

Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year



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Welcome to the TWENTYSECOND edition of Stack News - December 2018

Yet another year gone.

The years are getting shorter and the winters longer - or are we just getting older?

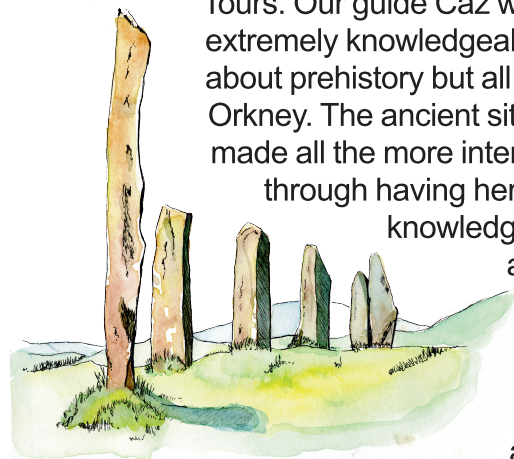
We had a wonderful trip to Scotland for most of May, visiting Inverness, the Orkneys and finishing off in Edinburgh. Quite a varied trip involving four flights, coach, car hire, mountain railway, cable car, train, minibus and inter island ferries, and staying at three different hotels and an AirBNB overlooking the river in Inverness.

Roger organized some great days out in the Inverness area, visiting Clava Cairns, Loch Ness, RZSS Highland Wildlife Park, Nevis Range Mountain Gondola, Cairngorm Mountain Railway and much more. See the rest at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/eOeezZVJyJIU9zsR2>

In Orkney we had a week of guided tours of the ancient sites with Orkney Archeology

Tours. Our guide Caz was extremely knowledgeable not only about prehistory but all aspects of Orkney. The ancient sites were made all the more interesting through having her expert knowledge as an archeologist to paint a picture of those times long ago. And



there was more spectacular scenery! We were well fed at every opportunity and Jayne came back an awful lot heavier after eating scallops, scallops, and cake (yes there were a lot of juicy hand dived scallops and tons of homemade cake).

In Edinburgh we enjoyed visiting our friends Les and Kathy and took in some of the museums and galleries. We were extremely fortunate with the weather and would have liked to have spent more time there, but our builders were due to start almost as soon as we got back.

At the end of last year we finally got planning permission to replace our leaky garage and carport with a new double garage.

A & R Building Contractors, a local family business have done a great job for us and we would highly recommend them. They had a couple of lovely border collies, who were very well behaved and a delight to have around. Pictures of the them, and the build, at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5PqqPd98PoP3wAn47>

There is still work to do fitting out the interior and painting outside but it is now usable and Erika and Dave can cuddle up in the warm and dry. Roger only managed to fit in about twenty-three beach days this year, although his favourite beach attracted so many visitors in the peak season that the local lanes became 'gridlocked'. We splashed out on a new infrared sauna. To get it in we are having had to rearrange most of downstairs, but already we are both enjoying getting sweaty.

Jayne is having a busy retirement spending a lot of time dabbling with paint and crafty stuff, and regularly attending five art groups! She has taken part in a number of exhibitions and workshops again this year, including a huge one at St Just which takes over the whole of a large school for about three weeks in the holidays. She also treated herself to a new sewing machine and, as she has hardly used one since she was at school, has started a 'Get to Know Your Sewing Machine' course.



Definitely no plans for any more building work, and no holidays booked yet for next year either- but we will see.

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:

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