

PENINSULA NEWSLETTER Issue 8 - September 2011

Welcome to our newsletter where we capture some events and achievements within our homes.

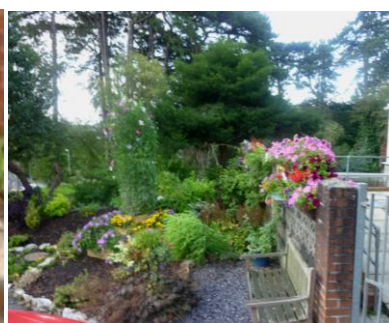
The coolest summer for two decades did not dampen our spirits here at Peninsula. The early warm weather and subsequent rain made for some very attractive gardens and floral displays....



Cornerways



Parkland House



Plymbridge House

Bramble Down Falconry Day: Come join Bramble Down's Falconry and BBQ fun day on Saturday 17 September. There will be opportunities to have your photograph taken with the birds, a cake stall and raffle. Everyone welcome. Ticket price £7.50 adults and £4.00 for children to include a burger and drink.



Plymbridge House will again host a Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 30 September,

everyone is welcome to support this worthwhile cause.

Parkland House are hosting a 'Sweet Memories' Day on 20 September where residents, family, visitors and friends can indulge in tastes of their childhood.



Coppelia House continues to have monthly coffee mornings with the next one scheduled for Friday 30 September. The coffee mornings provide an excellent opportunity for residents families and friends to get together.



Cornerways would like to invite friends and family to a coffee morning on Wednesday 28 September at 10.30am.

The rain threatened to ruin the 300th Royal Ascot 'Ladies Day' but dedicated followers of fashion from **Parkland House** donned their best hats and were treated to a cream tea at **Coppelia House**... a big thank you to Coppelia for making Parkland so welcome. In June Residents took a trip to the annual Crediton Flower Festival where the theme was 'Let there be Light'



Residents of **Plymbridge House** made use of their garden 'whenever possible over the Summer' A particular favourite was an afternoon spent enjoying ice creams whilst reminiscing about 'the seaside' with Liz, Care Assistant. Over the Bank Holiday weekend residents were entertained by cruise ship entertainer, Sadie. Senior Care Assistant, Vicky Ricketts said "*it was a trip through time*" for the residents who thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. With a change of costume during the performance Sadie sang songs by Vera Lynn and Elvis Presley.

Brambledown played host to 'Monty' the donkey in June. The use of animals as a form of therapy is widely recognised for the invaluable benefits it can bring. All our homes enjoy the visiting donkeys, with Cornerways even adopting 'Wayne' the donkey.



Earlier this Summer, residents, family and friends helped Beth Foskett, resident at **Cornerways** celebrate her 105th Birthday. The possible secret to her long life....a daily sherry!



Peninsula Care Homes can now be found on Facebook. The link can be found on our website www.peninsulacarehomes.co.uk. We will be posting forthcoming events on facebook and our website soon.

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It was 86th Carnival in the town of Moretonhampstead. Once again benches were reserved outside **Coppelia** so that residents could enjoy front row seats and watch the procession. Some residents wore 'hats'. Bands, floats and even a T'rex wowed the crowd... maybe he's heard about the lovely cakes at Coppelia?

Ongoing upgrade of homes a small dining room was converted into a temporary kitchen at Parkland House whilst the old kitchen was refurbished at a cost of over £7,500. The number of people in the home doubled as builders, electricians, plumbers, decorators and engineers began work on the refurbishment. The kitchen now has easy to clean plastic coated walls, stainless steel units throughout and renewed pipe work and electrics. We would like to thank everyone at Parkland House for their patience whilst the work was being completed.

Bramble Down fundraising update. We would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to this fund. Peninsula Care Homes have matched Bramble Down's fundraising efforts and the new Syringe Driver has been purchased and will be delivered shortly.

£1500

£720



The Homes are busy planning our festive celebrations. In our next newsletter we will inform you of some key dates for your diary.


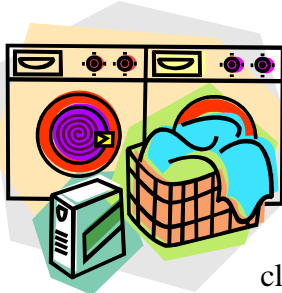
Staff Achievements at Peninsula continue and our congratulations go to Christine Laversack & Jacob Viju of Coppelia House who have recently completed their NVQ 3 in Care. Pam Veal from Cornerways, Cliff Fox, Sophie Jenkins, Elka Gres, and Joanna Sztukowska from Bramble Down have now completed NVQ 2 in Care.

Ann Boardman has recently passed her interview with our industry regulator CQC. Ann is now recognized as the CQC Registered Manager of Parkland House.

Staff Training at Peninsula continues with Cornerways who have recently completed training in Parkinson's Disease and Nutrition. The registered nurses at Bramble Down have been on a refresher course in 'wound management'.

Staff at Parkland House (pictured) attended a workshop on 'Ageing, Vision, Dementia and Common Eye Problems in Care Homes' and the kitchen staff attended a Refresher Food Safety Course.



 <p>Congratulations to Sarah, Senior Care Assistant at Plymbridge House who recently married Richard in St Ives, Cornwall.</p>	 <p>'A plea from the laundry' As the winter woolies appear back in our wardrobes please ensure that all clothing is clearly labeled. Many thanks...</p>
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In our last newsletter we were delighted to report that **Cornerways** had successfully met the requirements of CQUIN (Commission for Quality and Innovation) a scheme launched by Torbay Care Trust. We have recently received additional recognition as having provided the best evidence of staff training throughout the Bay.

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