

# Rose Lodge Winter Newsletter 2025

## *General Manager Focus*



## Merry Christmas from Rose Lodge

Dear residents, family and friends,

Welcome to the winter edition of the Rose Lodge newsletter. We are delighted to welcome all of our new residents, friends and staff to the home

I hope this finds you well and in festive spirits. As you can see from the newsletter we have had lots of fun things go on and many more that didn't quite make it into the newsletter. We have had everything from present donations, shopping trips, carols, Christmas bingo and visits from many animals!

As the end of the year approaches it often makes us reflect on the year that has passed, the changes made and the things we would like to do for the year ahead. We would very much like to support your dreams and wishes for next year so whether this is going to the speedway, cuddling a donkey or trying a new activity then please do let us know as we would like 2026 a year to make some wishes come true.

I would like to say thank you to our dedicated staff and volunteers, without which we wouldn't have a home and owe so much to and to you dear reader- whether you are resident, family or friend- your support to the home is invaluable and appreciated.

In the season of peace and goodwill I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026.

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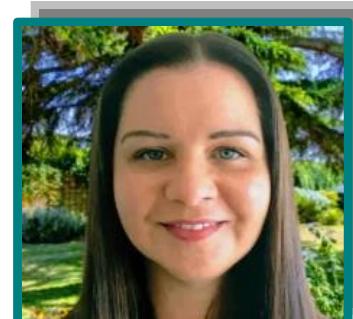
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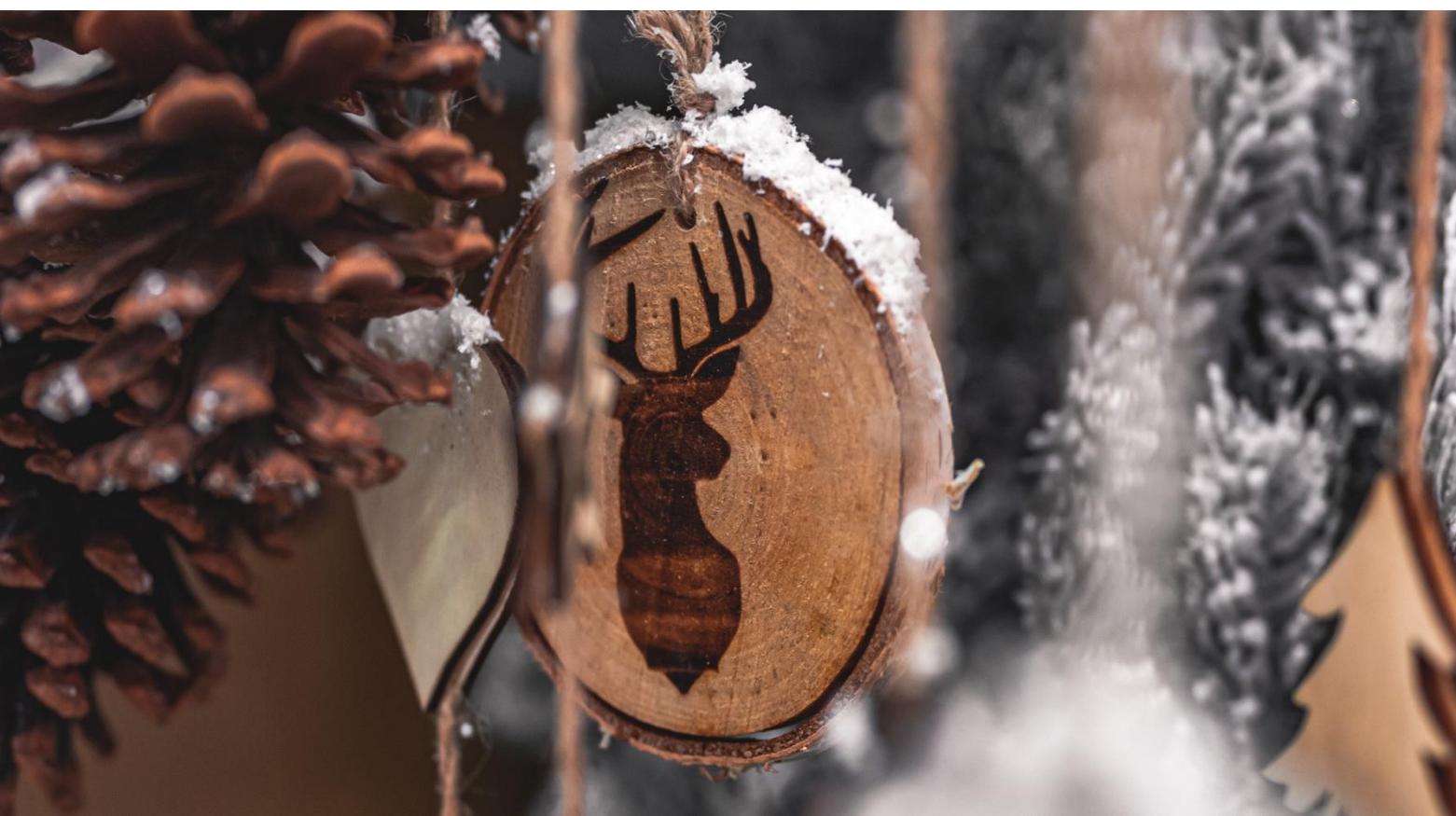
**Health Watch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.**

