

Humfress' News 2015

Dear Friends



Can't believe it is Christmas again. This year has gone even faster, maybe because I turned 60 in October. I am trying to do sixty special things in my sixty-first year; as parties sometimes make it impossible to have long chats with everyone. This way we can talk for longer and it will probably finish when Dave turns 60 next year!

Last week I celebrated (if that is the right word), two years since I broke my leg. It's still not perfect and I have one more trip to the specialist. I have been naughty in that I don't go to the gym so much. Dave still goes swimming every week and it seems to have done his back a lot of good.

The highlights of the year were my nephew Mark's wedding in Sweden and the arrival of 2 great-nephews. The wedding was held right in the north of Sweden and it was very personal and intimate though a bit chaotic before the day.

The first great nephew was born in May to Jonathan and Hannah.

Sebby (Sebastian) is so gorgeous though he does lead his parents a merry dance with not sleeping though apparently babies do change the lives of their parents. What a surprise!



The second one, Emil, was born in September in New Zealand and we have yet to meet.

Dave's daughter Lisa got engaged to Lloyd who she's been living with for a couple of years so there is another marriage looming. They have not set the date but next November seems most likely at the moment. Dave's Mum (86) finally left Billericay and moved to a flat near his brother in Sutton. She'd hated the house in Billericay since she moved there in 1969 (!) and is very happy in the new place.

We met all our bridge chums in Maastricht which was great fun. Stopped off to see friends in Belgium and passed very close to Waterloo, shopping in Calais and then home. We had a good time and we indulged ourselves with proper chips and saté sauce. In 2016 we will have the reunion in the UK and we are looking for good venues in Kent.

This Christmas we are taking to the waves by having a cruise starting on Saturday 19th December. We will be doing Scandinavia then Amsterdam and Belgium. For the Belgium part we are going to Ypres as Dave has not done that trip. Christmas is the best time to go away regarding Dave's work. If it goes according to the last 7 years the phone does not ring much at this time of the year.

As some of you know, Pewsey has a Carnival every year and the WI took part in two events. The WI arranges a Pewsey Bake off and Dave entered a cake. As it was the first time he had ever made one his 4th placing was very good.



The WI also entered a float into the procession and we won our class of new entrants. It was such fun though a lot of work. Dave is the events director so he was involved in most everything!

We have been to Bletchley Park a couple of times, first time to celebrate Bro-in-laws birthday and also to celebrate Dave's birthday. Dave I think was the only one of us who completely understands it all (well of course he did). All I can say is that I am glad that someone did.

I got stopped by the police for speeding and also having a very dodgy wheel. The policeman said I had to go on a speed awareness course which I duly did. I stayed with a friend the night before and we had a chat about old times and old friends. The next day when I arrived for the course I heard my name and as I turned an old friend from Uni days (the ex-husband of the friend I had stayed with the previous night) was standing there. I did of course ask the stupid question of what are you doing here to which he replied the same as you. I bought a lottery ticket that week as it was such an amazing coincidence but my luck had run out for that week.

Dave is doing well, work wise and I am trying to help as much as I can. Pewsey still suits us well and next year Dave will be taking charge of the U3A wine group. He stuck his hand up very quickly for that one. We are both falling to bits nicely but steadily, growing old is not all it should be.

We would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a good 2016 and hope that all goes according to plan for you in your worlds.

Love

Liz & Dave