

## Ruby Anniversary Year

For our 40th Wedding anniversary we treated ourselves to a holiday on the Nile and had a balloon trip in the Valley of the Kings – it was an exciting adventure.



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Happy Christmas everyone, and Best Wishes for 2010. Can you believe we've reached Ch 40 of our family story?

Apart from our trip down the Nile we also spent more time in France. We managed to stay in Labenne for the month of June and then again in September. Charlotte, Shaun and their two girls joined us for 10 days in June and this gave us a chance to practise our sand castle making, wave skimming, and frisbee on the beach - all good fun and very enjoyable.

We like to play golf in France too and I do believe we are actually beginning to improve our game - improvement or not the walking keeps us fit and active.



Charlotte and Shaun are well and Shaun's recruitment business is riding out the recession. He and Charlotte bought a caravan last spring in the hope of enjoying some week-end breaks with their two girls but they only managed a couple of breaks before the Autumn rains put a stop to it - roll-on summer 2010! Rosie was four in August; she has started full time school and loves it. Two year old Maria has just reached the chatterbox stage and follows her elder sister around like a shadow whenever she can. Shaun's grown up daughter (Josie) gave birth to twin boys in August - so in a sense we became great grandparents this year!

Dan's company has been inundated with new contracts in spite of the downturn and he travels abroad quite a lot in his role as a Development Trainer. Meanwhile, Joanna has secured a lovely job as a school photographer -but working with little children often brings her to her knees! She says they (the knees) are wearing out, but it all fits very well with their family life. Dan and Sam are both into rugby and play for local teams whilst Lorna prefers horse riding and piano. Both children are growing up fast – Sam in his second year in secondary school and Lorna in her final year primary. Both can give us a good game of scrabble on babysitting nights.



Mum is extremely well for her 89 yrs and, in the summer, she moved to a lovely apartment complex, with on-site facilities – chapel, restaurants, entertainment and health centres. However, mum's own health remains pretty good and she will be able to join us for Christmas again provided we help with the 200 mile journey. We will put our heads together whilst she's with us to plan her 90<sup>th</sup> celebration for next year.

We like receiving updates from you at Christmas and like compiling our news for you – so our apologies to those who groan out loud at the thought of another 'round robin'

However, better than a letter would be to see you in person for a chat. If you are passing our way, please do give us a ring.