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Hi All. We've had another busy year at work and at play, the latter being most fun, with local dog walks and longer days out on the fells. We've listened to West End quality plays at Keswick Theatre, talks and films and enjoyed a steady stream of family and friends coming to stay or calling in for a cuppa and a chat. Thanks to everyone, for your visits, including this small selection of folk below, who have dragged us out for walks, meals and other nice events.



John, Dee, Amber and our Harry



Neil, ourselves plus Jo and her Amber



Nigel, Ann and Jill with Harry

The garden has grown some lovely fruit and veg this year and our other hobby, that of the web site, continues on a pace, having developed a little life all of its own. We've been able to post pictures of our walks, holidays and other local events and receive emails from all over the UK and the world from people who enjoy the stories. A measure of its success is the fact that we passed the million hits to Loweswatercam this year, a mind blowing thought. Our calendar was successfully published again, raising over £300 for Mountain Rescue (and a bit for us too!).

Trips away have also been great fun. The year started in January with (Roger's aunt) Elizabeth organising a family gathering near Bristol for her extended Strawford family, on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Since then she has become the proud owner of a new tablet computer ... silver surfer's rule ok.



Aunt Bet, cousin Maggie and my sister Pamela



Our full family together



Gareth with Abi and Alexander

In April we stayed in Swansea and included an evening at the Grand Theatre where Gareth was Stage Manager for the 'Swansea Amateurs' (operatic rather than dramatics) but great fun just the same. Our thanks to our lovely friends Sandra and Jackie who entertained us at their home, also to Gill and her culinary expertise for a great evening meal at her home that week.



Ann, Jackie and Rufus, Sandra and Gareth



Gill with us at the Grand Theatre



The Swansea Amateur's cast.

All the family have been over at various times this year. Cathy, Alexander and Boris their dog joined us for a week in late April, followed by a visit from Jenna. In the summer Paula, along with Al and Abi came to stay. Abi stayed on for a few days as Al went back to work and Paula walked the Cumbria Way with friends. Tom has had a successful year with the Scouts including raising a considerable amount for charity and also funding his international Scout Camp visit to Switzerland in the summer. Jenna has enjoyed a successful year at Sheffield University and has started teaching Geography in a local secondary school close to her new home there.



Grandma Jean and Jack



Al, Paula, Abi and Ann



Cathy, Matthew and Richard



Including Tom this time



and Sam

The big event in the Cantelo household was Matthew's leaving do at the Royal Hospital School near Ipswich. We were able to attend the ceremonies in Suffolk and as Head Boy he played an important role on the day. Matthew has moved on and started his first year of university at Durham. Sam is in his fifth year at RHS, Jack in his third year of his Cardiff Medical training. Alexander is still in Pirbright Juniors, Yr5 now, and plays team rugby every weekend.

Children and grandchildren aside, what of ourselves? Our big event of the year has been the arrival of another bundle of golden retriever fun, answering to the name of Dylan. He was born in January, just two months after we lost our beloved Bethan last year. We picked him up from County Durham in early April and he has been a delight ever since, bringing joie-de-vivre to dear old Harry and much love and joy to ourselves.



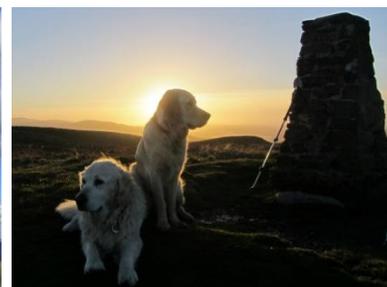
Young Dylan, his first day at home



With Ann



Trig point King



Together, with a Ling Fell sunset.

We have had two shorter holidays this year. September's holiday was a cruise on a 25m motor yacht around the Inner Hebrides. We sailed between islands and went ashore each day for a walk. We were in good company (six on the boat) and enjoyed the luxury of a fine yacht and fine cuisine.



Zuza at Oban Harbour.



... and again at Tobermory



Turreted Beach Court, Beadnell.

We also enjoyed five nights at our favourite turreted B & B accommodation at Beadnell in Northumberland. We indulged our time with extensive coastal and beach walking and met up with friends Dave and Josie on two of the days. The weather was good, indeed it was generally a good Spring and Summer here in the north of England, one of the most consistently good years for weather since we moved up, twelve years ago this Christmas.

Together with family and other friends, too numerous to mention individually, we've had another good year in Loweswater ... We hope you've had a good one too. Best wishes to you all. Roger and Ann.