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Dear All,

It's that time of year again!

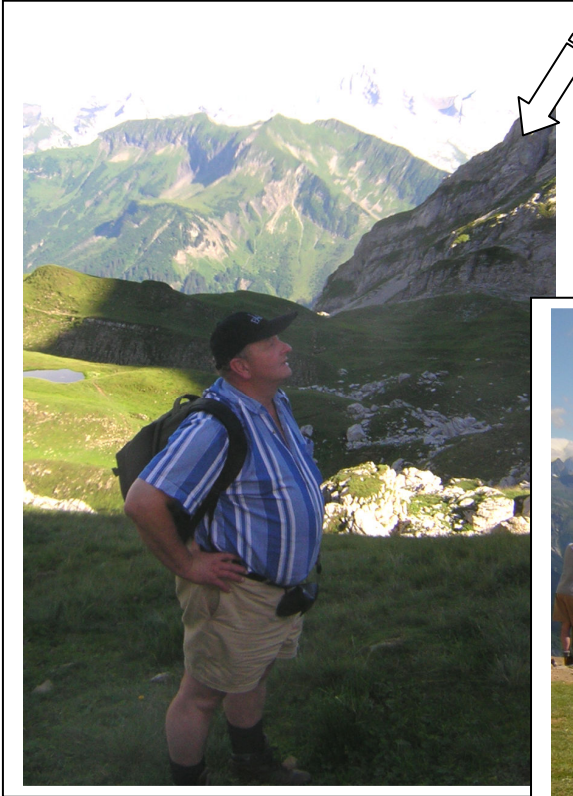
Eve, Tim and Jon are still enjoying their jobs, and Mike and I continue to work at the same tiring pace. In the spring we took a long weekend break and visited the Eden Project in Cornwall. For those of you haven't been - we certainly recommend a visit ...



Jon and Kerry have now bought a house of their own and are enjoying getting settled in. Their new house is in Bicester, conveniently situated between the school where Kerry is a teacher, and Jon's place of work with the Oxford University Press.

In the summer, before setting off for our annual visit to our house in France, Mike and I joined Mike's brother Paul and his wife Stella on a weekend trip to the English Lakes... perfect bliss, and reminiscent of the times Mike and I had there in our younger days.





Mike at Lac Peyre, Col de la Colombiere, and Janice with our friends Jean-Louis and Anne-Marie, with Mont Blanc behind.

Jean-Louis suggests that Mike should wear his ruck-sack on his back, not his front!



In an attempt to regain some semblance of fitness Mike and I bought a pair of bicycles and have joined a Leisure Club, which we try to go to three times a week. It does not always



happen, but we do enjoy the exercise when we get there. The idea was that we would lose weight whilst keeping fit. We're still waiting for the weight to drop off.

I spent time being trained as a voluntary bereavement counsellor this year. I really enjoyed the training and have got a lot of satisfaction by helping my clients. It makes an interesting change from work.

My mother is keeping well. She has had two cataract operations recently. Both were very successful. She cannot get over how colourful everything now is.

We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Love to you all

Janice & Mike