

2008 News Letter

Once again it is time to send you seasons greetings. As the poem says: "As I older grew, time flew!" The year that has just flown has been one of changes and challenges for us. On the morning of February 14th at 2.30am we had a phone call to say that April Grace had arrived. She was a Valentines Day present for Priscilla and Andrew and is our fourth grandchild. She is very cute and is growing up fast. It looks like she will soon be walking, and she is just starting to get into everything. In May we watched as our herd of cows, which Philip had looked after for twenty years, climbed onto a lorry and went off to another farm. The farm here was then sold, and has since been sold again twice. Although Philip is not managing the farm anymore he has the use of all the machinery and is finding some contract work. It has not been an easy year for that because there has been a lot of rain, and you need fine weather for most farm work. However he is not short of things to do because he was finally voted in as Mayor at the Crowborough Town Council meeting in May. After several attempts before, it was quite a shock to find that we were actually Mayor and Mayoress of Crowborough! We have been attending all sorts of functions and it has been very interesting. The main ones at present are Carol services and Christmas charity events. We especially enjoyed a meal and organ recital organised by the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells, in aid of the charities he supports. The other main event of our year was the wedding of Samuel and Rachael in June at St Michael's Church, Jarvis Brook. Everything went smoothly and it was a fine, sunny day. We just managed to get the flat finished in time for them, apart from the decorating, which they had to do when they arrived back from honeymoon. It looks very good now it is finished. A new puppy has also moved in with them! Joy and Stuart are also having an extension built to their house, and are finding it difficult to keep warm at present, as the heating is turned off. They are rather cramped in what remains of their small house, and are hoping the work will soon be finished. We hope you are well, and wish you a Happy Christmas,