Season's Greetings from Owlsbury Oast

December 2021

We send our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, and hope you are well. We are certainly living in strange times.

The first photo below was taken last December 21st, when Gwion Trefgarne came to place a holly wreath on the grave of Aunty Molly (Fermor), as it would have been the 100th anniversary of her birth. She was his nanny, so he wanted to remember her, and came a three-hour journey, and back, at a time when people could not mix much.





There was a wonderful display of daffodils in the garden this year, lasting from February to April. This was a selection that I took to the church.

We retired as trustees of the almshouse charity this year but have taken on different things, such as recording on-line which we have not done before. Philip gave some talks on farming, which our nephew Elliot recorded and put on you tube. I also recorded some Bible stories for the 'Wise Builders' Children's Club. It felt a bit strange sitting there talking to nobody, but judging by all the videos online now, a lot of people are doing this! At least you didn't get distracted by anyone!







https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGLB_3zt_iyUtLOQ5wgi2lSSDSCLk0CeW

Philip has had a few farming jobs during the year, and also spent quite a bit of time gardening. In spite of this most of our produce has either been 'stolen' by wildlife, or as in the case of tomatoes, succumbed to disease, i.e., blight! We did manage to get some cucumbers and carrots, however.

Philip also invented a fencing machine for a Farmers Weekly competition, (see above), but did not win any prizes! We did not have a holiday this year but had some days out at the coast instead, going to Eastbourne and Pevensey Bay with some of the family and the grandchildren, and once to Seaford. It was a bit cold that day! We have also made use of the neighbour's boat and lake, as they were away a lot. Earlier in the year some of their friends came and recorded some musical items for you tube, so we were able to enjoy listening to them. Afterwards we supplied tea and coffee!





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NinwCaeeyvM&t=85s

We have also had several garden gatherings, when we couldn't meet indoors. One day when the family met up under our new gazebo, it rained and rained – never had such a deluge in summer. The children wanted to run around and finished up looking like drowned rats!





Our minister at Lewes recently left to take up work at a London church. I was able to present them with a floral arrangement. Also, Philip took the short Act of Remembrance, on Remembrance Sunday.




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