## Humfress news 2018

Gosh, where does the time go. I can't believe it is that time again to write our news of 2018. As I am writing we have had an accident free year (I'm touching wood as I write this). Dave's snapped tendon has healed, so that is good news. My legs are still different lengths but the cobbler in Salisbury has been very helpful so more of my shoes have been done.

After Dave's boot was removed, he was talking to his mum on the phone and as they were talking, she fell off the sofa and broke her leg. After staying in hospital for a couple of months she was allowed to return home but suffered more problems with her extremely brittle bones. The sad news was that she died in July (aged 89) having never properly recovered.

On the bright side, Dave has become a Grandad twice over. One little girl to each of his children. Lisa (and husband Lloyd) had Willow in January and then Ben's partner Mel had Ada on 3<sup>rd</sup>. November. Dave's been to see Willow a few times and saw little Ada a couple of weeks ago. Unsurprisingly, he's over the moon.





So, what have we been up to? Bridge still plays a big part of life. We stayed in the New Forest this year for our mini tournament in May which was lovely. With the fabulous weather this summer, we went to the seaside on my birthday in October. Dave even contemplated swimming in the sea (but at the last minute he decided against it). We went to Wales in September but the weather was not quite so good.



Carnival got hit big time with the rain but the floats were amazing. Visiting friends and family is still very important and we have been lucky to see quite a few. If not this year then there is always next.

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The picture is us on our wedding anniversary when we stayed at a Spa hotel near Guildford.

I went on an Annie Sloan painting course and have since painted the kitchen. I want to do more but will have to wait until Dave has finished his stuff. We have had the house painted upstairs, which of course means moving all our stuff about

endlessly. As I write, Dave is re-jigging our utility room so as to accommodate my winter coats downstairs. He is doing a fabulous job.

My sister Terry has gone to New Zealand for 3 months staying with her son and family with another granddaughter in her life too in Mark and Vik's brand spanking new house that has just been built in the middle of a field.

It has been a good year for PC Dr Dave. Most people around here know or have heard about Doctor Dave which is good news. He is doing a varied scope of work. I am still selling his skills wherever I go. I joined a women's networking group called Ladies who Latte a few years ago and that has been such fun and quite inspiring.

I like trying out other people's skills as well. One woman is a travel agent and so we are off to the sun this Christmas to Fuerteventura (Canaries) as this is a good time for Dave to take time off work. Not long to wait now! I've had my colours done by another of the group so as soon as I can afford it, I'll need a whole new wardrobe ...

I am still doing exercises and last week went to yoga for the first time in a couple of years.



We want to wish you fabulous festivities over the Christmas season and hope all is well in your world.

Love

Lizzie & Dave Humfress