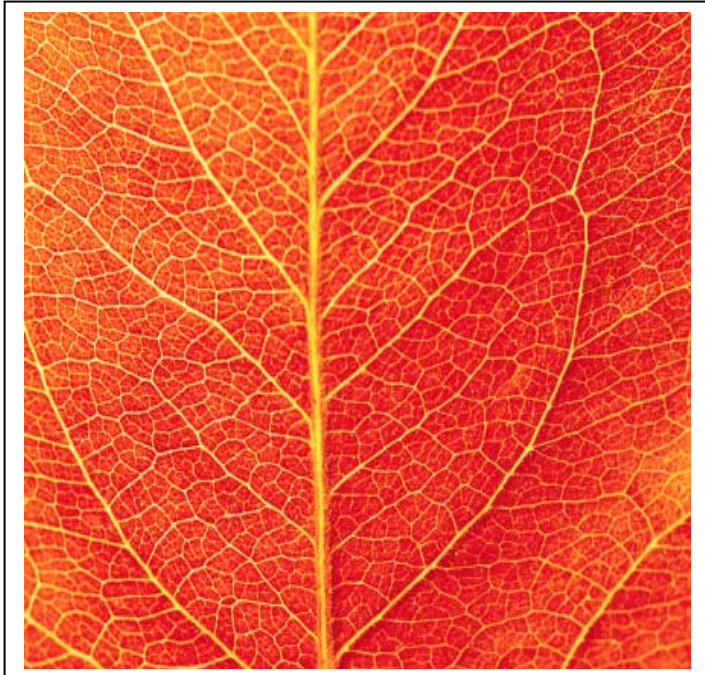




**Coombe House**

**Rose Orchard**



**Autumn  
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## Staff changes

In the last newsletter we told you that Emma and Ruth had taken on Managing both Rose Orchard and Coombe House as an interim measure, subject to the approval of the CQC. Emma has now completed the screening and interview procedures and has been confirmed in post by the CQC. As agreed, additional qualified staff will be recruited. Please contact Emma or Ruth if you would like to discuss the changes.

A warm welcome to Juliet who has started at Rose orchard.

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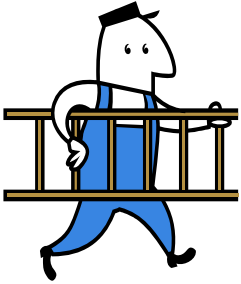
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## **Maintenance to Coombe House**

New doors & windows were fitted in the annexe, making access to the sensory garden easier from the annexe.

A new bath will be fitted in the downstairs bathroom , the same kind as has been fitted upstairs .

## **Staff training in July, August and September.**

The arrangements for funding staff training have changed, with Worcestershire County Council now providing training. The change in arrangements meant that training was delayed until the new training providers had been arranged.

Training in epilepsy rescue medication is provided through a different route, so this continued over the summer.

In September, the training program restarts with :

