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Dear All,

New arrivals to the Schofield clan: Wilfred and Olivia made the family headlines this year.

Wilfred was born to Jo and Tim in February .....





...... and Olivia was born to Blanca and Jon in August.

In other news... Tim and Jo moved to their new home in Brettenham, Suffolk in September. Eve qualified as a teacher this year and is now teaching in a 6<sup>th</sup> form college in Gloucestershire. Oscar has started school (gosh doesn't time fly) and Jon and Blanca continue to work in OUP, just around the corner from their home in Oxford.

In September Mike had a business trip to Nashua in the States and Janice took the opportunity to tag along. This was not only the first trip to New England for Janice, but we both had our first excursion into Canada spending a week around the shores of Ontario, meeting some friends from Thatcham who were co-incidentally spending a holiday in Toronto, and visiting Niagara Falls.

Mike had some non-aggressive carcinomas removed from his nose and forehead in October, attracting comments from one son that the scars will only enhance his story to his grandchildren about his fight with a crocodile and from the other son that the scars will help his grandchildren play noughts and crosses on his face. What it is to be shown such sympathy! Actually the surgery has gone well and Mike is now recovering with few scars to show for the two hour operation.





It was nice to have all 14 of us together and have the family photo album updated for posterity.



Mike kept to his word in 2016 and reduced his working hours to four days per week and has promised the family it will be reduced to one day per week in 2017. Difficult to stop completely when you have a 50% stake in the company!

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous 2017.