

Bullwer News

A wet year

Family

John is adjusting to his new lifestyle. He has a little support for daily living. Andrew is doing shift work and Andrew's visits are less frequent. There were not so many workparties+in Knossington this year.



Christmas 2012



Home

The loft is fully boarded, is well insulated and has storage racks fitted. The airing cupboard has been refitted and the woodburner was replaced in January.



The conservatory has been reclaimed! Lawnmower still hanging on. Two garden waste bins, encouraging us to keep the garden tidy. The village was running on diesel generators for a week, and we have a new electricity meter.

Cats

Jack Cat died in February. He was about 17 years old. He ran out of strength on the coldest day of the year. He is buried in his favourite spot in our front garden, where he used to sit and survey his domain in all weathers.



Having had many unwelcome cat visitors, we adopted Harry Cat. He is so laid back about life. Jilly Cat's kidneys are failing and she has joint pain. She spends much time in her basket with her electric blanket, but still gets up before dawn to head-butt the door and announces her presence. She doesn't like Harry Cat much and avoids him.

Study

Lez passed her management course, she is now studying financial accounting.

Technology

Andrew has replaced his pc, saving much time. Lez now has a tablet.

Lez

Still at Leicester City Council. Now earning less money but more responsibility. Also now a governor at an infant school.

Andrew

Cleaning the pub three mornings a week, has done two painting/maintenance contracts and has permanent part-time caretaking work for Rutland County Council. Went to a conference in Windermere and note-holding in Warwickshire. About to submit first tax return for 30 years. He has managed to cut up much wood, all boxed and ready to burn.

Winchester Cathedral



Lez had a week on a narrowboat over the summer

**Away from Home - Holidays, Days out and Fun Stuff**

We holidayed in Hampshire over the summer and had a Suffolk weekend in autumn



Anderton Boat Lift

Cars and Bikes

The Volvo S40 (saloon) was written off when somebody tried to drive through me. Insurance and savings provided a Volvo V40 (estate). The Smartie is showing her age, but is still fun to drive. Andrew has broken the lights on his bike, has done several car-assist+journeys to work and has cycled around Knossington with his cousin-in-law Malcolm Howard.

**Health**

Andrew had some toe and tooth problems, but we are both in good health.

Getting Organised, Resolutions and Plans

Andrew wants to add more loft insulation. Also to board and insulate the lower+loft. Now the loft boxes are accessible, to dispose of many items. Also to index the remaining boxes. The office space needs another clear out.

With our love and best wishes

Lez and Andrew

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