

Seasons Greetings from Owlsbury Oast,

December 2017

We hope 2017 has been a good year for you.

We have had an interesting and varied year, which started with the completion of our purchase of a workshop and yard. This had taken six months, even though everything was straightforward!

I was able to get away in May and spent a few days with my school friend and her husband in Tewkesbury. The weather was good and we visited the Abbey and other interesting places.



In June we attended a golden wedding anniversary of my cousin, Peter and Barbara. It was good to catch up with some members of the family we had not seen for years.

The weather has not been that great for farming this year, but we did manage to get some hay in between wet spells earlier in the year. However I had to turn it in the field, (with the tractor), while Philip fitted in other jobs. We were surprised to get first prize at the Crowborough



Ploughing Match for one of our bales!

Philip was a steward and safety officer, as usual, but there were problems with the site, which had to be changed at the last minute. Also it was very muddy and resulted in several vehicles getting stuck, including mine!

We don't often have large gatherings at our house now, but this year we had members of the FPC (Presbyterian) Youth Council for lunch one Sunday in August. (They were staying at Lewes for a week, doing 'outreach' work.)

We spent another relaxing week at Pevensey Bay in October, and although a bit cloudy most days, it was sunny all day on the Friday so we were able to spend most of it on the beach.



We were joined by some members of the family, while others have been travelling – to various parts of the world.



In November we were asked to host a table at a Breakfast event organised by East Sussex Prayer Breakfast and the High Sheriff of E.Sussex, at the National Golf Resort near Uckfield. We had a speaker who was an ex-prisoner and ex-MP!

Also Philip was asked to cut the ribbon to open a new Scrap-yard at Jarvis Brook– one type of establishment he has not opened before!

We send our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Elizabeth and Philip

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