

Reigate, Surrey
December 2017

We hope you and your family are well and that the past year holds lots of happy memories for you.

We'll start with the sad news that Cliff's mother, Alice, passed away earlier this year. She had been suffering progressive vascular dementia for some years and in many respects the ending was a blessing.

Caryl's mum June is still sprightly, healthy and independent. In June, of course, she had her 90th Birthday. Earlier that month Caryl's elder sister, also called June, celebrated her 70th Birthday.

With regular visits to see Alice we didn't travel much in the early part of the year. We had a great walking holiday in Slovenia in June. This is a place we would recommend.

We only did two trips in our campervan and both were to Norfolk. We managed to meet up with Glen and Jenny on the second trip. Glen was in the same class as Cliff at school and they hadn't seen each other since 1980.

Our main holiday was in November and December when we returned to the island of St Lucia, where we met 28 years ago.

We are planning to visit New Zealand again at the end of 2018 or beginning of 2019. The plans are very fluid at the moment and we have yet to decide where else to visit 'en route'.

Cliff continues to do his custom picture framing and has also taken up Batik painting. The family history research continues to take up a lot of time with so many new records becoming available on-line. We both continue to do rambles with Reigate Ramblers.

Caryl has been very active with her church, Reigate Flower Club, WI and yoga. She also still arranges lunches for some ex Halifax managers and is the Membership Secretary for the Surrey Fire Services Preservation Trust.

There were two new additions to the extended families with two of Caryl's Scottish cousins, Katy and Alison, producing a daughter each.

Please, don't forget to let me know of any family history changes.

Happy Christmas and 2018.

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PS. Photos from some of our activities can be found at <http://www.baughen.co.uk/Blog>