

Merry Christmas
from Mikki and Andrew Young

2006

Bet you can guess what this year has all been about? Yes, it's the house and our new life in a tiny village. If you got (and remember) our summer letter, you will know about a lot of the changes to the house. This picture shows what has become of that muddy grass by the river we showed you last year.



It's not just the house: the more we get to meet our neighbours and everyone else in the village, the more we realise how lucky we have been. Everyone is just so nice!

This is Andrew and Mikki's letter so we have had our trip to Florida to see Mickey Mouse and friends. Now that neither of us is bound by work, we plan fewer but longer trips. This year, we went in January and enjoyed good weather during one of their quietest periods.

There are always lots of new things in Walt Disney World. This year, one was adding Disney characters to the photos. Here we are fighting Captain Hook.



Our toy cat Figaro does get into a lot of pictures, doesn't he? Figaro now has something of a "fan club" on the "Intercol" Disney discussion board and "Where's Figaro" became a popular game when we put up pictures of him in different places on the Disney property.

Our most important visit this year was to Andrew's father's 90th birthday. We have also found our new location makes it a lot easier for us to visit and for friends and family to visit us. Sorry, we can not mention everyone but we really loved seeing you all.

Here is Andrew in Warwick with Margaret Kerry, the model for Tinker Bell in Walt Disney's Peter Pan.



And here is Andrew's father, Kenneth, visiting our new house.

We were also delighted both to be able to visit friends from Junior Chamber days and to have them visit us. We were honoured to be invited to Alexander Stewart's wedding to Shiona and took the opportunity to visit family in Yorkshire and Northumberland as well as enjoying some lovely days in

Scotland at the height of the warm weather. We are sure the piper at the wedding earned his "wee dram".

We had a superb weekend with members of the Junior Chamber British Senate in and around Melton Mowbray. Mikki even got to make her own Pork Pie. The weekend also included a grand breakfast at Belvoir Castle before an informative private tour. Do you think a couple of these would be good on our deck?



We have not found time to update our own web site this year, but we hope www.andrewandmikki.co.uk will be revised before the spring. Meanwhile, we are working on a site for the local church. We hope you will be able to see www.saintsalivebeckingham.org.uk by Christmas.

With a few days left before the first anniversary of our move, we look forward to hosting the family for Christmas. It's a thrill to have a house big enough to be able to do this. It also means we have a good reason to make sure the house is decorated for the celebrations. Maybe there'll be a picture of that next year!

*A Very Merry Christmas and Peace,
Health and Prosperity in the New Year.
Andrew and Mikki*

