

Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year



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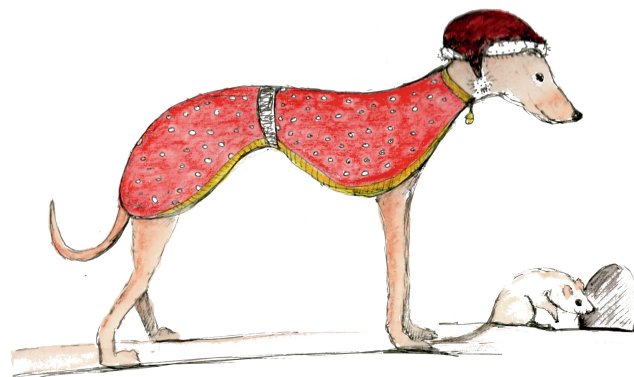
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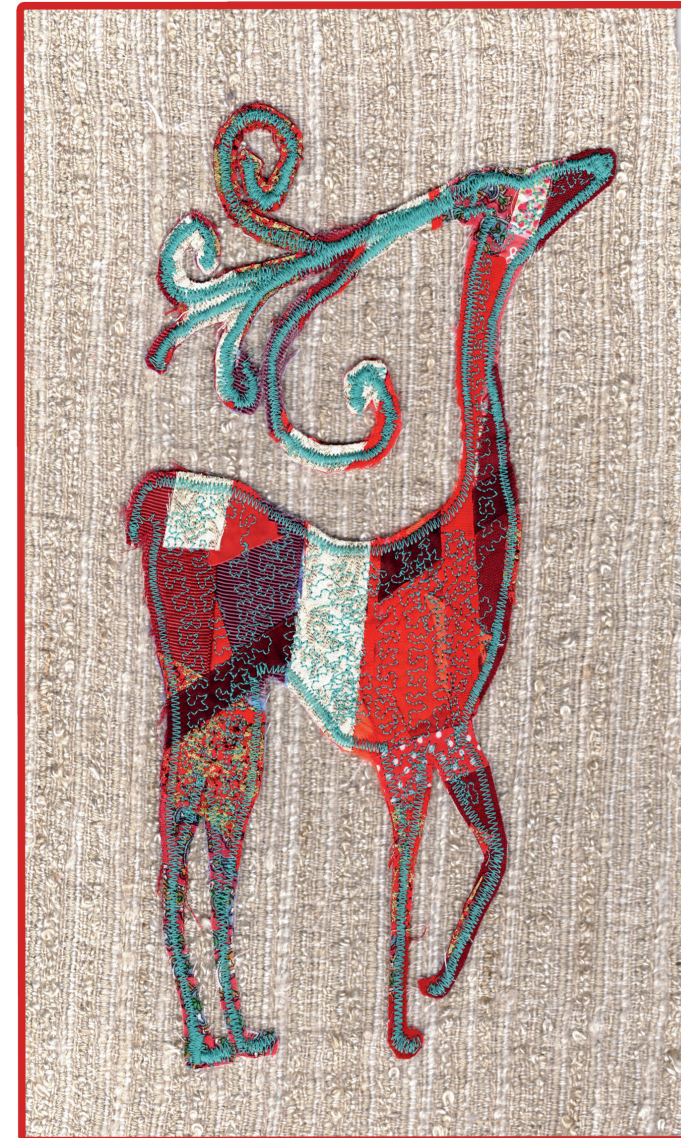
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Welcome to the TWENTYTHIRD edition of Stack News - December 2019

It was a quiet start to the New Year with a trip up to Exeter to the 'Craft for Crafters' exhibition in February (Roger went to a tool shop).

Roger spent a lot of care planning and fitting out his new workshop and we both had a go at painting the exterior of the house.

The pond which was 'refurbished' three years ago has been very productive for our local toad population. The first year we had a few toadlets, last year the female died and we didn't see any offspring, but this year they are hopping around everywhere. At the end of October there were still one or two tadpoles in the pond.



Jayne continues to have a busy retirement spending a lot of time making a mess with paints and crafty stuff. She really enjoyed her 'Get to Know Your Sewing Machine' course at the beginning of the year and now seems to

be addicted to making bags and things out of tiny scraps of fabric.

She took part in two of her local art groups' exhibitions and several craft fairs, and has a show coming up in December at the Redwing Gallery in Penzance with the Penwith Textiles and Embroidery Group.

Roger did a WEA course on the history of Mousehole and Newlyn based on a book now sadly out of print.

2019 seems to have been a rather wet year with a leaking bath, a dripping hot water mixing valve, and a fuel leak on Dave (Roger's Landrover Discovery).

November came with rain, and rain, and more and more rain, oh, and wind too.

Roger spotted a hole at the side of the back-garden steps, and on further investigation found that under the stairs was hollow! Living in an historic mining area, our fears were confirmed by a mining engineer – old mine workings had opened up. Not a huge problem for a mining remediation specialist and five and a half cubic meters of concrete!



To add to 'the excitement', two of our trees came down across the lane in a gale. Fortunately, a local tree surgeon was able to deal with them promptly so that the road was closed for less than 24 hours.



As winter arrives, with ice on the deck this morning, we've had quite enough excitement for one year!

Watch your letterbox in twelve months' time for another edition of Stack News! Meanwhile, if you're desperate for more to read, the back issues are all available at [www.dingdong.me.uk](http://www.dingdong.me.uk)

Best wishes for the festive season from:

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