

# News from Owlsbury Oast, December 2014

Another year has flown by. We hope this letter finds you and your family well.

We have had a new addition to the family this year. Emily Sapphire Fermor was born on January 29th. 2:20 am. She is grandchild no 8 – we now have four boys and four girls. Although Samuel and family are living in the annexe we do not hear much of Emily – she seems very contented.

Our other new addition is a new-ish tractor, which Philip bought in the summer, by part-exchanging his two older tractors and some of the machinery that he does not now use. The new tractor (which was built at Basildon on the Ford production line!), which I had to drive during haymaking, also has a newer hedge-cutter. However Philip spends most of his time at the farm at Mark Cross. The farm shop there is doing well, so he keeps finding more work.

We spent a few days in the summer with Joy and family, staying at a travel-lodge nearby. We see Priscilla and family about once a month when they come for Sunday lunch. As we had quite a good summer, our solar panels have been working hard, making us quite a bit of electricity – and income- which is good.

We are still busy attending meetings for the council, and are still involved with several charities. I am mainly involved with three groups now. One group organises outings (to the coast etc.) for dementia sufferers and their carers. The chairman of this group celebrated her ninetieth birthday this year, so held a special party! She seems to have boundless energy! I also help with fund raising for Pilgrim Homes at events such as the Autumn Fayre and Carol Service, and as I am also secretary of the Weald auxiliary this takes up quite a bit of time, along with visiting elderly residents in the Milward Home.

We are also both still trustees for Haven Homes alms houses and I am kept busy with the accounts and secretarial work. Philip is also involved with the Fermor Smith charity which donates to needy people in the area. So along with church activities we have plenty of things to keep us from being bored!

We wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year,

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Emily



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