

# Elizabeth Court Newsletter

Summer 2010



**July**

was a real scorcher of a month and at times we had to implement our heatwave plan as the days got hotter and hotter. Iced drinks, lollies and ice creams were enjoyed by everyone!

I think Sue has enjoyed (?) the heat more than anyone in the kitchen!

We managed to take some of the residents down to the seafront on a number of occasions for an hour to enjoy ice creams and drinks at Stella's café on the promenade; and everyone who chose to go had a good time.



It is good to have Jodie back after her maternity leave and we had to say goodbye to Lucy who has left on maternity leave, her baby Finley was born safe and well in August .

We are very grateful to them both



for timing their pregnancies so well!

## Aims productions entertained

us in July for an afternoon with a production of songs from the end of the pier which was very well received and they will be back next week for another hour of songs and fancy dresses

## strawberry tea

The biggest event of July was our held to raise money for breast cancer research. Mandy organised this as part of her NVQ 3 project and we had Charlie Case to entertain us.



Reece made lots of strawberry cakes and Sue and I made strawberry, raspberry and blackcurrant jam. We served cream teas with our home made scones and jam and some clotted cream, strawberries and cream and eton mess. The weather in the morning was raining so we set the food and raffle stalls up in the dining room but the sun shone in the afternoon so we were able to have the entertainment outside in the garden and it was a really enjoyable afternoon. We raised £215 for Breast cancer research.

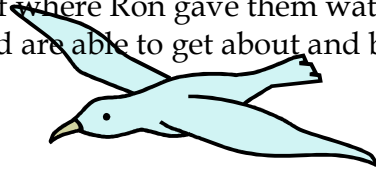


Vision call visited twice and tested most peoples eyes , and new glasses were issued to anyone who required them. All the old glasses are donated to third world countries.



The front and side of the house are finally finished with the exception of the frond door and the scaffolding has now moved around the back.

We spent a week looking after two baby gulls that had been born on the top roof, they were fully grown but unable to fly and kept landing on the patio. Numerous times they were rescued safely from the dogs and cats and helped back onto the flat roof where Ron gave them water and sardines. Eventually they found their wings and are able to get about and back up to the top roof with their parents.



We also had problems with the fish who inexplicably had the pump in the pond turned off and with the heat became starved of oxygen, luckily this was noticed quickly and we only lost about a dozen but poor June and Nigel came in on their week off to do an emergency evacuation of the pond and a total cleanout which took them about 6 hours. Thanks to both of them the pond is looking better and the fish are fighting fit now.



The small lounge has had a ~~makeover~~ and with new chairs, a sideboard and a new flat screen TV DVD it is a really cosy little lounge for anyone who does not want to watch the TV in the large lounge. In the large lounge we have a new leather three piece suite and a 42inch flat screen Tv, which is wall mounted so it can be seen by everyone in the lounge regardless of where they are sitting. This will be especially good for our film afternoons which are popular in the winter months. We have also changed the lighting in the lounges and the dining room, the lounges have pretty chrome and glass chandeliers and the dining room has gold coloured chandeliers. Whilst this has made the lounges brighter than before the dining room seems a bit duller as the fluorescent tube has gone.

We would welcome your feedback on what you think of all the changes.

We have installed two brand new fire escapes which Paul is busy painting. They should last a very long time and we hope they are never used!

Carol