

2019 - A Turning Point?

It will soon be 2 years since Ben's wife, Heather, lost her battle with bowel cancer. We all still miss her and it's been a difficult time, but must look to the future. This year has brought good news in lots of ways, as you will see...

Ben Adia and Heath are now 7 and 5 respectively and both seem happy and well-adjusted considering the circumstances. They both enjoy school (most of the time) and are full of energy.

Ben is currently working in the Labs at Lancaster University but is getting a bit restless as he doesn't feel the job is giving him getting sufficient challenges, so he's got a few applications out at the moment.

The big news, however, is that he is now engaged and planning a wedding for February 2020. His fiancée, Ruth is lovely and she's a



member of Christ Church in Southport where Ben goes. She's also divorced with 3 (yes, three) young children – Oliver (8), Reuben (5) and Poppy (4). As a result, Ben is selling the house in Rufford and they are buying a larger house in Southport, not far from where we used to live in fact



Susie She and Liam are still in Sheffield and enjoying work and a full social life. This will be changing in a big way very soon as Susie is about to give birth to a little girl this week. She was due on 8 January but her blood pressure went up last week, which caused a little scare. She went into hospital where they sorted out medication to bring it down and stabilise it before letting her home. However, they are going to induce her tomorrow (18 Dec) to be on the safe side 😊. So our Christmas plans are now up in the air...



Peter Since our last newsletter Peter and his partner Emily have left Eurocamp and are now working full time in the Lake District on the "Quiet Site" at Ullswater. It's an environmentally friendly site and has won several awards. Emily runs the zero waste shop on site and they both help manage the site generally, assisted by their (French) dog, Hinault. They've also continued their globetrotting habits with trips to Florida, Copenhagen and Marrakesh this year.



Not to be outdone by his brother, Peter also proposed this year! The wedding will be in June and they're going to have a party/reception in a field near the Quiet Site. It's owned by the family of one of their workmates and has a wonderful view over the lake. Strangely, Peter seems to think I'm an expert on marquees and keeps sending me questions (which thanks to Mr Google I can usually answer).

Us Last but not least, Lynne and I reached our 40th Wedding Anniversary this year and treated ourselves to 2 weeks in the Italian Lakes in September; 1 week by Maggiore and 1 week by Como. We had a lovely time exploring the region and enjoying the local food and wine. It's a gorgeous area and we would be happy to visit it again (when we're not heading off to Madiera, that is).



Otherwise life goes on much the same, picking up the grandchildren from school, entertaining them during holidays, keeping on top of the garden, and trying to fit in walks and days out.

So that will have to do for another year. I've managed to get to the end without mentioning Brexit or the Election, and I'm not going to start now! It only remains to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

With love from

Ian & Lynne