

2022 – Just One Thing After Another

What a year! I've lost count of the crises, and almost lost count of the Prime Ministers. It's come to something when you go away for a fortnight and come home to a different occupant in No.10!

Nevertheless, 2022 seems to have gone by in a flash. We've been busy with grandchildren and going on holiday, which has been a blessing after the restrictions of Covid.

Peter and Charlotte are still up in the Lakes so we had a good excuse to go up there and visit them in March and even managed a trip to St. Bees – the start of the Coast-to-Coast walk (one day, maybe?). He's still working as videographer and photographer for Knox in Cockermouth and seems pretty settled.

We also had two trips to Madeira this year using up our spare timeshare weeks from the last two years. Peter & Charlotte joined us during our second trip and loved it too. Unfortunately we had to cancel our long awaited cruise yet again. Ian managed to catch a nasty cold after returning from Madeira, which turned into sinusitis and eventually pneumonia. So he experienced the nightmare that is A&E at first hand and spent a very uncomfortable night on a couch being pumped with drugs before getting the diagnosis the next day - and being allowed home (thankfully). As a result he was still convalescing when we should have been cruising, but we were able to cancel without penalty and have rebooked for the fjords next year.



Peter, Charlotte, Lynne & Ian



Liam, Maddie, Susie & Elise

After our second Madeira trip Ian finally came down with Covid. Fortunately it was quite tame, like a mild cold. So mild he nearly didn't bother testing! Lynne was negative throughout so we think she might have had it earlier. We're just grateful for the vaccinations!

We had a quick journey over to Sheffield at the end of May to look after Maddie when Susie's second daughter, Elise, arrived. Then we looked after all of them for the rest of the week. Precious times. This year it seems like we're either down the road at Ben's or in Sheffield helping out with one set of grandchildren or another. It's good we're fit and able to be with them.



Elise



Isaac's Dedication.

*Heath, Ben, Adia, Oliver, Ruth, Isaac, Poppy,
The Vicar, & Reuben*

Ben and Ruth have virtually finished their extension now, and it's habitable! Just a few finishing touches needed, like the bathroom and the woodburner. Their youngest, Isaac, is now 18 months old and we regularly mind him on Fridays. He's full of energy, very sturdy and quite strong, so he can be a bit of a handful.

Ian's sister, Anne, and husband John are not up to travelling any distance now, so we've had two trips down to Lee-on-the-Solent to visit them this year. In September, Susie and family were able to join us so they could meet Maddie and Elise for the first time.

Christmas will be hectic this year as all the children and grandchildren are descending on us for Christmas Dinner. Still not quite sure how we managed that, but it will be a good family time.

And with that I think we'd better go and put the sprouts on!

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

With our love

Ian & Lynne



Isaac