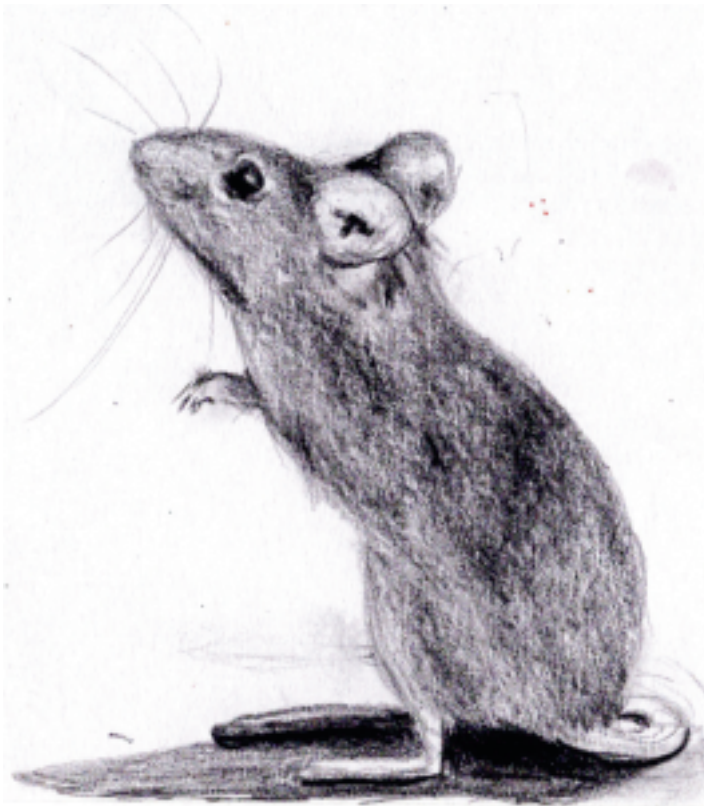


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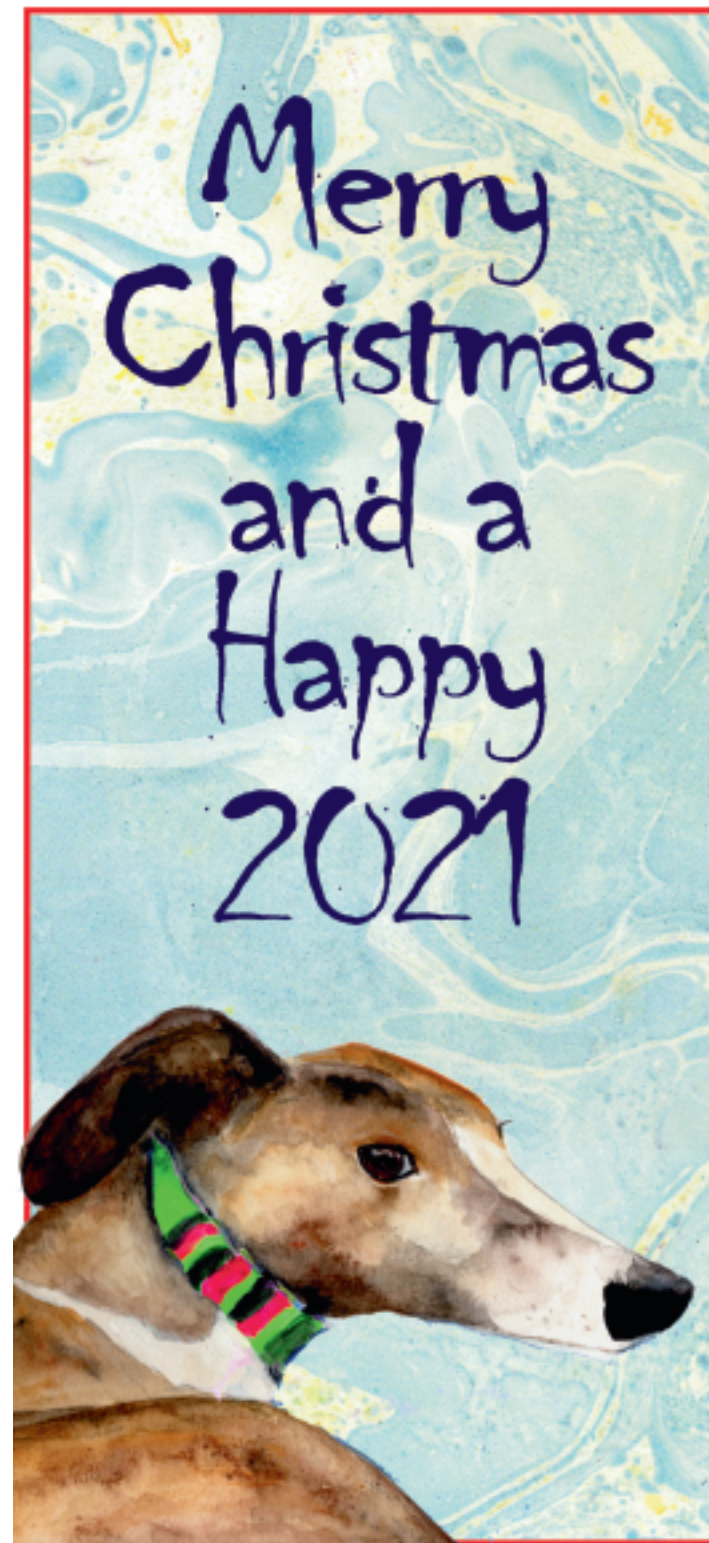
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Welcome to the TWENTYFORTH edition of Stack News - December 2020

