

# Merry Christmas 2007 from Mikki and Andrew Young

We have had another busy year here in Lincolnshire and have enjoyed getting even more involved with the village. Mikki has joined the Parochial Church Council and now chairs a fund raising committee. She is also editor/publisher of the village Newsletter. Andrew was elected to the (civil) Parish Council in April.

This year we had a bit more time to get about and discover more of the delights of the local area. Here's Mikki at Sir Isaac Newton's house under a descendant of his apple tree; and yes, that's Andrew in the cockpit and that Spitfire does fly.



We are also delighted to find it is easier to get around the rest of the country from Newark than fighting our way out of or round London. We got to Wales to see Chris Bulmer (Andrew's longest standing friend) and to Oxfordshire to see Mikki's cousin, Alison. Here we are in Bath.



Sadly, the summer weather didn't match last year. This was the highest the river came during the June floods, still not covering our decking. Mikki was quite glad that one of her tennis clubs has indoor courts. She is playing quite a lot. She once counted 9 times in 2 weeks.



Of course we did not neglect our Disney friends. We went in January (avoiding the awful weather both in UK and in most of the USA). The photo



is from a special "Pirates and Princesses Party". Generally, we plan to cut down the number of visits (and flights) and stay for longer. This year, however, we had a special reason to go a second time in October. It was the tenth anniversary of the "Intercot" web discussion board where Mikki is a moderator. It was great to see old friends again and to put faces to many more names.

We still visit London from time to time, including for events of the World Traders' Company. Andrew's hospital appointments also provide a useful opportunity to do other things. Fortunately his reports remain good. Our thoughts are with those family and friends for whom the current situation appears less certain.

Our contributions to the church included Christmas cards and notelets, and setting up "saintsalivebeckingham.org.uk". Updating our own web site is still on the "to do" list. Perhaps next year!

We wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

*Andrew and Mikki*