

Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year



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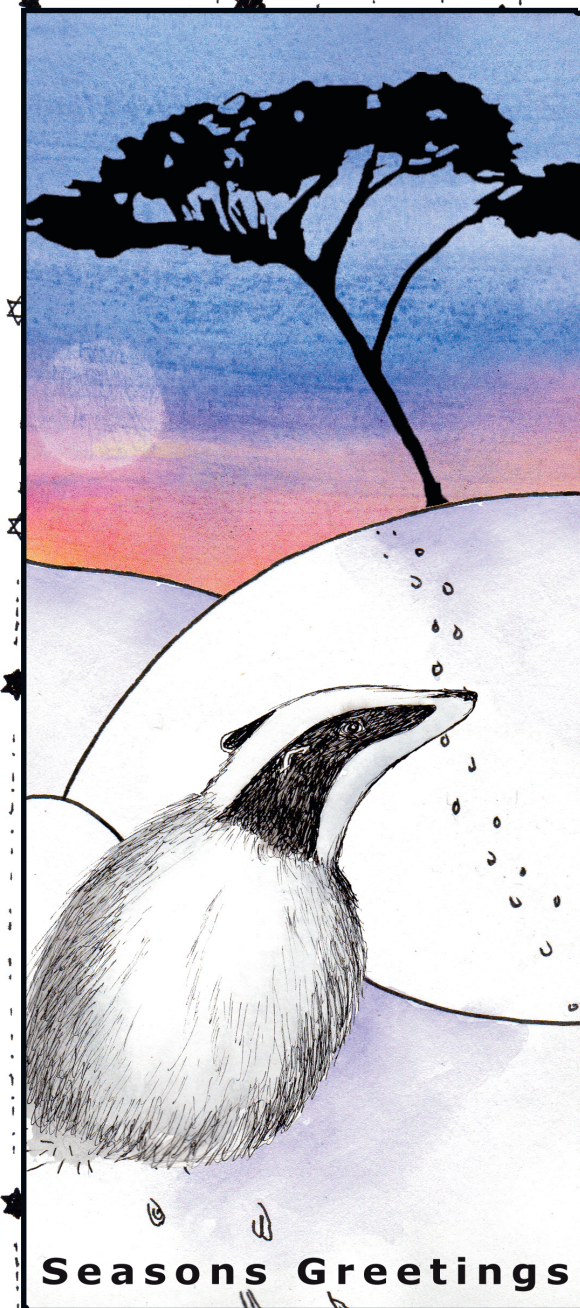
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Seasons Greetings

Welcome to the TWENTYFIRST edition of Stack News - December 2017

Like many people our 2016 was one of the very worst years ever but we are back this year with another issue of Stack news.

This year Jayne 'officially' retired, and we had a number of holidays and short breaks including Finland, Gran Canaria, a weekend Shanty Festival in Falmouth, and visits to the attractions in Oxford and Exeter as well as a Landrover Experience Day.



Finland was incredible, with snowmobiling, dog sledding, and a really unexpected sleigh ride. When we got to the reindeer 'farm' we were taken in to one of the kotas (huts) with a huge fire burning in the central fireplace. We were told the story of the Four Winds - it was very theatrical. We were then expecting a traditional, sedate, sleigh ride - 'santa style', but instead was a rustic tobogganing type sled for two people (think shipping pallet on skids) with a reindeer attached. The man handed Roger a rope and told us to sit on the sled and hang on. Without any hesitation or guidance the reindeer walked off towards the woods with the two surprised 'visitors' behind. He then started trotting, and then a full gallop along quite a tight windy track through the trees. We were hanging on for dear life. Finally arriving back where we started as if nothing had happened. We've no idea what the rope was for, maybe to make us feel more secure? We later heard other visitors screaming their heads off as

they too hurtled through the woods in the distance.

We both had a go at 'mushing' huskies. Jayne managed to tip Roger out of the sled - just the once. We both really enjoyed the experience and the stunning scenery of snow covered forest tracks and frozen rivers. Mushing is much harder work than it looks!

Unfortunately the Calima (sand-filled clouds from Africa) bringing temperatures of 35 degrees with not the slightest breeze - an unusual, extremely oppressive climate caused by hurricane Ophelia apparently - meant we cut short our trip to Gran Canaria and came home early. The place we stayed at was very nice but the weather really got the better of us. Maybe one day we will return. It was very disappointing but Roger still managed to get in 21 days of sunbathing on our local Cornish beaches.



Our Landrover Experience day was great fun with Roger driving both a brand new Discovery Sport and an 'All New' Discovery. We went off road through private woodland near Exeter with an instructor. Learning to balance the car on just two wheels and negotiate some pretty scary tracks up and down the hillside.

We both did a days stone carving course in Lamorna. Roger made the most wonderful frog, while Jayne's hare remains hidden and unfinished. Roger has plans to continue his

new found talent whereas Jayne will stick to pen and paints for now.



Jayne has taken part in a number of art exhibitions and workshops this year and is organising a show at the Redwing Gallery in Penzance for four of the art groups she is involved with. She is also selling some of her creations in 'Treasure a little craft shop at the bottom of Penzance High Street, and internationally on Zazzle (see information over).

We have already booked a holiday to Scotland for next year, visiting Edinburgh, Inverness, Aberdeen and a guided tour of the ancient sites in the Orkneys. With a number of what should be scenic train trips, a couple of flights, and a couple of boat trips.

After three years we finally have a new kitchen roof, a new shed, and planning permission to replace our garage and carport with a new double garage. It may take us another three years to get it built though.

So that's about it for yet another year. Watch your letterbox in twelve months time for another edition but meanwhile, if you're desperate for more to read, the back issues of Stack News are all available at [www.dingdong.me.uk](http://www.dingdong.me.uk)

Best wishes for the festive season from:

Roger and Jayne

