

# The Powell Christmas Newsletter



Hello  
and welcome to the 2020 Powell family Christmas newsletter. And what a year it has been for all the wrong reasons.

## Our News:

What looked like being a great year for us vacation wise turned into a bit of a damp squid. We were supposed to go to Sweden in March to see the Northern Lights and do a bit of husky sledging in the snow, but that was the first casualty of covid. Next we were supposed to go to Fuerteventura with a group of friends hiring a luxury villa, but that got cancelled too.

The first holiday we got to go on was a Sun Holiday to Weymouth just after the first lockdown restrictions were finally lifted at the beginning of July. We had a lovely time down on the Jurassic coast, went for plenty of walks and had fabulous weather most of the time.

One of my favourite places we visited was where the Hovis advert from the 80's was filmed.



At the end of July we due to see Michael Bublé in Bath but that was another one of the many shows that were postponed this year (Ward Thomas, The Levellers, A-ha). As this was going to be our anniversary present to ourselves we decided instead to go camping in North Devon. We left straight after work on a Friday and were there in 3 hours to enjoy a long weekend away from everything. In August we

finally managed to get a lovely break away to Mousehole in Cornwall, staying in an annex of a house on the hill overlooking the harbour and sea. It was the best place we had visited this year and was just so relaxing and lovely. We can't wait to go again.



Whilst down in Cornwall we got to see our good friends Kirsty & John Hewitt whom we hadn't seen in almost 5 years, this time round their family had grown by 2 since we last met them.

Our final holiday of 2020 was supposed to be to North Yorkshire in mid November, but this too got cancelled due to lockdown2. It wouldn't have made a difference anyway as both myself and Claire tested positive for Covid19 on the day we were supposed to go away, and ended up having to self isolate for 10 days, which is why the Christmas Newsletter has been produced in plenty of time this year and the Christmas dec's got to go up early after such a rubbish year.



A few positives have come out of the lockdowns, we got to enjoy the great outdoors more by going for lots of walks during the first lockdown. We really are lucky to have such great places to go just a short distance from our home. Working from home has been another blessing. The front bedroom has been converted into a work area for me. (though I am worried where I'm going to plug all my xmas lights in this year.) Claire has been working from the dining room table downstairs, going into work 1 day a week outside of lockdown. Working from home has also improved our work life balance considerably, no more commuting for 2 hours a day and my new car is now doing 2,000 miles a year rather than 2,000 miles a month, which is saving a small fortune.

I've also managed to get out on my bike a bit more this year, and have started to meet up with the boys for a bit of off roading, which persuaded me to invest in another bike that was more suited for the terrain. Looking forward to making greater use of this over the coming months.



### Family News:

My mum and dad are still very reliant on the family helping out to do things for them as mum continues to suffer with her dropped foot and dad's MS continues. His condition has not deteriorated much this year, however he has started to slump to one side more now. He now has a new larger chair and a new wheelchair when we are able to get him out and about. With



covid19 this year dad has been in hospital on 2 occasions with infections, thankfully not covid. They

did however manage to get out to the befeater in early November before lockdown2 hit.

Jim and Sue have sold Hawkley Towers in Hawkley and are looking to move back into Petersfield in the New Year. Loved that house, had so much character and in a lovely location. They are moving into Emma & Andy's home which Jim owns in Petersfield, and Emma and Andy are moving into Claire's mums home which is being converted into two dwellings. They hope to move around Christmas time.

It's been a while since Suzy passed away, and we haven't had any pets since, however we do now have regular hedgehogs that appear in our garden which we noticed since June. We've now provided a place for them to eat in the dry and a home to curl up and hibernate in. Unfortunately one of the hedgehogs was struggling to walk and our dear friend Sue took him away to the local wildlife hospital but he later died.



We hope you all have a wonderful safe covid free Christmas, and here's to a fantastic 2021, it can't get any worse!!

Lots of Love

The Jelly's



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