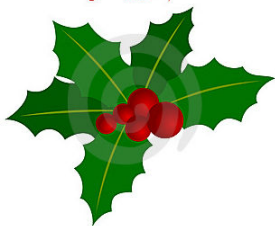


Merry Christmas



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It is true, the years do go faster ...

... it started with a trip to see our nephews in Fuerteventura, Canary Islands and even though it was only March, it was still warm enough to swim in the sea. Chris and Ali were expecting their second son (now born and christened Aaron); and David and Yeyza were making final preparations to start their house building project.

Dave and Mike



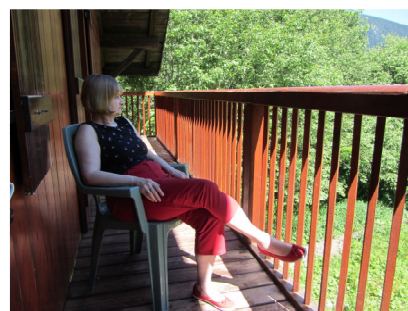
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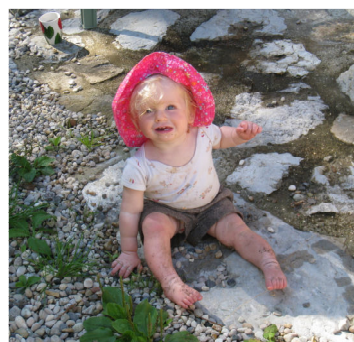
Next up was completing the new roof on our holiday chalet in France ... this was a big step forward in our renovation project that is about to enter its 17th year! Next year will hopefully see the completion of the renovations inside.

Renovations completed or not, in the summer we were able to spend a family holiday together

in the house with Jon & Blanca; Eve & Rich and their two daughters Amelia and Lucy.



Amelia entertained us all by inventing a new skipping dance and a new name ("Humphing") to go with it. She *humphed* for several miles on the alpine tracks - a good job the locals were all of bovine extraction!





Jon and Blanca are next in line to produce grandchildren for us. Blanca is expecting a little boy at the end of January. So we are looking forward to the addition of a boy to our three little girls.

Isobelle celebrated her birthday with an outing to Peppa Pig World in the New Forest, and that outing was another excuse for the family to have a get-together and gather at our house in Newbury afterwards



The next gathering of the clan will be over the Christmas period when we have everyone plus Blanca's Mum and Dad and sister... making a total of 15 places to find around the dinner table!

We spent a couple of weekends with Mike's Brother Paul and his wife Claire, first in Lancashire when we watched a theatre production of *Calendar Girls*, and then in the South of England when we went to the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall.

Great Grandma continues to manage very ably in her bungalow in Filey and will join us in Newbury over Christmas. She is looking forward to the arrival of her great grand son in January.

Until next year, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mike, Janice and Family.