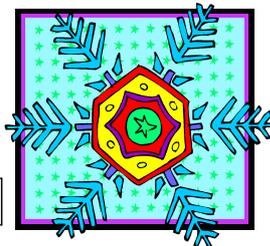


The Beardsley Bugle!



Winter 2004

Editorial for 2003 and 2004

A lot has happened since the last edition of the Bugle. Andy (Andrew) was eventually made redundant in April 2003, and went off on his tour around the world, visiting friends and family, and some wonderful countries. Unfortunately, whilst he was away in Australia, in November 2003, Harry had a fall in Ashford, dislocating his shoulder. He also contracted pneumonia, and this resulted in a progressively deteriorating condition, until he died on January 31st 2004. However, 2004 was not all gloom, since Andy became engaged to Lyn, his friend of the past 4 years, and they were married on August 21st in Braintree Registry Office. They are now settling into their new home in Essex. Despite the massive changes to her life in 2004, Kitty (Kate) is doing well, and is now involved in many activities in Stonegate. As a result of these changes, The Beardsley Bugle is now to report the events happening in the new Beardsley family, instead of those of Kitty and Harry.

In memorium

A few words must be said about Harry. He had 82 amazing years. Born in December 1921, his early adult life was interrupted when he served in the RAF in the Far East. Though he never spoke much of those times, he did entertain us with some amusing anecdotes. This epitomised Harry the man, to find humour in adversity. His sense of humour was well known, and though very dry, the glint in his eye always gave him away. After the war, in 1948 he married Kitty, and they had 55½ happy years together. In 1951, Andrew came along. Harry and Kitty spent 3 periods of their life together in Africa, initially in Nyasaland (Malawi), between 1953 and 1958, then in South Africa from 1979 to 1981, then from 1984 to 1987. Of course, from 1963 to 1999, he spent 36 years developing "Stable Cottage" with Kitty, before eventually retiring with Kitty to Wye. He is a much missed Husband and Father.

visits to Disney World.

Next stop was off to spend time with his Aunt Jean, and Alison (Jean's daughter), her husband Neil and Norelle, Natasha, Andon, Addison and Norissa. In the Pacific Northwest, he managed to visit the Olympic peninsular, Whistler, in Canada, Vancouver Island, and Banks Lake in the East of Washington State.

After that, it was time to start travelling down through the Cascades via Yellowstone, Yosemite, Death Valley, Las Vegas, and the Grand Canyon (on a mule!) Then on to his last American cousin, Alex, his wife Susan, and their little daughter Abigail in Los Angeles. Though time was spent in Hollywood looking for stars, none were spotted!



had ever visited. A visit inside a volcano crater was also noteworthy!

They then went their separate ways, Bob east back to the UK via the USA, and Andy west, on to Australia.

Andy spent a week travelling up the east coast to Cairns, where he was exposed to much sugar cane! However, the week in Cairns was truly amazing, with 3 days spent on the Great Barrier

Reef, followed by a few days touring the rain forest. He then went on to Uluru (Ayres Rock), where he experienced a Desert sand storm, and a bush fire. On then to Alice Springs via Kings Canyon, an oasis in the middle of the desert. After Alice, a brief trip to Broome,

on the north west coast was followed by two weeks in the Perth area with Gwynne Evans.

He had a lovely time there, being shown some of the wonderful sites, including giant Eucalypt trees, and talking over days in Africa. Departure from Western Australia was via the Perth to Sydney train, across the Nullabor plain. Supposedly one of the driest places on earth, but it rained! A few days were spent in Adelaide, a beautiful city, before moving on to Melbourne to spend time with Carol Lawton. It was only a brief visit, but he managed to travel along the Great Coast Road, and see the Twelve Apostles, and some wonderful coastline. Then on to Sydney, where the trip was cut short due to the sudden ill health of Harry.

World Tour - 2003

Many of you will have been able to follow Andy's tour, but for those who were not able to, here is a brief summary of the trip. For detail and pictures view the website: www.andybeardsley.com.

The trip started on May 31st, flying to Orlando, where he spent time with his cousin Andrew and his wife Cristina and mother-in-law Carmen. The highlights of this trip were a day spent with Dolphins, a day with Andrew, where they were swimming in a river, and found themselves swimming with an Otter. Also two

After 3 months in the USA, it was time for Andy to move on. Firstly to Fiji, for 12 days rest on a South Pacific island. He had a great time, with lots of rest, and time to just enjoy island life.

