

# The Powell Christmas Newsletter

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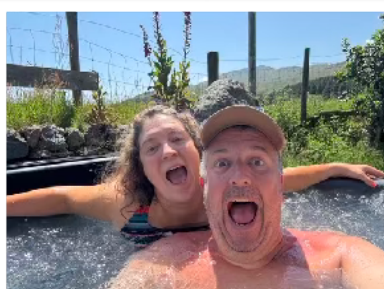
Welcome to the 2025 edition of the Powell Christmas newsletter. This year has been another eventful year for the Powells.

## Holidays:

As is usual, a lot of our activities have been based around our beautiful dogs Max and Millie.

Again a bit like last year we've managed to get away quite a few times this year. Our first holiday was back in March where we revisited the wilderness at Snailbeach near Shrewsbury. We had an eventful start to this holiday as my trusty Peugeot 3008, broke down on the M42 on the way there, due to a wet belt issue. This resulted in us starting our holiday 24 hours later and with an automatic Jaguar car as a replacement for the week. The weather was what you would expect in March, cold! This place had a wood fired hot tub, but found it almost impossible to get it up to an acceptable temperature so I ended up giving up.

Our next holiday was to North Wales in June, when we visited Bala. We got to stay in a lovely farmhouse just South of Bala lake. This property had an exceptionally large garden that the dogs loved to run around in. It also had the traditional hot tub, however we used this mainly as a cool tub due to the very hot weather we experienced.



Our next trip away was to Biddeford, in North Devon



where again we had a large secure garden with plenty of apple trees! And another hot tub. We almost set fire to this house by having a mirror placed on the windowsill which caught the sun as it was setting resulting in a burn mark on the

windowsill. For this we got charged £180! The sunsets were lovely from this property, especially from the hot tub.

Our final holiday of the year was back to Hammerley cottage near Tortworth in South Gloucestershire. We visited this property last year as well and absolutely loved it. It was a chance to unwind and relax again with the dogs in the secure garden and the wonderfully hot hot tub.



As you can probably gather when we go on holiday we like a hot tub and a secure garden!

Our next holiday will be in January next year when we are off to Fuerteventura, with our friends Gayle & Richard, To celebrate his 60th birthday, this time without the dogs of course.

## Our Family:

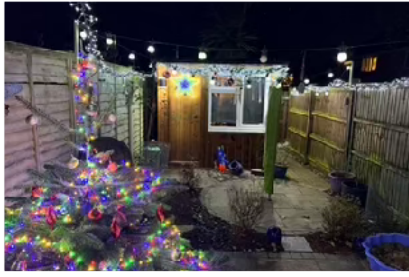
Max and Millie have now been part of our family for three years. They've grown up so much over those years but still give us endless and undying love for us. All of our holidays are based around them, its only very occasionally that we leave





them with either the breeder or Miss Walkies.

Work wise I am still at Frimley Health, luckily still working from home for the majority of this from Jelly's Cabin in the garden. We are currently going through a consultation at work the outcome of which is quite unsettling for a number of staff. Fortunately my role is still secure, but it may be that I'll have to go into the office more often going forward. Claire continues to work for the insurance company, again mainly from home, which she likes as it means she can spend more time with our dogs.



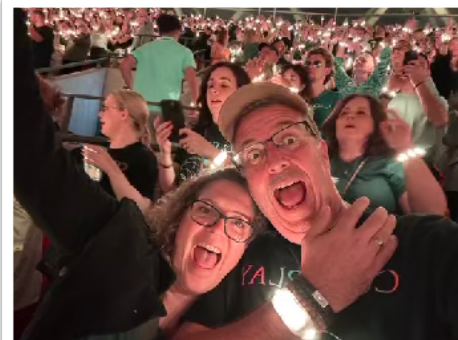
### Concerts & Events:

In July we again attended a camping festival in Somerset with friends. It was a scorching week so very hot in the tent, at least it didn't rain!! Entertainment was good again, got to see The Worzels, and a tribute band for Ed Sheeran & Madness to name a few, next year it's Village People, Dr & The Medics, and Black Lace!

This year we celebrated our 9th wedding anniversary, and to celebrate this we had a trip to the theatre to see Evita in the West End, I thoroughly enjoyed the show, although it wasn't what Claire was expecting, as it was a different version from the original.



At the end of August we got to see Coldplay again at Wembley Stadium. Chris Martin and band certainly know



how to put a show on and if you haven't seen them before I would highly recommend going to see them if you can, it's like a concert you've never been to before.

We have a final trip to see to Abba Voyage again in late December with friends, can't wait for that, and to put my ABBA clobber on again. Next year we plan to see Take That, and Bon Jovi in September so can't wait for that too.

### Links:

To view our holiday pics and trips this year, scan the QR code below or click on the link.

<https://www.icloud.com/sharedalbum/#B2OGtnIOREPICf>



We've had another wonderful year of making memories, lets hope 2026 turns out to be as good as 2025, and remember LIVE LIFE LOVE.



Love Graham,  
Claire, Max & Millie  
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