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Hi folks and a Happy Christmas to one and all. We are well here in the south of England ,all busy of course but enjoying life. Dan, Jo and the children have moved back into their own house in Earley and the children are well established again in the English school system. Young Sam, now nine is learning to play the drums and Lorna, seven, is having lessons on the electric keyboard. I bet you can guess what they want for Christmas! It is good to be living just ten minutes away from them. It is always great to see them and we do a little babysitting too – we even take care of hamsters during holiday times and we're quite good at it now.

Charlie Shaun and little Rosie are not far away either. We can get to them within an hour. Sometimes we meet Charlie at Wisley Gardens which is exactly half way between us both. Little Rosie is now walking and she has become an expert at opening cupboards, turning on all types of electrical equipment, videos, tv etc. and she is mustard with a mobile phone! Charlie enjoys taking her swimming and going to tiny tots music and story time. I think Rosie will sing before she learns to speak. Shaun started up in his own recruitment business with a friend early last year and he is doing very well. So much so that they decided that they could afford to move house to something bigger to accommodate Rosie and all her gear! The house will give them a lot more space and a better garden for Rosie to play in. The new house is only a mile from their old one.

Dan has just changed jobs. He has left Gartner and is now working for Euromonitor. Jo has just started work with Microsoft and is now getting used to the new routine of leaving the house early with Sam and Lorna packed up and ready for school. I feel sorry for them on these dark mornings, it is so different from Australia, but they never complain or say they wish that they were back in Sydney. Thank goodness!!

As for us, Bridget is still doing a bit of work as a supply teacher and as a home tutor and continues to work on the governing body of one of the local schools. Stuart is still working as treasurer of CCOW. but is training to be a golf champion in his spare time!! We both try to play golf regularly in the hope that it will keep us fit and help us keep up with our lively grandchildren .

All our building work on the house is finished at last. Our little bungalow now has an upstairs to accommodate any visitors we might have over the next few years. We are very pleased with it. Once all the decorating is done we will actually have time to relax a little more and be a real retired couple. Stuart was very pleased to receive his extra fuel allowance this week and I must admit I am looking forward to my pension payments dropping through the letterbox later next year. Wow!! What a lot to look forward to.

Thank you so much for all your letters and cards, it is great to keep in touch with everyone. We shall think of you all as we enjoy a family Christmas. We realize we are not the only grannies and grandads who will be playing cards, learning to use an X box and fitting batteries into the latest remote controlled vehicle.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Love from