Then on to New Zealand, where he was joined by his friend Bob. They spent a month touring both North and South Islands. They both fell in love with the country. It was truly stunning, and was full of wildlife, and not too many humans. Trips were taken to all the key spots, but a place called Lake Matheson on the west coast, near to Fox Glacier had to win as the most beautiful place they

Kitty

A special section now for Kitty. Obviously she misses Harry beyond words, but despite a period in the middle of the year, where she had a number of falls, it is very pleasing to report that she has made a great recovery, and now spends her time going to plays in Canterbury, having recently been to see "The Shell Seekers" and "The Nutcracker". She has also joined the Art Class in Stonegate, and seems to have some latent talent in that department, having done a self portrait, a Fuchsia, and Holly. Life is very full for her at the moment, and a constant cry is "I've been very busy today!" She can often be seen walking through Wye to some location or another!

Love Story!

A apologies for the corny title, but it sums up this article perfectly! Whilst on his travels, Andy maintained a regular and frequent communication with Lyn, his friend of the last 4 years. It became apparent during this time that their feelings for one another had become quite strong, so when he returned from his travels, at their first meeting, he proposed. Lyn, being a very sensible person decided she wanted a little more time, since this had come as a surprise to her! Anyway, through the winter months, the friendship continued to strengthen, and at the beginning of March they went out to Cape Town for 9 days. This was part of Andy's original trip, which was to have included Kitty and Harry. During this visit to Cape Town, Andy proposed again, and was accepted. However, they had to keep this a secret until their return to the UK when the Mum's were told.

The date was eventually set for 21st August in Braintree, and then they had to sort out the logistics of selling two houses, buying one, and then combining the contents, not to mention organising a wedding.

The Wedding

August this year was very wet, so it was with great trepidation, and frequent reference to the weather forecast that Andy and Lyn approached 21st August. Fortunately, the day dawned to clear blue skies, without a cloud in site. The Registry Office was looking great, and the



Groom awaited his Bride with anticipation! The Bride arrived, stunning in her Bridal gown, having convinced everyone, she was just going to wear an outfit! The ceremony went very well, and the pictures duly taken, all repaired to Rayne Village Hall, where a very relaxed and casual reception awaited.

Bride and Groom eventually departed for their Honeymoon at Charlton House in Shepton Mallet. They spent 4 lovely days exploring Somerset, with visits to Wokey Hole, Cheddar Gorge and Westward Ho!

The short Honeymoon break ended with a return home to prepare for the house move!

Relocation

In preparation for married life, Lyn and Andy decided to sell both houses, and buy something fresh for them to start their new lives together. So, in early April, Andy began the task of preparing his house for sale, and it went on the market the week before Easter. An offer was received and accepted at the end of May, and he finally moved out at the end of July, moving in with Lyn. In May, Andy and Lyn then prepared Lyn's house for sale, and that was sold in mid June. By then they had identified, and had an offer accepted for what has become their new house in Heybridge Basin, Nr. Maldon in Essex. It is a tiny village on the River Blackwater estuary. It is very quiet, with the only noise coming from halyards clanking against masts in the wind. They are both extremely happy there, and even as this letter is being written, they have started putting their mark on the property, with a new study being fitted out, and a new fence in the garden.

Work!

Lyn is the only one who works, so this will be mostly about her successes. However, just to note that Andy briefly did some lorry driving for two weeks, before they both decided that getting up at 4 or 5 in the morning was too much!

Lyn has had a successful year, having had to apply for the job that she was seconded to, she was successful, and now enjoys life as the Pharmacy IT Manager at Broomfield Hospital in Chelmsford. At the start of the year, despite all the traumas around having a Fiancé, she successfully completed her Diploma in IT Office Applications, and her Advanced ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence).

Life has been pretty full since moving home, since the hospital decided to replace the Pharmacy system she manages, which has involved her in a whole new set of learning about IT Project management. Despite the politics, she has really enjoyed it.

Lyn is now looking forward to working with a more reliable system, and having time to do some of the more enjoyable aspects of work, rather than fighting problems.

Season's Greeting

It just remains for Lyn and Andy to wish you all an extremely Happy Christmas, and a successful and Healthy New Year.



We look forward to giving you the news of the development of our house next year, and hopefully greeting many of you in

our new home. We certainly intend to have a summer party, weather permitting, once much of the house work is completed.

Love to you all

Lyn and Andy