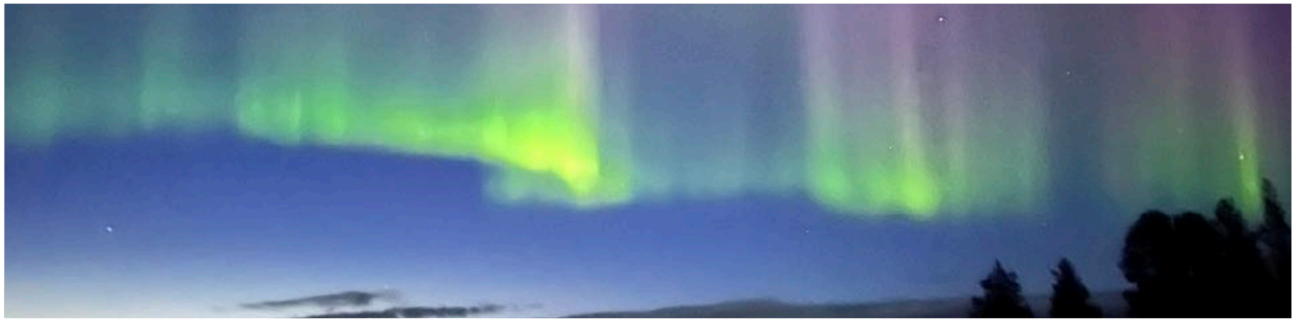


# The Powell Christmas Newsletter



Hello

Welcome to the 2022 Powell Christmas Newsletter. This year I am way behind schedule writing this after Christmas has actually been and gone.

## Our News:

Well this year was certainly a year for memories for Claire and I. We both turned 50 in spring and spent the whole of year doing lots of things and making memories that will last a lifetime.

We started the year by visiting our favourite cottage in Devon, Rose Cottage, in March to celebrate my 50th birthday, with our dear friends John & Hazel.

This was closely followed by our once in a life time trip to the wilds of northern Sweden, Kiruna to be precise. We got to stay in the wilderness, staying in a log cabin that had no running water or power, just water from the lake and wood from the trees to heat the cabin. There was a group of about 11 of us, who all knew at least one person in the group. By the end of the trip we had made friends for life. The picture at the top of this newsletter was taken one night when we got to witness the aurora borealis in temperatures of minus 20c.

We got to experience dog sledging, cross country skiing, and Ski-Dooing, and more snow than I had seen since living in Norway as a 5 year old.



If you want to see a full selection of pics from our holiday then follow this link, or scan the QR code on your phone.



<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1a6Xo4BqMTrmZdA1qv4ILD2Y4vnh08wiy?usp=sharing>:

Did I say we both turned 50 this year? To celebrate Claire arranged a surprise trip to London where we stayed at The Dilly, just off Piccadilly Circus and saw Only Fools and Horses the musical. Brilliant show, and the guy who played Rodney sounded just like him. I then reciprocated for Claire's birthday, which happened to be when we were in Sweden, but arranged at a later date to see the show 2:22 A Ghost Story, again staying at The Dilly.

2022, was also the year that we attended the most concerts ever. It started in June to see ABBA Voyage. Very emotional concert for me as I've always wanted to see ABBA, and despite they were not really there, it was an amazing concert, and highly recommend you go and see it.



This was followed by Elton John and The Eagles at Hyde Park the following weekend. Ed Sheeran at Wembley Stadium was next, followed by Michael



Buble in Bath in July and finally Coldplay back at Wembley Stadium in August. I can say that all the concerts we saw were amazing in their own way, but Ed Sheeran

and Coldplay are favourites of mine.

As well as our trip to Sweden, we also managed to get away a couple of times during the year. We went camping again in North Devon for our Wedding Anniversary to Acorns at the end of July, which has now unfortunately

closed due to the owners retiring. This was followed by a return trip to Yorkshire in September. We stayed at The Pumphouse again.

This was only because we couldn't fault it last time we stayed and there was still plenty to see in Yorkshire that we missed the first time round.

We managed to visit the Wensleydale Creamery where they make the famous cheese, and whilst up that way popped by and saw Amanda Owen, the Yorkshire Shepherdess in Our Yorkshire Farm. Again, we were spoilt with the weather, being dry and sunny most of the time. The break started on a somber note due the Queens Funeral. To view our Holiday Pics, just [click here](#) or scan the QR Code below:



We'd love to visit again, but we won't as we now have Puppies!!

Yes you heard me right. It's been 8 years since Suzy passed away, and we felt it was time to make a family again. We were intending to get one female miniature schnauzer, but ended up with two. One boy and one girl. Please meet Max and Millie. Max is the black dog, and Millie is the Salt & Pepper coloured one. We've already had a scare with Max, who



fractured his rear tibia bone, and has been on crate rest for 3 weeks. This ends after Christmas, when hopefully the X Rays will show it has completely healed. We've had them since mid November, but they are well settled into our family home, and have made our lives complete.

I continue to work from home, and have only been into the office about 6 times in the last 2 years. Jelly's cabin that was built last year, has been a great asset to our garden, enabling me to separate work from home. The dyson fan keeps me warm in the winter, and during the heatwave we experienced in the summer, it did get a tad hot in there, and had to cool off in the paddling pool we assembled in the garden.

Claire has to go into the office 3 days a week at the moment, but then spends Thursday and Friday at home working in the front bedroom.

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year!

Love Graham, Claire, Max & Millie xxx



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