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PENINSULA NEWSLETTER Issue 6 – December 2009

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



MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

HAPPY NEW YEAR



We would like to wish all our residents, staff, friends and families a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful 2010.

Every home is decorated with a record number of Christmas trees and the Christmas programme of events is already in full swing. There are many entertainers, visiting donkeys, church bell ringers, primary schools and choirs booked to visit our homes. There are also wonderful gatherings planned with our chefs providing tempting party food including buffets, chocolate fountains and of course sherry and mince pies. We look forward to seeing you at one of the many Christmas parties.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for their hard work: for the friendly help, the nutritious meals, the clean well-maintained homes, and the care they provide. Each member of staff plays an essential role and it is their commitment that helps us deliver our vision of being 'first for quality care.' Congratulations to all our staff who have completed NVQ's this year as well as completing a host of training including fire safety, dementia awareness, medication training to name a few.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas,

Best wishes,

David, Isobel & Louise Arnold



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Website re-launch due in 2010

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We first designed our current website in 2005 and recently decided it was time for an update. We have been working with a local company to complete a redesign. The new site should be live in early 2010 and we hope you like the improvements.

Shoe Box Appeal is a huge success

The campaign to send shoe boxes to our brave soldiers overseas has been a huge success. The shoe boxes were filled with toiletries, sweets and other snacks. Staff, residents and their families from Bramble Down, Coppelia and Cornerways have filled 43 shoeboxes, which will arrive with the troops in time for Christmas and bring some festive cheer.

Donkey visits



Parkland House raised money for the Donkey Sanctuary during their summer fete. Ten residents enjoyed a visit to the sanctuary in October to present the cheque from the fete.

Donkeys from the local sanctuaries have been busy visiting our homes.

Plymbridge residents welcomed back Wayne.

Parklands had a new donkey visit, called Mary as their previous donkey, Rosie has retired. Resident Joan Willott said that the donkey visit 'made my Christmas.'

Bramble Down's visiting donkey was Wayne who was dressed appropriately for the festive period....



Thank you

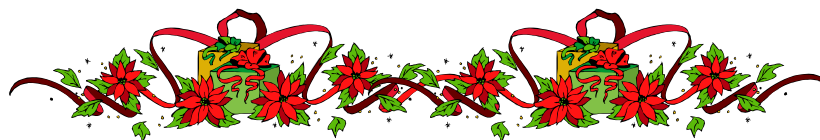
Thank you for all the volunteers that have helped our homes throughout 2009. We have had lots of helpers in Bramble Down with the garden. Plymbridge residents have enjoyed the company of Karen and Shellie who have helped with reading and letter writing.

Visit to Barnfield Theatre

Twelve residents from Parkland House enjoyed a visit to barnfield theatre to see a tribute to the musicals. Resident Elizabeth Nicholas-Hubbard said 'it was as good as the west end.'

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A selection of events from the Christmas calendar for each home

Bramble Down

Thursday 10 th	Denbury Primary School Carols
Wednesday 16 th	Singing and keyboard with Neil
Saturday 19 th	Residents Christmas Party with Father Christmas and entertainer Stuart McCauley
Tuesday 22 nd	Staff Carols

Coppelia House

Friday 11 th	Christmas coffee morning with raffle
Monday 14 th	Morehampstead Primary School Carols
Tuesday 15 th	Residents Christmas Party following a morning singing Christmas songs with Gavin
Thursday 17 th	Christmas musical entertainment with Neil Cubs & Beavers carol singing in the evening

Cornerways

Thursday 10 th	Torbay Operatic Society
Monday 14 th	Mike Martin the entertainer
Tuesday 15 th	Jam Sisters, our favourite belly dancers
Friday 18 th	Residents Christmas Party with Orpheus Male Voice Choir

Parkland House

Tuesday 15 th	Carol Service with sherry and mince pies
Friday 18 th	Resident Christmas Party with Mike Martin entertaining
Monday 21 st	Roland entertains
Thursday 24 th	Old Christmas Favourites from Mr Howard

Plymbridge House

Monday 14 th	Musical entertainment from Mike Dawe
Monday 21 st	Residents Christmas Party including carol service
Wednesday 23 rd	Pre Christmas yoga relaxation session



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Happy Birthday

There have been a number of birthday celebrations throughout the homes and many more to come. These have included Giesella

Hood's 80th birthday, Anna Whittake and Mabel Butcher's 90th birthday from Plymbridge House. Cornerways have five birthday parties to attend in December, Gwen Singleton, Lawrence Franks, Kenneth Slater, Earnet Antram and Dena Bryant, who will celebrate her 100th birthday.



100th Birthday Celebrations

Resident Frances Blatchford celebrated her 100th birthday at Parkland House. She enjoyed an afternoon of musical entertainment, drinks and a buffet tea with friends and family and the party concluded with a fireworks display. Frances believes her longevity is down to hard work.



Staff News:

Congratulations to staff who have recently completed training including:

Michelle Cantor from Bramble Down for obtaining her level 4 NVQ in care. Milan Harmata from Parkland House has completed his NVQ2 in care. Leonor and Marlyn from Plymbridge House who have both gained their NVQ 3 in care.

Congratulations to Manager Michelle Butt who recently passed her interview from our regulator, The Care Quality Commission. This means that Michelle is officially recognised as the appointed manager at Coppelia House.

Congratulations to Adam Fisher who has become team leader at Coppelia House. Jacob Viju also from Coppelia House has been promoted to senior carer. We wish Jasmine good luck at Parklands after moving to Exeter from Coppelia.

News from head office:

Louise Arnold is looking forward to catching up with staff and residents having missed visiting the homes whilst she has completed an intense 'Business Growth & Development Programme' at Cranfield Management School.

The programme concludes this weekend with Louise presenting to a panel our Business Plan for Peninsula for the next five years.



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Happy New Year

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