

Merry Christmas

from Mikki and Andrew Young

What are the important things to tell you about this year? Mikki gave up work – and we are still far from bored with each other's company. We had our longest trip to the USA, including a drive through California (that's the US state, not just Disney's park). Oh yes, we are moving house and leaving London! Last year's letter said what we had done to get this house just how we wanted it so it was inevitable, wasn't it!

We are going to be a country lady and gentleman in Lincolnshire (just) with comfortable rooms, lots of space how we want it and even our own little bit of the River Witham. That's it in the picture. And if you can drive on the A1 or get a train to Newark you'll be only 10 minutes from us.



Yes, keeping the present house fit for viewing by potential buyers has been an effort for most of the year.

There will be a big change in lifestyle but we are looking forward to it. Can you believe Mikki is already doing a lot more home cooking? She is enjoying it and we are both enjoying the results.



Mikki stopped working for Barclays at the start of the year, although she has kept in touch with some friends there and gets some news of the continuing reorganisations. We are both still very happy with the way things have turned out, including the terms she got.

Mikki's last day – and one of the last days for Barclays in Lombard Street. They are now in Canary Wharf.

We celebrated Mikki's liberation with our longest trip to the USA (so far) and followed it by a few days in Paris.

Three different Disney destinations within a month! We spent May in Florida and California and went to Paris in June. The California trip included a wonderful drive from San Francisco to Los Angeles (well, yes, actually to Disneyland). From giant redwoods to the Getty Museum, we took in a great deal more than just Disney. However, it did fall to our Disney cat, Figaro, to report it all to the world. You can find it all on the web site.



No, we never did get to see the top of the towers of the Golden Gate Bridge



Figaro got his own name badge – and met his favourite characters – this time in Paris.

Andrew’s father, Kenneth, is no longer the only member of the family who can boast about, “When I was on the Queen Mary”



It’s the only place Mikki lets Andrew drive a car – and he always drives straight into a train.



With neither of us working, we also had time to spend many other happy hours with family and friends, including several visits to Mikki’s family in Lincolnshire and to Harrogate and Hexham. This gave Mikki lots of experience of her new car, a Honda Jazz. We’ve been up and down

the motorways as well as up and over the Yorkshire dales and moors. It’s getting a great deal more use than the Corsa ever did. For the moment, it even copes with London traffic.



It was a lovely day when we went to Housesteads Fort on Hadrian’s Wall (here with Andrew’s brother David). With weather like this, you can tell why the Romans loved the place so much!

Keep in touch – including get news when we do move. Contact us by “e-mail” on mikki.young@gmail.com

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Merry Christmas from all of us and a Happy, Healthy, Safe and Successful New Year to us all.



“Say, ‘Happy Christmas’ Donald”. Ah Phooey”