

Wishing you a

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

and a

**Happy New Year**

with love from

*Wey xx*

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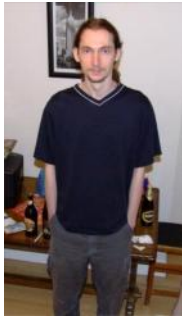
Dear All,

Well, it looks as though our dreams of a white Christmas may well come true! The garden is covered in snow and it's well below freezing outside but we've a log fire blazing away in the grate. Perfect!

Back at the beginning of the year we played host to Brian and Tessa's cats for five months while they went round the world. It was fun to have cats again and they soon settled in to their new 'home'.



In February our friends Nick and Husha came to stay and although the weather was still chilly, we took them out to Tiptree Marina to see our boat.



As Spring arrived, our bird box at last became home to a budding blue tit family and the garden started blooming.

Chris is still up at Lincoln and he's now started working at a local store. He has also taken up beer-brewing in an enthusiastic way!

Lucy started working in the council offices in Cambridge, where she is getting on really well. She has been baking delicious cakes. She brought some new recipes back from the USA such as snickerdoodle biscuits. She's now looking forward to a three-week visit to New Zealand in January to visit a friend.



Brian was pleased to visit his sister Sandra in York to catch up with cousin Michael who came over from the States. As usual Uncle Lennie didn't look a day older!

The early part of the year gave us very few chances to go out on the boat but we made the most of our opportunities later in the year. We also used those trips to do a spot of housekeeping!



We didn't have a big summer holiday this year but we did take a short break to the Lake District where we walked the hills. Later, we went to north Norfolk for some bracing walks along the coast.



As usual Carol enjoyed her traditional day visit to Wimbledon and managed to see some good tennis on the Centre Court. Can't wait for next year!

Meanwhile Brian was eager to do some decking and found the ideal opportunity at his mum's house where he raised the level at the back door for easy walking into and sitting in the garden.



It was Brian's 60th this year and we enjoyed a grand BBQ for the occasion. As always, we've added a few photos of us all in the garden.

The year has not been without sad news. In the summer we lost our good friend Damian. He was one of our close friends from college days and his passing brought a moment to remember our antics during great days at college. Our thoughts are with Viv and the rest of the family.



In September we went to a special airshow here in Cambridge where we managed to get a prime viewing position at the end of the runway.

We were thrilled to see some great displays including one from the Vulcan. See how close we were? It was deafening!

In the autumn we decided to make a great effort and finally have a clear out of all the boxes in the loft. It was great fun looking through things we hadn't seen for years. That tidying turned out to be very useful because in December a riverside house appeared for sale in Cambridge!!!

We quickly won the bidding for it and put our own house on the market. That too sold quickly, so now we just can't wait. There will be quite a lot of work to do on the new house but we are really looking forward to the challenge.

We are very excited at the prospect of being able to moor our boat at the bottom of our garden. We don't want to show you pictures yet as we don't want to count our chickens but as a teaser, this will be the view from the bottom of the garden!



We will be letting you know as soon as we move, hopefully in a few weeks, so please do come and see us next year. We'd love to see you!



We wish you good health for the coming year. Best wishes from us all.

*Brian, Carol,  
Lucy and Chris xxxx*