**World chocolate day**

**Garden bird watch**

**Burns night**





## NEWS IN AND AROUND Rose Lodge



### Baileys and Biscuits afternoon

Residents enjoyed a Christmas Afternoon with a glass of Baileys and an assortment of lovely biscuits. We spent time reminiscing about how we used to spend Christmas and fond memories or cooking, baking and sherry drinking!

### Local bank's kind donation

Residents at received a fabulous surprise yesterday when NatWest bank manager Paula showed up with Christmas gifts for one and all!

At the start of December a Christmas giving tree was set up in the local King Lynn branch where customers and staff could choose a resident to donate a gift to and give back to the community during the festive season, this was a roaring success and so thoughtful. Betty and Vera were delighted to see all the beautifully wrapped presents. Thank you so much Natwest.



# Christmas Shopping



Who doesn't love a day out shopping and soaking up the Christmas atmosphere among all the hustle and bustle at this time of year?

Our residents certainly did when we went on a trip to Springfield's Designer Outlet & Leisure. The residents were so happy looking at all the wonderful Christmas Nativity bits and hearing the Christmas tunes. As well as smelling all the scented candles. After such a busy morning we were very ready for lunch, which we enjoyed in Springfield's Home & Garden Centre and Restaurants. Thank you to the staff there for your lovely service.

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

We are really pleased that Shane is our employee of the month for December at Rose Lodge. Shane was nominated by his colleagues for always being supportive and helpful to his colleagues, even though Shane is in a senior position he will always help other staff. Well done Shane. We appreciate everything you do.



## What we've been up to...



## Mrs Claus Entertainment

Residents were delighted with a visit from Mrs Claus (her husband is too busy apparently!) A wonderfully festive afternoon was enjoyed by our staff and residents as they took to the dance floor and showed off their moves.

A big thank you to our hospitality team who made sure we all enjoyed a warm glass of mulled wine and some lovely mince pies and gingerbread men.



### Alpacas Visit

All our residents said they had a lovely afternoon and the delight on their faces tells its own story! Residents were able to feed the alpacas and they even visited residents in their rooms.

Everyone commented on how soft and gentle they were and there were lots of giggles at some of their expressions!

Big thank you to **Gorefield Alpacas** for making our residents afternoon and also to Laura and James from **Wisbech Funeral Service** for their amazing support too.

# LET'S TALK facebook

Don't forgot to follow us at  
[www.facebook.com/BarchesterRoseLodge](https://www.facebook.com/BarchesterRoseLodge)

Our best story this month  
had 28 likes

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## Elf day



Residents had some extra special helpers at their regular bingo session when Santa's elves took time out of their busy schedule to join in. Happy to report that they were all good elves and not mischievous!

Thanks as always to our usual helpers Sid and Cheryl who dug out their elf costumes too!



## Thank You

From all the team at Rose Lodge we'd like to say a big thank you to you all for all your support and understanding over the last few months. We'd love you to leave us a review if you haven't already at <https://www.carehome.co.uk/review-submit/21095>

## Celebrations in our home

Here at Rose Lodge we love to celebrate special occasions and yesterday we celebrated one of our resident's Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

With her devoted husband by her side, along with family and friends, Sandra celebrated by listening to Cliff Richard, her favourite singer. Sandra and her husband received some lovely gifts and flowers to mark their special occasion and along with their guests enjoyed a buffet and champagne, as well as a beautiful cake.



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