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Wood's World

ALISTAIR & ANGELA'S NEWSLETTER

Christmas 2004 Update

Dear Friends,

Seasonal Greetings to you! A lot has happened this year so we thought we'd update you with this Christmas newsletter.

New House In April we bought a house in Little Thetford, a village between Cambridge and Ely. The village is small, no shops or pubs, just a village hall, primary school and a couple of churches. We've been enjoying village life, we're close to the river and surrounded by footpaths and cycle ways! The house has 3 bedrooms and is just the right size for us. The garden is a mature English country garden with roses everywhere! We're still amidst decorating and trying to get the hang of gardening. We've even prepared a veggie patch to start on in the new year. Don't worry if you've sent Christmas cards to our old address, our mail is being forwarded.

Despite moving out of Cambridge, things haven't really changed! We're still involved with youth work at St. Barnabas—Al helps out with a youth music band and Ang runs a "Rock Solid" group for 11-14year olds. Very much fun!

Singapore & Australia Holiday We had the opportunity to spend a few weeks in the summer in Australia. Ang was speaking at a statistics conference in Cairns, so we jumped at the opportunity to see the Australian sights. Our trip started with few days in Singapore (stayed with OMF) and then off to Sydney for about a week. A final week was spent in Queensland, where we hired a car and went travelling up to the Tablelands. We then moved on to Cape Tribulation where we stayed in what can only be described as a 5 Star Tree-house!! There were no windows, or doors, and during the night bats flew in and out as we listened to the roar of the jungle insects. Ang was so afraid, she slept with her socks pulled up over her jeans, and a long sleeve jumper on (remember, we were in the tropics!). The highlight of the trip was when we went snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef—we saw so many different types of fish including a sting ray, squid, parrot fish and loads of other colourful ones (I think we found Nemo too!) We even met a few sea turtles and had the opportunity to swim with them for a while!

Jobs Ang & I are still working at the same companies, though Ang has now got a permanent post to continue research. Al is still with Highbury House, but working on subscriptions to consumer magazines as an Account Manager.

Other News This year Alistair has taken up his old hobby of photography. Ang was kind enough to buy him a sooper dooper camera which he now carries around with him wherever he goes! Have a look at our website for all his pics. Ang attended an evening art/painting course at the beginning of the year and has enjoyed painting pictures to brighten up the house.

All the best to you for 2005,

Al & Ang

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Our New House



Our New Garden, complete with pergola and roses!



Ang in front of some Orchids in Singapore's Botanical Gardens



Al in front of Sydney Harbour, with the bridge & Opera House.



Al & Ang in the Lake District on holiday in November.