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Today is the 3 month anniversary of the Twin Towers and, hallelujah, we are still here – so it's time to knuckle down and pen a few lines of Christmas Greeting to family and friends. Life remains hectic in the Ingwell household although we have managed to defer the move into our new house until January next year. What new house I hear you ask, well it's not too long a story:

The developer who built the houses in what used to be 'our' 35 acre back field offered to buy our house (No3) together with next door (No4 - Niel and Tricia's) provided we could organize to move out at the same time. We were already thinking of down-sizing and having a ready-made buyer provided all the motivation we needed. We have set removal day as 14th Jan 2002 so we get to enjoy one last Christmas in the old house.

We are not the only ones to move house this year. Charlotte and Shaun have decided to set-up home together and have bought a house in Sutton/Cheam village which is on the direct link line into London. They have lots of things to do by way of decorating and home-making which they squeeze in to their schedule along side clubbing and partying – I think it's called burning the candle at both ends. We are very fond of Shaun and his little girl Josie (age 9), and have even met the 'in-laws' They have Irish connections and Charlie had a holiday with the aunts and uncles last summer. She was stunned by the number of relatives she met within a few days and of course was overwhelmed by Irish generosity.

Dan and Joanna + family are all settled in a town house in Earley Nr Reading about 10_mins from our new house. Sam will be 5 yrs old in March and we cannot believe that our curly haired baby grandson is almost a schoolboy. Lorna will be 3 yrs in March and is a pretty little girl who can already wrap most men around her little finger. We love seeing them both and have a regular child minding spot every Monday afternoon and we often end up with baby sitting duties at the weekend; its lovely to have an extra pair of tiny hands to dig the garden (catching worms and spreading muck on the patio) or wash the car.

It's been another great year at Holly Spring Cottages and at it will be difficult to leave, but the removal is booked for 1 months time and the new house already beckons. It is a bungalow with only 2 bedrooms (3 if you count the study) and we are very excited by the prospect of creating a new home in a different style. The garden is already beautiful and so there will be little to do outside except cut the grass and enjoy the sunshine. We hope to have more time for rest and relaxation in 2002 since we are now both in partial retirement – Bridget has worked been working half time throughout this year and Stuart cut down to 3 day working at the end of November.

We trust this finds you fit and well. Have great Christmas and we wish you all a very happy New Year

Lots of Love