Well what a year, we hope everyone is safe and well.

As we write this we are mid November and are in 'another lockdown'. Although things haven't really changed for us as we haven't come out of the first one yet!

Just as the first lockdown came in we had a massive gorse fire on the moors which got to about a quarter of a mile away from us. We saw the smoke in the afternoon and during the night the sky was an intense red. It took at least six fire engines to control it – thank goodness they did.

We have spent quite a lot of time in the garden, and have been delighted to see three fox cubs regularly. We even managed to get some video footage of them.



We had our toady tadpoles again this year and lots and lots of baby newts. During the spring our windows and doors were attacked

for weeks by a very bold chaffinch which we named Charlie. He was spotted down by the pond feeding at least one chick and has successfully defended them from the house.

At the beginning of November some long-tailed field mice decided to move into the loft. So far we have caught seven and they have gone to live in the woods nearby.

We have been lucky with our lovely Tesco delivery drivers so haven't had to visit any supermarkets or stores. And our kind neighbours have collected Jayne's prescriptions for her. We have had a couple of essential medical trips out, and have been doing walks locally, but have hardly seen anyone this year.

Jayne has made lots of face masks with her sewing machine for friends and local charities. Also a few attempts at blouses, some Christmas stockings, bags, pencil cases, cushions and little sewing kits made out of 'Altoid' mint tins.

She also took part in the 'Inktober' challenge last month, to do a drawing a day to a daily prompt each day of the month. And is attempting to put all of a late friends verses into book format (there are over four hundred of them) with some illustrations.

Roger spent a lot of time researching which new car to buy, as our dear old Landrover, Dave, was not going to make it through his MOT this year. He has also spent a lots of time fixing things including Jayne's sewing machine which seized up.

We did venture out for a test drive in October. Roger bought a new Kia – a bright yellow one – she now sits idly in the garage next to Jaynes bright yellow Kangoo awaiting better times.



Roger's Christmas present last year was a woodworking course in Exeter. Of course this has been indefinitely postponed but he recently received a pre-course course book from the guy who is running it so he can start his studies in advance.

We are nearly through the box set of the entire episodes of 'Columbo', but we have 'I Claudius' and 'Dragnet' lined up for 2021

Best wishes for the festive season and stay safe.

Roger and Jayne