

Xmas 2012

Greetings from #9



Canadian women's football @ Coventry

This was a year of celebrations – not just London 2012, for which Anna's niece, Breanna, joined us from Canada to back the women's team and celebrate 50 years Jamaican independence at the 02 arena. We also notched up significant anniversaries and enjoyed seeing most of the family, especially the grandchildren in Gildersome.



Jamaica 1,2,3... &4 Bolt with the Trelawny Trio and Nesta Carter sprinted into Olympic history on the eve of Jamaica @ 50

On 4th March we celebrated our 40th and are so grateful to Simon's lead, my sister Bridget's and best man Rodney's homilies and the many good wishes and gifts from family and friends, stretching over decades, a hundred of whom were able to 'Lively Up' at Bashment Granny



Bashment Granny 2012

2012 in Rugby's Caribbean Club to enjoy Anna, Maria and friends' tasty Jamaican Jerk Chicken, Rice n Peas, Patties and all. Tom, still working in Gloucester providing good wines and partying in Cheltenham, DJ'd with our neighbour Henry, playing ska, roots and reggae. Thanks to all.



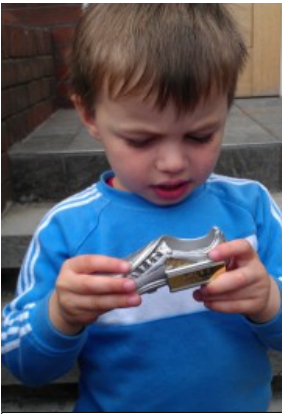
Bridget, Rodney and us Jamaican breakfast 2012

Anna still enjoys nursing – recently celebrating 350 years of service to the NHS by Central Surgery colleagues – and meeting with her friends from the 1968 entrants at the Radcliffe. But, at home, slugs and snails and a muntjac's toils decimated the harvest in her – now drought-ridden, now sodden – allotment. However, it yielded (and we'll be eating for weeks to come) a rich diversity of resilient spuds from Potato Day at the Heritage Seed Library, Ryton Gardens. Maria volunteers



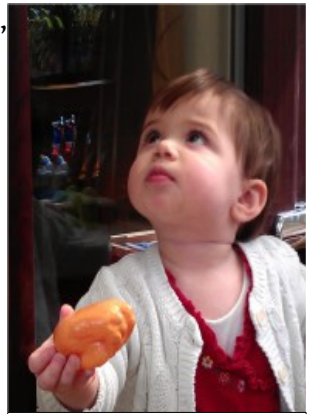
Rebecca's cake and Jamaican wedding 1972

there each week, sometimes bringing back surplus de-seeded seasonal veg. She spends active days in Rugby, also volunteering, and with Sapphie, of course.



Alex with football training award

Grace and her big brother, Alex, flourish in Gildersome. Alex is now at School... and in football training. Grace is up and away, reaching new heights (of any accessible furniture). More on Facebook. Rebecca juggles her work, baking mouthwatering cakes www.cakesbyrebecca.biz and being super Mum. Super Dad William, enjoying a new planning job near Leeds, chauffeurs all... driving as far as a gite in the Dordogne.



Grace seeking new heights to climb

Among our travels across Europe, we voyaged in style to Jutland and Zeeland, following, in reverse, the sinister trajectory of Killing3. We were guests of Patrick's brother, Michael, and his wife Tove (right), whose generous anniversary present enabled us to see all the Danish family in Kjellerup, Århus and København. Help with pronunciation can be found – thanks to Peter – at:



www.guardian.co.uk/tv-and-radio/video/2012/nov/16/danish-the-killing-video



Kamayoq

Patrick, completing 33 years at ITDG/PA, formally retired in September (a unique record unlikely to be matched... as his (6th) Director/CEO warned staff). Now working as a

Kamayoq konsultant, he immediately skipped off to Cyberabad in India for a UN biodiversity fest, working with friends from across Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. More to come next year (follow @kamayoq in 2013). He'll also be digging and delving more practically, nurturing Anna's allotment and our garden.

During the year we also hope to complete the never-quite-finished 1985 project @#9, changing and warming our home, with the help of energetic local Polish plumbers "Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!"



With all our love and best wishes for 2013

Annabel and Patrick



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