

Christmas Newsletter 2002

We have now settled into our new house – although everywhere still seems to be a mess and we still have trouble trying to find things. We still find shopping in Hinckley much easier than in Leicester.

The Kitchen (and related subjects)

The main attraction this year has been the kitchen. We planned and ordered a new kitchen in February. The work couldn't start straight away because we needed to replace the boiler. At the same time as changing the boiler we also changed the radiator in the kitchen (to a heated towel rail) and had a new hot water tank and thermostats fitted to every radiator in the house. We also had the plumbing sorted out in the bathroom. The whole thing ended up being more expensive than we had initially allowed for, but it has been done well. After the heating was sorted, we had the kitchen fitted. Then papering and painting, and fitting new flooring. Andrew fitted a window ledge and is still tiling. We are hoping to have it all finished in time for Christmas!

Family

This year has been a good year for our families. Lez's Mum's operation last Christmas was a success and Mum is a lot happier now. Andrew's parents have really settled into their new home and have had their bedroom fitted. It looks gorgeous. At Easter, Lez's brother, Grayhame, got married to Nanette in Morton-in-Marsh. It was a lovely sunny day. Andrew ended up as one of the witnesses and both of us were 'official' photographers. There is a page on the internet showing selected pictures: www.bullwer.co.uk/wedding.

And finally, Andrew's sister's husband's parents (are you following this??) have moved in next door to Lis and Dave.

Holiday

This year we went on something of a nostalgia trip for Lez by going camping at Norman's Bay (Sussex). It was still the same as she remembered it. This was a lovely holiday and very relaxing. Henry was with us too. (He's a humptybunny – and very useful as a pillow!) In September we also went to Hoarwithy with Lez's parents.

Lez

Lez has managed to change jobs twice this year without changing what she actually does! Confused? Well, there was a review at work which meant her original job was changed (although she had to have an interview for it). She then applied for, and got, a newly created job of System Coordinator, which expanded the role she had been doing.

Andrew

Still at the bookshop! I'm enjoying being able to cycle to work. I didn't enjoy being hit in the face by a traffic management barrier, and I don't enjoy travelling along Evington Road, where anything goes. We both ran out of holiday by 'house sitting' the workers earlier this year. So I've got a backlog of jobs now needing holiday time in which to do them.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year:

