



Christmas 2010

Greetings from Sussex. We send our Season's greetings and best wishes for year 2011.

We hope 2010 has been a good year for you. It has been rather overshadowed for us and the Fermor family as a whole by the tragic death of Philip's youngest brother, Tim, in March. The funeral was held at All Saints Church, Crowborough, which was completely filled. Tim had been a talented member of the Wadhurst Brass band, and the Band came and played while the coffin was taken out of the church by the family and for a while after, which was very fitting. He was then buried at Clayton Wood, He is missed very much.

We have kept busy this year, but not as busy as we used to be, which is probably a good thing! Philip was pleased to get a combine-harvesting job in the summer, which kept him occupied for most of August and September. We didn't have any holiday planned this year, but I spent an enjoyable four days in Shropshire, staying with a friend. I have had a rest from baking cakes, but still do some secretarial work and some lessons for 'Go-Teach' Publications. I have also started visiting at an old people's home, and helping as a volunteer with Alzheimer's Society.

We were pleased to have several people to stay during the year. It was good to have Joy and family to stay in the annexe during the summer holidays and the grandchildren enjoyed playing in the garden and field, as they do not have much space at home. The weather was good and they also liked being with the dog "Dale", but sadly he died later in the year from a mystery illness. Our family news is that there are two more grandchildren on the way – Samuel and Rachael's baby due in March, and Priscilla and Andrew's due in April – watch this space!

We attended one wedding this year. Our niece, Melanie Fermor, married Chris Laker in August. Everyone enjoyed it, (and the fish and chip supper), in spite of the rain!

We hope this finds you well, and send our love.

Below. Leonard, Sarah & April

Below. Rosanna & Nathan

