Season's Greetings from Owlsbury Oast



We hope you are well, and send our best wishes for Christmas and 2024.

Here are a few photos covering our memories of 2023.

The first photo was taken at a Childrens Holiday Club at Jarvis Brook Chapel.

This was held during the school holidays and several children came along.

The minister and his wife now have a new addition, Jesse Hudson Houser,

(below).

In May the Coronation for King Charles 3rd was held in London, and a display was arranged in the Historical Cabinet to show when royalty had visited Crowborough in the past, Princess Margaret being the main visitor, who had opened the Goldsmiths Centre.

Our first crop of the year was wild strawberries – we had lots of those! We also had quite a bit of produce in the garden, most of which actually survived the pests and diseases this year. This included mixed lettuce, which came in all shapes and colours. We even gained second prize at the Ploughing Match for a box of mixed fruit and veg! And first for a Coronation flower arrangement…

In June we had a family gathering on Fathers Day, when most of the family came. Emily has some new chicken and likes to take them for walks, complete with collar and lead!

We didn't attend any weddings this year, but my cousin Ann's granddaughter was married in Tunbridge Wells, so I went over to take a few photos. However we have attended two funeral services at Forest Fold Chapel, for which I played the piano. (One of these was for Philip's dad's cousin, Muriel Fermor.) I have continued to play the organ at Jireh, Lewes, and also to attend the Open Air events on the bridge this year.

The lovely summer weather continued into our holiday in September. I nearly braved going into the sea, but it looked a bit lonely out there! The hot weather may have been the reason we had lots of grapes this year. Some were made into grape juice, but it took a lot of grapes to make one glass. We also found some crab apples in our woods, so I made some crab apple jelly, which I had never made before. It actually tasted quite good.

Philip continues to find things to keep him busy such as the garden, making and delivering hay, hedge-cutting and the Ploughing Match.
























Muriel Fermor

Coronation cabinet.

Happy Christmas and New Year!