



Spain

Well Spain has been high on the agenda all year. We travelled over in January to look around the Mar Menor in Murcia. We decided to explore investing in a house out there, partly because it is a great place to go sailing but also it should be a good financial investment in the longer term. We looked at all types of properties from new build apartments on the coast to fincas out in the countryside.

At 5pm the day before we left we found what we were looking for. A townhouse (or duplex as they call it) just 2 mins walk from the beach. It was only 4 years old and in excellent condition.



To cut a long story short we bought the house. We went over to Spain in September to sign all the paperwork and are going back again at the beginning of December for a short break.

We are renting the place out so if you are looking for somewhere new to go on holiday take a look at:
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£50 discount on advertised prices for friends and family!!!

We have found a local (English) couple to look after the place for us while we are not there which is really handy.



There is a sailing centre close by so we can hire boats and go sailing while we are away. There is also a beautiful nature reserve with unspoilt beaches and great walking. We are now busy putting together an information pack for the area which we will leave at the house...the trip in December is for research purposes only..of course!

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Julian's Work

Julian has been working as a sailing & power boat instructor again this year. Work really started in April when he took on 3 months full time work at SWAC (Southampton Water Activity Centre). Through the summer months he worked freelance from Keyhaven teaching children and adults in our own boats. Since we returned from Spain at the beginning of October things have been rather quiet but he has still been getting a number of jobs with both Calshot and SWAC.



In November Julian started a new job...delivering parcels for Next, Lakeland and Gratton. This however only lasted a week as he was unable to deliver the parcels fast enough to make it pay. Due to the fact that many houses around here are rather rural it might take ages to find a house only to find the owners were out!

The winter months are taken up with various DIY jobs. The largest of these being fitting a new kitchen for a neighbour. He is currently with one of our other neighbours fitting wardrobes.

It now looks like Julian might try out another winter occupation...Estate Agency!! My company are rather short staffed at the moment so he may end up helping out in one of the offices.

Merry Christmas!



We are both well and enjoying life and for the first time in years neither of us have changed jobs this year! We are still loving it down here in Hampshire with the sailing and beaches on our doorstep. Have a great Christmas.

Much Love
Julian & Lesley

Lesley's Work

I have now been working at Fells Gulliver Estate Agents for over a year. I am now working 4 days per week and on a permanent contract. I am still really enjoying it and travel to London tomorrow to go on a course for tuning up my negotiating skills! I am now working at two different offices, part of my time is spent in Lymington and the rest in Brockenhurst. I am using my knowledge of computers to help them sort out various problems, so my past is not entirely wasted!

I mentioned at the end of my previous letter that I went back to Brockenhurst College teaching...well that only lasted a term. I started getting such bad migraines due to the behaviour of the students that I decided to give up.

I studied Garden Design at Sparsholt College in Winchester throughout the year. I really enjoyed it and learnt a lot, however I decided not to continue into the second year, partly due to the long drive to Winchester but also I did find the teaching rather slow. I am in the process of doing a design for my Mum's front garden but due to other commitments it is taking rather longer to complete than I had originally anticipated. I do spend a lot of time doing my own garden which I love, however due the extra hours at work now it is hard to keep up with the weeds!