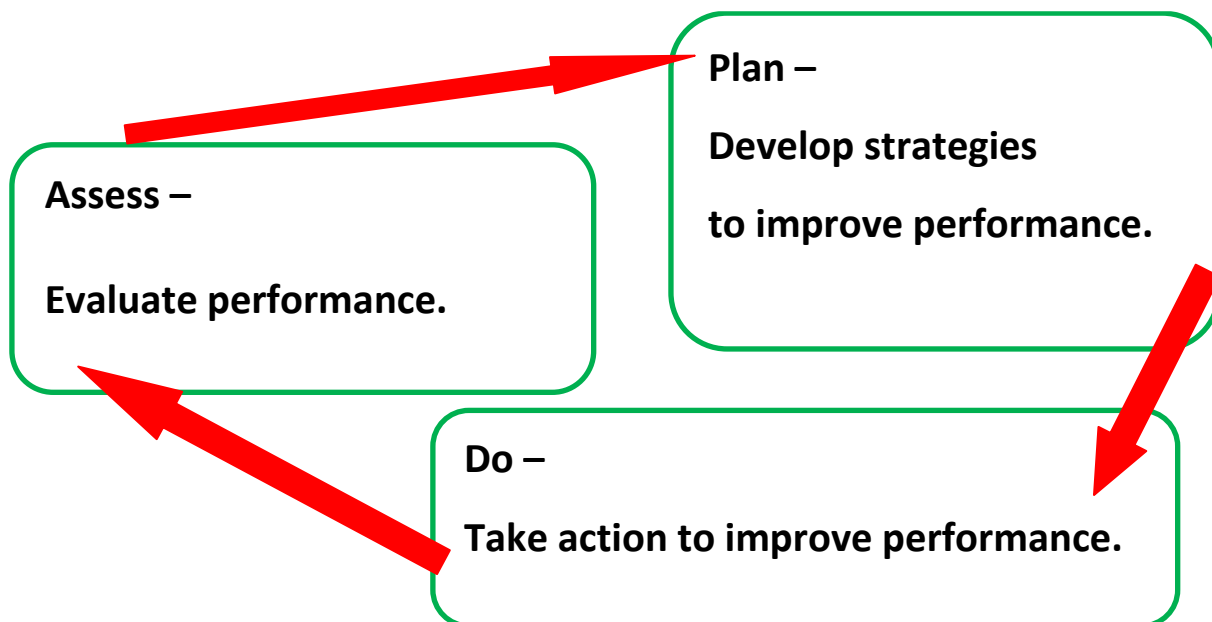
- Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults (SOVA)
- Fire Safety
- Moving & Handling



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

In a previous newsletter we reported that Coombe House had won a Praxis award for the implementation of the Investors In People (IIP) standards. Since then, Praxis has been awarded ISO 9001 - an indicator of a well managed organization.

IIP was founded in 1991 by the then government, to help companies develop their management. The principles recommended by IIP have been adopted in many other counties as foundations for effective management. IIP's main strategy is illustrated below: this cycle is often called the management process or audit cycle.



PS .....

Emma's been nominated for the 'Great West Midlands Care Manager of The Year'

## Activities at Rose Orchard and Coombe House

It was a busy summer, with days out at Twycross Zoo, Cadbury World and all the usual local favourites. Walks along the river at Stourport, a pub lunch in Kidderminster or fish and chips in Bewdley are always popular.

A trip along the canal at Welshpool in a narrowboat is planned which is always an enjoyable day.



Paula attended a family wedding in September and judging from the photographs, really enjoyed her day.

At Rose Orchard, we were very pleased to receive a grant of £250.00 from the Monday Night Club and have decided to purchase a new music centre for the lounge. We have a selection of CD's but all contributions would be welcome.

With summer over, gardening is becoming less enjoyable, but other activities such as Art & Craft and Sports sessions have resumed, and a new music group has started with Jill at Rose Orchard, & although and most people enjoy joining in with the singing I don't think we're ready for this years X Factor  
Other activities such as massage/reflexology are available all year.



Alan is always pleased to see the start of the football season and has been getting out to the Harriers whenever possible.



## Kidderminster characters - Alf Tabb



Alf moved to Kidderminster in 1921 where he set up a cycle workshop in the Horsefair. He built a miniature cycle to hang outside his shop as an advertising gimmick, but found that it was actually rideable. This success encouraged Alf to build other cycles, including a miniature penny-farthing and an 18" tandem.

Alf performed at the Kidderminster cinema between films; and he, his daughter and grand-daughter performed cycling tricks to television audiences in both the US and the UK. He set a challenge - ride a 12" cycle for further than 5 yards - which stood unbroken for over 40 years.

The last ever public performance was made on the 12" cycle in 1974 at the Mayor's Ball in Kidderminster, when Alf was 91 years old.

Alf died in 1976 at the age of 93. Nothing had come of a suggestion that a statue to honour Alf's memory should be erected in the Horsefair, but a road - Alf Tabb's Gardens - has been named after him.

A video clip of Alf (on his cycle) being interviewed by Chris Tarrant can be seen at [www.AlfTabb.com](http://www.AlfTabb.com)