



Hard to believe it's nearly a year since we left our much-loved Oasthouse to move into a brand new "luxury" 3-bed apartment on the historic Pantiles in Royal Tunbridge Wells. Apologies that, because of our move, last year's Xmas newsletter didn't get circulated as it should.

We had 30 wonderful years in Bell's Yew Green where we definitely put down some roots so we still go back to the pubs, look at my name on the cricket pavilion and see our lovely ex-neighbours, including Laura's bridesmaid, and friends as they are only three miles away. So we no longer have to worry about the upkeep and time required to look after a large house, outbuildings and five acres or have to jump in a car several times a day. Thanks to Laura's organisational skills we have managed to fit ourselves and our treasures into a smaller space yet still live in a comfortable, quiet location where we can walk to most things we want to do.

My vast quantity of memorabilia from not just football and cricket, but also from showbiz and much more, is awaiting auction, probably sometime in the New Year, in the same Hansons sale room which is handling Eric Morecambe's treasures. I met them both and did one gig with Eric, you know, but that's a story for another time. It took me six months to get it together and while it is emotional the alternative is it will end up in a skip so better for others to enjoy it.

Laura, being so much younger, as she reminds me daily, is not only continuing to lead the ever-growing St John's Tennis Club where they have raised £260,000 to fund two new courts plus pickle ball and much more, she has now started appearing in Murder Mystery evenings and started up her own company. She has already put on gigs across the UK and even one in Spain.

Also fans still flock to events to meet actors from the "Carry On" films, of which she is one, adding to her Pan's People days with the legendary Flick Colby which can be seen on You tube.

Covid affected all entertainers' lives, of course, but I am now back in the saddle and enjoying working again. I've done the usual dinners. been on stage in Clacton, written and delivered a poem for Angela Rippon's 80th birthday celebration and even done another for money! It was a Scottish Jewish wedding of an eye specialist delivered by his best man, a dentist. Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction! I suggested it had been written by Rabbi Burns! *Copies available!!*

Given the cost of postage – not to mention the Starmageddon Budget – we're relieved we are no longer tempted to re-introduce the legendary cartoon cards designed by the late and great Bill Tidy and Dick Millington. However, our Xmas and New Year wishes to you all are just as sincere as they always were and we hope that we can all continue to stay in touch as we have done, in many cases, for a large chunk, if not all of our lives.

Lots of LOVE from Bob "the Cat" Bevan MBE and Laura "the Kitten" x

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