



## THE CLIFF HOTEL AT BUDE NEWSLETTER 2011

Had the last bit of double glazing put in with a new front door and last bit of flat roofing re-done. Bought a load of new beds and redecorated room 12. Had a new carpet put through the bar and into reception and a new front put on the bar with a hatch at the side. Repainted reception and the bar.

Well as suspected due to the cold winter not the best for the rabbits we lost Ginger, Razzle and Peter all within three weeks of each other in January/February, which meant I was at my lowest for a long time down to only 5. This was soon rectified in May when we rescued four from a rescue center as they had over 50, so Blake, Sydney and brother and sister Myles and Millie came to live with us. Then in August one of the local schools rang to ask me to take two 5month old rabbits on which we have named Bramble and Blackberry and they joined us too. Unfortunately very suddenly in October Samson my large black rabbit died having breathing problems one morning, the vet came but by the afternoon he was gone so total at the moment is 10. Topsy my old boy is still plodding on despite being completely blind now but he feels his way round his area with his whiskers. Crystal dog is slowing down a little now which isn't helping her weight and getting a few grey hairs round the mouth but is still up to chase the local cats. Janus is still the same as ever.

We got away for two weeks in February and took the children to Cuba the best bit for the children was the swimming with the dolphins where John and I managed to stand up on the dolphins noses it was a really exhilarating experience. We had a fantastic time but would not recommend hiring a car unless you speak Spanish.

We had a young deer on our land one morning that wanted to get over the fence, I opened the gate for it but it went legging it down to the tennis courts and eventually jumped over the fence between the rabbits and tennis courts, it was such a graceful creature. Also a family of hedgehogs has moved into a rabbit warren by the archery boards as one of our schools found out while doing archery when a youngster came out to see what was happening and was chased back down by an adult. Another family of hedgehogs has moved in opposite the tennis courts.

Again the best of the weather was early on in March, April and June and then again in September it seems to be becoming a bit of a pattern.

The Jazz Festival has been cancelled for next year, there was such an outcry from a lot of areas that The Bude Jazz Club is going to offer a Bude Jazz Festival 2012 from the Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August for 4 days with regular bands playing, concentrating on Traditional Jazz and New Orleans Jazz rather than the more progressive Jazz. If you wish to have more information Telephone: 01288 359303 or e-mail [jazzman@clasgraph.+com](mailto:jazzman@clasgraph.+com) or visit the Bude Tourist information website where they have a link [www.visitbude.info/](http://www.visitbude.info/) or [www.budejazz.co.uk](http://www.budejazz.co.uk) which is the Bude Jazz club site and click festival news.

At the end of October we were inspected by the AA so that we can go back to Hotel status so we are now a 2 star Hotel once again rather than guest accommodation. So we are The Cliff Hotel at Bude.

Again we would like to thank you all for your continued support this year and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2012.

*John and Rosalind*