



KAREN'S KORNER

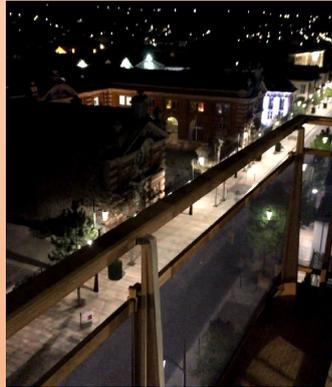
Spring seems to be here at last, or is this our summer? The forecast says its BBQ weather this weekend—we will see!

A couple of photos from mine and Steven's travels in



France—we mixed with the glitterati on the cote d'azur. Not cheap there, but not as expensive as we'd been led to believe.

We drove up to the champagne



region of France, Emperney to be exact, and stayed on the Avenue de Champagne (see right) Moët & Chandon House was virtually opposite our apartment. There was a very interesting tour of the cellars and the 'piece de resistance' was a

tasting of their latest Vintage 2008.

Those bubbles DO go straight to your head!



Left: One of the best known restaurants to spot the rich & famous

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BIRTHDAYS

Trevor's wife recently celebrated a special birthday. Many congratulations, Veronica !

Lots of birthdays coming up this month—Ricky, Wayne, Adam, Mark & Mae on the team; Alfie, Jean & May in the care home and Joan in the community.

We hope you all have lovely birthdays and photos will follow next month.



EASTER PHOTOS CONT.....

Oops! There were some Easter pics on a different camera that were missed for last month's newsletter, so here they are:-



Alice, June & Kevin get busy decorating some eggs



We embraced the new fashion of having Easter crackers



Consumer Alerts

Lancashire County Council has issued warnings of different scams that have been reported in the county.

1. Beware of claims of "working on behalf of the Council". Some residents are being cold-called and offered cavity wall insulation with an explanation that the resident should have received a letter from the Council. No such letters exist.
2. In one area of the county roofers have offered to repair a loose ridge tile but the work extended to replacing alleged rotten felting and battens, work which was overpriced & shoddy. L.C.C.'s advice is not to agree to cold callers carrying out property repairs. The Safetrader scheme can help you find a local trader, telephone number **0303 333 1111** or visit the website on www.safetrader.org.uk.
3. Beware a telesales call claiming to be from one of the well-known UK telecommunications service providers stating they can provide a Telephone Preference Service. They claim that only a one off payment is needed, but householders find a direct debt has been set up without their knowledge. It is free to sign up to the Telephone Preference Service by contacting **0345 070 0707**.

Trading Standards Service can be contacted via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **03454 04 05 06**.

A VISIT FROM TEACUP!

Louise brought her Nan's little dog, Teacup, into Kepplegate to say hello to some of our residents.



June & Derek were smitten!

LOUNGE RE-DECORATION

Thank you for your patience when the lounge was being painted and papered; hope you agree it looks very nice and fresh.



There's just the floor to be levelled and the new carpeting to go down, then the curtains can go back up and "job's a good'un" as they say!

Let's talk about dementia

It's Dementia Action Week from 21st-27th May. Lancashire Adult

Learning is running "Understanding Dementia" sessions in support of this in libraries throughout the county. Our local ones are:-

Knott End Library	21st May	09.30
Poulton Library	21st May	14.00
Thornton Library	14th May	09.30



KEPPLEGATE RAFFLE UPDATE:

We've received some very kind offers of donations for raffle prizes, but would be grateful for any more, or contributions towards the luxury hamper which is going to be our online prize.

Our friendly raffle ticket printer isn't known for his accurate estimate of delivery dates, but the latest is that they should be here any day!

Some photos of fun afternoons at Kepplegate with our entertainers:



Bowel Cancer Awareness Month

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the *Bowel Cancer Awareness* box and those who took the trouble to make cakes.

We were able to send a cheque to the charity for ***£40******



Dates for Your Diary

Please note that the date of the Relatives Rendezvous has been changed from 24th to 23rd May.

4th May: Dave, Male Vocalist

15th May: Rachel, Female Vocalist

23rd May: Relatives Rendezvous 5.30—6.30 p.m. including Hotpot Supper. Please let us know if you'll be with us, for catering purposes.

6th June: Agnes's Birthday & Jane Frasier entertains

17th June: Father's Day & Bob Croft will be here