

Bateman Christmas Newsletter 2004

The story of the year 2004 in photographs. A quiet year, but here are a few highlights...

				
Spring in the garden. Changes to the garden include a new vegetable patch.	Marcus relaxes in the new conservatory which was completed at the start of the year.	Abigail is now in the last year at the village school in Puttenham and we think has the longest tongue in the village.	Esther wins messy eater of the year. She starts Nursery in January, two mornings a week.	Joshua sleeps on the sofa with Esther following a very tiring scout camp.

						
St Georges Day Parade with the Scouts where Joshua was a flag bearer	Abigail joined a local may pole dancing group during the summer and danced at a number of village fairs.	"Pretty in Pink" at Wisley RHS gardens. A photograph that she took won a prize at the village show.	Day Out at Portsmouth Harbour during the school holidays.	"All hands to the pump" - Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales where we went on holiday.	Day out at the London Transport museum Covent Garden	Abigail joins Beavers. She was delighted when the local scout group announced they would admit girls this year.



Marcus went to Portugal in June to see the England v France football match in Lisbon. Joshua continues monthly orienteering in the winter months (seen here top right rather hot after completing his run) and lower right he can be seen in the sack race at Puttenham Village Fair. Lower right is Joshua's winning entry to the village Garden Club's plate of artificial food.

The main holidays this year were to Pembrokeshire in August and Cyprus in October. The former was rather wet and windy and the latter hot and sunny. Top left Joy and Esther at a Silver Mine in Wales. Top right - a windy group photo on top of a mountain near Newport. Lower photographs from Cyprus.



View across Thames to London Eye 2004 taken by Marcus on the way back from dropping Joshua at a sleep-over at the Science Museum. Fireworks at Waverley Abbey School where Joshua is in his last year.



A photograph from harvest festival at Seale church. We continue to be active in the local churches. Marcus has led family services occasionally. We are awaiting the arrival of the new Rector in January.

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