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Welcome to the SIXTEENTH edition of **Stack News!**

Time is definitely accelerating! At least it is for us – it cannot possibly be a year since the last edition. Perhaps it has something to do with the two ‘big birthdays’ during the year. Roger is now officially an OAP – although he has been a grumpy old man for ages. Jayne is lots younger, but still a nice round number of years.

Last year we pondered long and hard whether we had enough material of interest to fill the fifteenth edition. Fortunately Casey our K9 correspondent helped out, but this year he is a little ‘tired and emotional’ and hopes his fans will not be too disappointed to hear that he will not be writing this edition. He is still recovering from the Cornwall Retired Greyhounds Trust (RGT) Christmas party where once again there were plenty of bums to sniff (canines only) and tasty treats to eat (for humans too). He was however rather upset to only win one rosette in the dog show. Although this year’s judge was ex Crufts, he failed to recognise the most handsome dog in the room, and in return KC really didn’t fancy him in the ‘best kisser’ section. But guess who was best biscuit catcher?



We’ve had some new locations for the monthly RGT greyhound walks, and Jayne continued to walk Annie at Praa Sands until she moved to Kent with her owner. Sadly, we have just heard that Annie has passed away quite suddenly. Another of Casey’s friends, Otto, a leading member of the Newmill Pack, also passed on recently and is greatly missed.

We don’t go ‘out of county’ much, but will soon be off to Jayne’s mum for Christmas. We last visited in April when we arranged a nice birthday dinner for her at a nearby pub/restaurant. In February we had a few nights at a dog friendly Dartmoor hotel. Jayne spent a day at a large craft exhibition whilst Roger and Casey had a tour of some Devon ancient sites and coastal scenery.



Nearer to home, we had two visits to the Minack open-air theatre, first to see the Port Isaac shanty men The Fishermens Friends. On our second visit we were treated to a spectacular electrical storm. Unfortunately the concert by Suzanne Vega had to be cancelled due to the torrential rain and risk of lightning strikes. The weather was kinder for Roger’s birthday boat trip around Land’s End in September.

Jayne continues her web-based activities including development work on her Cornwall Arts and Crafts Directory site: www.cacd.co.uk A recent addition to her portfolio is a small site for the local Wesley Rock Art Group of which she is a member.



It’s early days, but Jayne’s artistic efforts have definitely improved - helped along by classes at Penlee House Gallery, and Praa sands.

So there we have it – our sixteenth edition comes to a close. Another year where we seem to have been even busier doing not very much. Watch your letterbox in twelve months time for the next edition of **Stack News**, but meanwhile if you’re desperate for more to read, the back issues of **Stack News** are all available at www.dingdong.me.uk

Best wishes for the festive season from:

Roger and Jayne

