

Jobs

Julian continued to work as a sailing & power boat instructor he mainly worked freelance this year and took work at Calshot activity centre at weekends when it was available. During the early winter months he carried out a number of DIY jobs for us and various friends and neighbours.



I continued to work as an Estate Agent. I moved from Lymington to Brockenhurst early in the year due to company restructuring. My manager was sacked after one month and I then took over the management of the office – a bit of a major change!!! I enjoyed the challenge, however, Brockenhurst is rather a sleepy place and the market was quiet so it wasn't somewhere I wanted to work long term.

Spain

Last year we told you all that we had bought a house in Spain. Well we rented it out throughout the year which went really well. We intend to continue to do this next year.

We travelled to Spain for a holiday in April which was lovely as it was really



warm. While we were there we gave some thought to what it might be like to live there and took a look at a few houses to see what we could buy if we sold up in England. At that stage we really didn't think we would move it was just an idea.

However, on returning to England we gave it some more serious thought and within 3 weeks we had the house on the market! Due to the quiet state of the housing market and the fact that we were looking to sell for a reasonable price we did not really expect the house to sell this year...however after only 3 different people viewing we had two offers and a sale agreed within 4 weeks!!

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The Move

We were very happy living in Hampshire, really enjoyed our sailing club and had excellent neighbours in our village which made it very hard to decide to go. However, it is always easier to stay where you are and that may not always be the best long term solution.

Julian's work was rather on/off due to the weather and I wasn't very happy with my job in Brockenhurst so we knew that a change was needed sooner or later. So when the house sold we thought the time looked right and we would give it a go.

We had to be out of the house on September 30 and before that we sold as many of our possessions as we could including a car and some of our furniture. We had a garage sale and went to a car boot sale (the first time we had tried to do either). As you can imagine things were rather hectic.



Feliz Navidad!

Ahora estamos viviendo en Espana.

El tiempo esta bueno, pero nuestros Espanol esta menos bueno. Si puedes comprender esto, tu es mejor que nosotros.

Un Abrazo
Julian & Lesley

We travelled out to Spain on at the beginning of October by ferry from Plymouth to Santander. Julian made some modifications to our boat trailer so we came out with a boat, 2 kayaks and a windsurfer!!! The rest of our possessions are in still stored in England.

We are now looking for a house to live in which is pretty tricky to find as there always seems to be something wrong with each one we see. We will just have to keep looking...

Our Plans

We are now starting a new venture a water activity centre near La Manga. We are just setting up an agreement with a local rowing club to share use of their facility. Starting from this Easter will offer kayak trips and sailing lessons on the Mar Menor. Our new company is called Agua Adicta see logo below.

We are coming back to the UK in February to buy loads of kit including boats, kayaks, buoyancy aids etc. etc. We have a local solicitor who will be setting the business up for us and we will be sorting out a web site and all our advertising over the next few months.

Our main project at the moment is to learn Spanish. We have been learning for a year in England and we are now having lessons with two different teachers each week. Our poor brains are aching, however we are making gradual progress.

We are just about to start earning a bit of cash signing people up to use BT for their phone service in Spain, a temporary job but it will bring a bit of money while we get set up permanently.

All the best and we look forward to hearing from you...Lesley & Julian

Aqua Adicta

