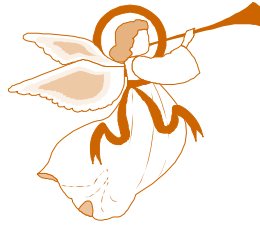


1998 Christmas Update

Hi! and a Merry Christmas from Lesley and Julian.

In all 1998 has been quite a static year for us both. It is the first year for some time when we have both worked full time all year. Also neither of us have changed jobs - the first time this has happened since 1994! We also completed all of the



decorating on our house and have started the second lap!

Merry Christmas



■ Holidays



We have ensured that we always take plenty of holidays - I managed to get 35 days off this year and since Julian is a contractor he can have almost as many as he likes!

We both travelled to Leysin (Switzerland) in February - I was travelling on business so Julian came along and went skiing while I was in meetings. We stayed on for a long weekend after my work was over and so we both got some skiing in - this was the best skiing holiday I have ever had - great snow and quiet slopes!

We then travelled to St Petersburg to stay with two different families who I had made friends with when I visited with London Bible College in 1996. We stayed for 10 days and as well as seeing the standard tourist sites we certainly saw a side of Russia that you can only see if you stay with the locals!

One of my Russian friends then came to stay with us during the summer and we showed her around London, Wiltshire and Cornwall - all in 10 days!

We had a weeks holiday in Greece on a sailing/windsurfing holiday in September/October. We had a really great time inspite of the rather changable weather.



■ DIY

Now that the house is completely decorated we are planning on ruining it all by having a loft extention! No we are not planning to have a

■ Work

Julian and I have both been working for Lucent Technologies all year. Julian is still working as a contractor and has just had his contract extended for another 6 months.

My job is certainly giving me the opportunity to travel I have been to Switzerland, Germany, France and twice to America this year. Julian is now the one keeping the home fires burning! I have also been involed in the Oxford University Summer School again and it looks like I will be back again next year!

■ Church

We continue to be involved at our Church which keeps us busy many evenings during the week. We also went away to New Wine (a christian camp) this summer with our home group, we all had a great time and are thinking about doing something similar this year.

■ Sailing

Julian and I have decided that we enjoy sailing and windsurfing so much that we have joined a sailing club at the Cotswold Water Park and bought a dinghy. We are looking at buying a windsurfer as well but intend to borrow one from a friend to begin with.



■ Singing

My music has suffered rather alot this year - I had to pull out of the Swindon Festival after many weeks preparation as I lost my voice! I have been away on so many holidays and business trips that I haven't had a singing lesson in 4 months! I am involved in the Church choir this Christmas and still play my flute regularly in Church services so I haven't let things drop completely.

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