

It is time to send our Seasons greetings once again. We hope you are well.

2012 has been quite an eventful year for the country, with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games being held here. We heard that the Olympic torch was coming to Crowborough, so booked a place outside the Town Hall on the appointed day. However we watched the sponsor's vehicles pass, with dozens of police in attendance, but missed the actual torch as it passed so quickly behind a van!



As a family, we celebrated the Jubilee holiday week in the New Forest. We all had Scandinavian style log cabins (four in all). Although the ones the children had were quite up-market, ours was more like a garden shed, with grass growing on the roof! The highlight (for was to see the three Queen liners in docks on June 5th. As it rained and was not see the Queen Victoria or the

Queen Elizabeth the ferry of the Southampton Congratulatio Museum. one afternoon places with the



very well, but had a good view from Queen Mary 2 (showing a banner with Ma'am). In spite of the rain we did get on the beach, and visited several children, including Beaulieu Motor

Philip had a special birthday this year and has reached the age to drive a steam train! The family gave him a lesson as a Birthday present and then all went for a ride on the train.



We have also attended three weddings this year – one in Eastbourne, one in Hailsham and one in Strood, Kent. The first two were for Philip's nieces [Miriam](#) and [Jacqueline](#), and the third was Elizabeth's cousin's daughter Nicola and all were very enjoyable.

Philip had a [school reunion](#) this year and met up with some of those he went to school with.



David and Miriam



Danny and Jacqueline



Ali and Nicola



We are both busy with council meetings and other commitments and Philip has a lot more farm work now. A farmer friend died suddenly last March and his son asked whether Philip would take on some work at the farm at Mark Cross. He was pleased to be able to help.

On December 9th the former pastor of Halland passed away, he was the pastor when we were there and Elizabeth played the organ for the service of thanksgiving on 20/12/2012 at Forest Fold. The internment was at Halland Chapel .

We wish you a Happy Christmas and send our love and best wishes for 2013.



Michael & Jaseth



April in pig house



Leonard, Rosanna, April,
Nathan and Sarah

