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It is that time again to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and to let you know that we think of you all lots and wish we could meet up more than we have done. And what a year it's been. Amazing holidays in Sri Lanka and Madeira and friends visiting from down under. We really feel blessed.

Sri Lanka was epic, we saw so many amazing animals from very bumpy safaris and ate some very hot and spicy food but a once in a lifetime experience. We arranged it through 'Travel Counsellors' and for the stay on Wilpattu National Park we even stayed in a (glamping) tent. The night time noises were amazing!









We went in March and from the moment we returned we hardly had any rain here for the entire summer. However, we were invited to a couple of summer events and believe it or not. we got rained on good and proper, it just goes to show that no one can plan the sunshine.



In October we went to Madeira and had a lovely time in the sun. Picture right on the cable car.

In December we went to see friends in Amsterdam. Shopping, eating Indonesian food and catching up with old friends was a fantastic way to start the festive month.

The lawn turned brown, some of the veggies didn't really do much but the flowers bloomed. We celebrated sister Terry's 75th birthday in May, and the party was lots of fun. I have been on Pewsey Parish Council for the last 4 years and organised a lovely VE80 day party but afterwards I had a

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bit of a hissy fit with the council so left rather abruptly. Dave has since volunteered for the Bouverie Hall (our village hall) committee as chairman, so we are still busy with the village.

I turned 70 in October and Dave will join me next year so we are planning to do something exciting on Sunday April 12th, **please save the date**.

Big news is we sold my little sports car 'Maxie'; we have so much space in the garage it has led to more clutter clearance. Marvellous!



Bad news is that the Pewsey Male voice choir has disbanded though they still meet up informally once a month and they have a little sing song at the local pub. The picture shows one of the last few concerts (for Burns night in January).

Dave is still working, not exactly full time but enough to keep him from under my feet. I think he will do less next year but who knows. He has had a lump removed from his right hand and he has been very brave (for a man)!

Dave's grandchildren are growing up with Willow & Ada both reaching 7 this year. Both Willow & Alex are enrolled in stage school which seems to suit them very well. Ada (Ben's daughter) is in the middle.



One thing I would like to ask you is can you send us your mobile number (humfress@gmail.com), so we can talk and even see each other on WhatsApp. I have just been looking through my address book and I have some blanks, so if you can send your address details as well (if this is not posted to right place), I can make sure I am all up to date.

Wishing you all a fantastic Christmas and a peaceful but fun-filled 2026.