



Christmas Greetings from Andrew and Mikki Young

The big surprise this year is that we haven't visited Florida or any other Disney park. This picture was taken in December 2008 – but after we had written and sent our last letter.

The really exciting news of the year started when we got home from that trip - when Mikki picked up the letter from “Norcap” saying her birth family wanted to contact her. It was remarkable to discover her father was still alive and she had a full sister, a full brother - and two nieces to dote on.

After two trips to Bermuda, four reunions in London and a continuing exchange of “e-mail”, the discovery of Mikki’s birth family remains a source of joy and inspiration for us both.



In London, the sisters meet for the first time.

The first family get together- in Bermuda in March: Mikki with sister Julie; brother Chance and father David



Chance and bride Tasha at their wedding in August (what a location!). We were also delighted to meet them as they passed through London at the end of the honeymoon and to invite them to a World Traders’ reception at the House of Lords

Life goes on in our village. Andrew left the (civil) Parish Council but we remain active in many ways. Mikki still produces the village newsletter. A highlight of village life this year was the fête. The video Mikki took is on “YouTube”. She even caught the Red Arrows flying by! Search YouTube for “Beckingham Village Fete” to see it yourself. We held two “thank you” parties for all the helpers on our decking by the river.

At Halloween, we held a party in our house. This is the third time we have done this and we are delighted how many friends and neighbours came (and how many dressed the part).

The boy wizard was recognisable to many of our guests and visiting “Trick or Treaters”



Mikki continues to enjoy her tennis. This year she has served on the committees of two of her clubs and has run



a singles ladder and doubles league for one of them. She has again used tickets for Wimbledon – trying out the new Court No. 2. Andrew also had his first ever daylight visit to the All England Club when we had a tour of the courts and some “backstage” areas like the Media Centre.

“Anything to say for the Press?”

We were happy to spend time this year in Harrogate visiting Andrew’s mother. She moved to a smaller flat in a block with warden assistance. There are activities in the flats and lots of local shops.

We never cover everything in these letters and know we should apologise if you think we have missed something important. We should at least mention two events this year. In May, we celebrated Andrew’s brother, David’s 60th birthday. In October, it was the 30th anniversary of Andrew’s successful kidney transplant.

For other news, you could try our website. We have promised an update for several years but this year a completely revised site is up and running. It is smaller than the old one but should be easier to navigate. It may grow.

Best Wishes for 2010.