

The Crawley Christmas Newsletter 2017

Wow it always seems such a busy time of year. The Christmas cards of the organised have been dropping onto our doormat, the decorations are up and tomorrow we celebrate at our church's annual carol service. As ever, we are not quite ready for Christmas, but looking forward to spending time with Sarah's parents in Street.

Philip

Still doing the broadcast engineering building studios for people (including the mighty Amazon); High Dynamic Range (HDR) and 4k seemingly dominating everything we do this year...taken over by a bigger company with all the changes that brings. Got to finish building a studio in Riyadh in January...

Actually had spare time in 2017 and so a return to the electronics bench building games consoles and internet radios...

Also managed to catch some live music; Billy Bragg with James as well as comedy with Sarah (Henning Wehn).



Sarah

Still working as the School Secretary at St. Paul's Primary School.

Enjoying helping out with ECOS (English Conversation on Sundays) – New Life Church's attempt to welcome and help those for whom English is a second language.

Continuing with French conversation book club (chatting, reading and gourmet eating in French).

Still cycling, despite being out of action for a few weeks with a badly sprained ankle earlier in the year.

Enjoying spending time with Phil now that the boys are "all grown up".

Camping at Soul Survivor with the teens from church.

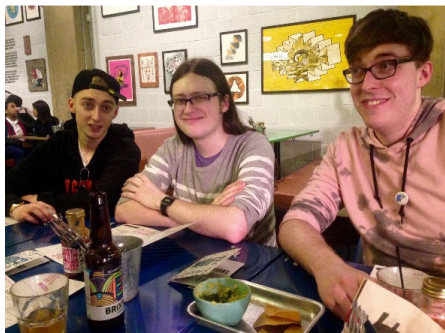


The old big-red-diesel-minibus of a car died...!

Summer 2017 – South of France

Beautiful weather ... stunning scenery ... staying in old Cévennes farmhouse where they used to farm silk worms ... olive trees ... wild swimming in rivers ... good food and wine ... time with family ... flamingos, horses and salt marshes of the Camargue ... Roman architecture ... Nîmes ... Montpellier ... bbqs ... Dan's birthday ... absolute highlight visiting and kayaking under Le Pont du Gard.

All our sons are back living at home! The washing is taking over the house.



Joseph (now 24)

Working as production support at Framestore (film production company).

Stepping out with Lucille.

Catered for an arts Festival in the wilds of Wales.

Trip to Nürnberg for the history and Christmas market.

Daniel (now 22)

Working as an online editor (cutting film trailers) at PPC (Picture Production Company).

Pub Quizzer extraordinaire.

Still drumming in comedy band "Metal Castle".

Plays drums/ukulele/dulcimer/guitar/keyboard in church band (though not at the same time).



James (soon to be 19)

Has been inseparable from Ella since 2011.

Finished A-Levels and looking for a job (looking very promising for the New Year).

Went on a month long European trek in the summer.

Done a couple of paid and many unpaid DJ gigs under the name of Chedda Bred.

Parents

Bob & Brenda (Sarah's Mum & Dad)

Doing well in Somerset. Holidays in Devon and in Cornwall. Enjoy spending time with friends and helping out at church.

Rosemary (Phil's Mum)

Walking Bonnie the dog. Helping individual pupils at a local primary school. Had a summer house built in the garden.