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Another year without a proper newsletter I'm afraid. We've been taking shifts at looking after the grandchildren and just being there for Ben. No exotic foreign travel, unless you count another trip to Madeira in October. Ben is coping but it's not easy, even though Manchester Uni have been very helpful in giving him time off - and a research contract is very 'flexi-time' anyway. However, that finished in November and he now has a full time job at Lancaster Uni in the Additive Layer Manufacturing labs (a posh name for 3D printing). He's enjoying it and the journey is much easier than fighting your way in and out of Manchester. Adia and Heath are a joy, but a handful! At least they're now at the same school, so the picking up is a lot easier.

Susie and Liam are still in Sheffield enjoying a very full social calendar. Susie just got a good promotion at work so I think family plans have been delayed for now. Peter and his partner Emily are up at Ullswater helping manage a campsite there, and enjoying it very much - as does Hinault their (French) rescue dog. It's pronounced Eno, as in Brian.

Lynne and I are both doing OK (as far as I know), and as of the 1st of December I am now officially not economically active. I don't like to say "retired" as that has mental images of being slumped in an armchair watching daytime TV. On the other hand I'm not unemployed as I'm not seeking work, and I won't be a pensioner for another 2 years.

So that's about it for the moment.

Love and Best Wishes for a happy Christmas,