

Bridge House
Red Shute Hill
Hermitage
December 2012

Dear All,

Another year has flown by! As we write this we are in our fully renovated house in France watching the snow falling! We came at the end of last month to see the finished work and are very pleased with the results – just need to buy the furniture now! We have been out to France quite a lot this year overseeing the last of the work. It has been very exciting to see the end of what has been in our imagination for many years!



In February we had a double celebration. Jon and Blanca's son, Oscar, was born on 8th February - he arrived in between his great grandma's birthday on 7th February and his Uncle Tim's birthday on 9th February.



Tim with Oscar

Blanca with Oscar, Amelia
and Isobelle

Eve and Lucy

Janice celebrated her 60th birthday on 21st February and took all the family to Centre Parcs for a weekend – it was great to have everyone together.

Mike has been very busy working on a new project with his colleagues this year. This is the first opportunity in the year when we have been able to go away for two weeks without him working – so much for slowing down as he approaches his 65th birthday!

Janice continues to be involved with church and Cruse as well as looking after the grand children from time to time.

In August we spent a long weekend with Jon, Blanca, Oscar and Blanca's family in Granada. We were made very welcome and enjoyed the time together in the heat.



Oscar with Grandpa



Jon and Oscar

Tim started a new business – Britannia Archaeology - with a friend in March. They are doing well and both enjoying working for themselves. His wife Jo successfully completed her degree and is now working as a qualified social worker.

Eve has been doing four part-time jobs over the year. She is now getting more hours working with Malvern Special Families where she works with children with special needs. Her newest venture is helping a group of them to learn to ski at Tamworth – she's really enjoying this. Her partner Richard continues to work as a printer.

Jon is still enjoying his work as a web-site designer – he designed the new website for his brother. Blanca has returned to work at OUP part-time – she's finding it difficult to leave Oscar at the moment.

Janice's mum continues to live in her bungalow in Filey. She has a lot of good friends from church who give her lots of support. She will be coming to spend Christmas with us and is looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Great Grandma enjoying the sunshine in our garden in July

We wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and hope that you have a good and prosperous New Year.

Mike and Janice