



NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome some new members of staff who have joined us over the last few months; Chantelle and Benita as Carers and Helen in the Kitchen as a Chef.

Before joining us, Helen had arranged to go travelling for 6 weeks. She is in America at the moment, working in an animal sanctuary. We can look forward to hearing about her travels when she returns soon.

STAFF LEAVERS

We sadly said goodbye to three permanent members of staff recently, Sue Wood, Heather & Dorota. Sue was an Activities Co-ordinator for several years; Heather worked as a Kitchen Assistant and Dorota as a Registered Nurse. We are sorry to see them go and wish them all the best for the future!

TRAINING

Matron has successfully completed her Registered Managers Award while Desiree completed a Mentorship Course which will enable her to assess students on placement with us. Congratulations to both of them. The majority of staff have completed their annual Moving and Handling updates and attended Fire Lectures.

ACTIVITIES

Shirley has been busy organising activities for the coming months and there is plenty to look forward to, including concerts, Easter celebrations, the Royal wedding and even a vintage car event in the Summer. We can look forward to a mini dog show, a harpist, an accordionist and the Healing Music Trust.

Precise dates and times will be posted in the weekly Activities Sheets.

December saw some exciting activities including visits from the Amherst School Choir and Belles and Broomsticks. A Cocktail Party and Carol Service were also well received.

In January residents were entertained with music by the Healing Music Trust and a Karaoke; a good time was had by all.

St David's Day wouldn't be right without **Welsh Boys Aloud** who returned to entertain us all. Traditional Welsh Cakes were provided by Matron's sister.



We continue to enjoy fortnightly visits from Edgar playing the organ.

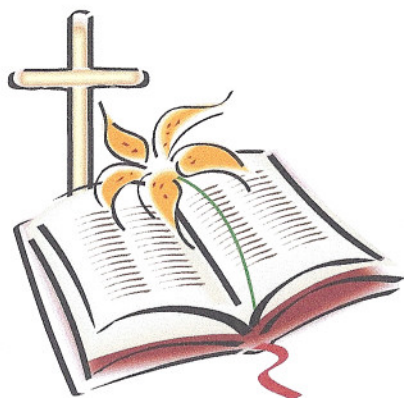
Aquafit continues to be held in the pool on a Saturday morning from 10.30 to 11.30 am. It is good to see so many people enjoying the facility, even in the winter.

Dominique and Pam have successfully completed a Life Saving Course, which enables them to assist any resident who would like to swim in the pool.



EASTER SERVICES

Our Personal Chaplain, Reverend Jan Le Billon offers communion on Wednesday afternoons and will be celebrating a special service on Good Friday.



ROYAL WEDDING



**Friday 29 April
2011**

We will be celebrating the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton by enjoying the same lunch menu that will be served at London's Mayfair Hotel. Posh hats will be the order of the day!



GARDENS

Dave's work through the winter will help us to enjoy the colourful arrays of flowers and plants this spring. Watch out for the 600 tulips that he planted. They will be popping up everywhere soon. He and Mark have created a new patio area, which will also include a picnic bench. With summer approaching we hope you will enjoy this facility.

BIRTHDAY MENUS

Remember that if it's your birthday, you can make the day special by choosing your favourite dish to be included in the day's lunch menu.