



IAN AND BERYL's NEWSLETTER 2024



Season's Greetings.

We send you our very best wishes for a peaceful festive celebration from the "Isle of Wait"....yes, that's what we have learnt on the Isle of Wight – nobody rushes.

OUR HOUSE – HYDEAWAY:

Our building works are mostly complete with a replacement deck outside our lounge, side steps, new fascias and gutters, a skylight and substantial earth moving to reduce our steep slopes. 2025 is planned to get shrubs, wildflowers and vegetables planted.

We are so happy to have moved here to retire. Every day there is something to follow on the Solent whether it be the Ventnor fishing boat looking for crabs, a tanker, trip boat, ferry, cruise liner amongst others. Just some of the wildlife includes a mischievous red squirrel, foxes, wild ducks and ducklings, pheasants, kestrels, buzzards and rabbits. Local products we enjoy are fish, goat, lamb, free range eggs and honey all sourced within 15 minutes from home.

Although we've spent much time getting Hydeaway sorted, we have taken time out to participate in the 80th D-day beacon lighting, viewing of the 'Round the Island' yacht race, sheep dog trials, day trip for Cowes week, visits to Osborne House and Mottistone and show the family around over Easter and October half term.



We have some beautiful sunrises



Newly planted grass and lawn maintenance



Our resident Red Squirrel



Driveway and portion of front garden

HOLIDAYS:

Two very special holidays this year were Cunard's Queen Anne first voyage to the Canaries in May and in September a huge family event in Cape Town to celebrate Beryl's sister, Marilyn and her husband, Rob's golden wedding anniversary plus reconnecting with other family and friends.



Meeting Will Carling



Meeting Captain Inger



On Board – casual and formal



Touring the Canaries



Marilyn and Rob's 50th Wedding Anniversary flowers (by Beryl) and family

LOCAL INTEREST:

Early next year Ben Fogle's latest tv series "Lives in the Wild" will feature a program of our near neighbours, Lucy and Gavin, who live off grid and promote sustainable living at their home 'Victoria Lodge'. Their website is <https://permacultureislanduk.com>



Granddaughters Abi, Sophie, and Katie feeding Guernsey Goats at Permaculture

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with good health and happiness during 2025.

Cheers for 2025, Beryl and Ian

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