi
22nd Amandeep
25th Jasmine

January:

2nd Nicola
22nd Abdul
25th Melanie
26th Gary



FEEDBACK

At Oakdale, your feedback is invaluable to us. Whether you are a resident, family member, or friend, we deeply appreciate hearing about your experiences with our services and care. Your insights help us to continuously improve and ensure that we are meeting the needs of everyone in our community. We encourage you to share your thoughts, suggestions, and any concerns you may have. By doing so, you are helping us create an even better environment where our residents feel supported, cherished, and truly at home. Thank you for taking the time to contribute to our growth and reflection.

If you have a spare 5 minutes, we would be incredibly grateful if you could kindly leave a review on your experience with us at Oakdale by scanning the QR code, following the link listed below or posting a review card. You can add a new review every year if it has been longer than that since your last one please add another.



<https://www.carehome.co.uk/review-submit/5483>