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We hope this letter finds you well, as we are.

As you can see there have been several additions to the Fermor family this year. All the babies were born in the six months between November 2010 and April 2011. They were all great-grandchildren to Philip's mother who we lost sadly, in May after a short illness, just before her eightieth birthday. We were pleased she was able to see them all. The names are Stevie, Jaseth, Eden Rose, Amelie and Michael. Priscilla had some problems with Jaseth but he is doing well now and getting into everything, and Michael (Samuel and Rachael's baby) is quite a big boy and very contented.

In our other news, we both keep busy with various jobs. Philip took on a new trustee post with the Smith & Fermor Charity, taking his mother's place, and I am also a trustee now of the Haven Homes alms-houses. We took a short holiday in Bedfordshire in April, when we attended the wedding of Tim and Rebecca (Snuggs) at Dunstable. This went well and it was good to see old friends again, and among them cousin Roger, who we had not seen for years. At the end of May I spent a week in France with Philip's sister Becky and her husband Kevin, staying with the hosts Philip and I had met on our Montargis trip. They took us to Paris for a day, which was very interesting, but tiring! We also visited a castle and museum. Also In May I decided to stand for election to the Town Council, along with Philip, this year. I was quite surprised to get voted in with the most votes on the Jarvis Brook ward. Philip was re-elected unopposed. I am now finding out how difficult it is to get things done! However the council have funded a new Community Hall which is due to be opened next year and also Crowborough has been chosen as one of the towns to receive the Olympic Torch on route around Britain. So along with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, next year looks as if it will be quite an interesting one. We have also attended some functions this year in Philip's role as deputy mayor again.

Stuart celebrated his fortieth birthday this year and Len is now ten and thinking about secondary schools. How time flies! The family have stayed or met up with us a few times this year, as sometimes this fits in with Stuart's work and travels with the Post Office.

We wish you a Happy Christmas and send our love and best wishes for 2012,