



Christmas Greetings from Andrew and Mikki Young 2001

After doing a Christmas letter for the first time last year we were wondering if we would have anything as interesting to write about this year. We need not have worried as it has been another fun year and we will share the highlights in words and pictures in this letter. If you think this letter is arriving rather early, well it probably is - we are off to Walt Disney World at the end of November to see all the Christmas happenings over there before coming back to enjoy Christmas with Andrew's parents.

We started off 2001 by helping organize the Drumming Out of Jeff Rosenthal as chairman of the British Senate: the "old meddlers club" of British Junior Chamber. We had a magnificent Frog Tour on land and water and finished the evening with a Senate version of 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire'. Lots of work but a fun weekend.



*The MacDonalds lounge in
Animal Kingdom by the Dinosaur
ride*

In March we were in Disney again and it is amazing how many new things there are to do. This time we met up with an ex cast member who showed us some behind the scenes places, including VIP lounges. We also went on an official behind the scenes tour to see the magic behind the steam engines. This was an amazing experience with a very enthusiastic and knowledgeable guide and, luckily for us, a much smaller group than usual (just 4 of us). It seems that every American male's dream is to retire to Disney and drive the engines!

The Lilly Belle was named after Walt Disney's wife

We have also been working on the house this year and have a new kitchen which we are very pleased with. We are still waiting for a builder to come and fix some other bits and pieces but we are progressing well. A new picture is gracing the spare bedroom – an original production cel of Figaro the Cat from Pinocchio. It looks wonderful.



Andrew enjoying the Champagne breakfast



In May it was Andrew's turn to reach a milestone and with the help of our good friends, Chris and Corinna Edge, we threw a surprise party for him with old friends he had not seen for years and his brother came all the way from Northumberland to join in. One of Andrew's presents did not happen until October when we had a wonderful day trip to York on the

Orient Express where we met his parents who had given the great gift. On the way back we were actually pulled by The Flying Scotsman engine!



At Beesby Grange

Having seen some old friends we decided it was long past time to go and visit family and friends around the country. After various delays caused by work we went off for a week

in September. It was wonderful to see Peter and Nuala Pollard and John and Liz Siddorn on our way to Harrogate. The week was over all too soon.



experience for all involved.

Our involvement with the Worshipful Company of World traders continues, although Andrew gave up his post as editor of their Newsletter. His final issue was sponsored by the London World Trade Association – with which the Company has had links from its early days. The events of 11th September had special meaning for many in the Company. This was reflected just this month when we joined with fellow World Traders in a float as part of The Lord Mayor's parade. A wonderful

Mikki has been working hard this year with some interesting challenges, but also the satisfaction of seeing her ideas work. As usual it looks like her role will be significantly changing next year but it should be fun. Speaking of fun, they are a very social lot at work and do good things for charity. As part of raising money for Children in Need they had the Barclaycard FA Premiership trophy at 54 Lombard Street and people – look who is standing by it in this photo!



There are lots of fun things planned for our December trip to Disney – not least because it will cover the 100th Anniversary of Walt Disney's birth. But you will have to wait till next years letter to hear all about that trip!



Happy Christmas from Mikki and Andrew