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2022 Christmas Newsletter from the Lovelock Family in Sunninghill



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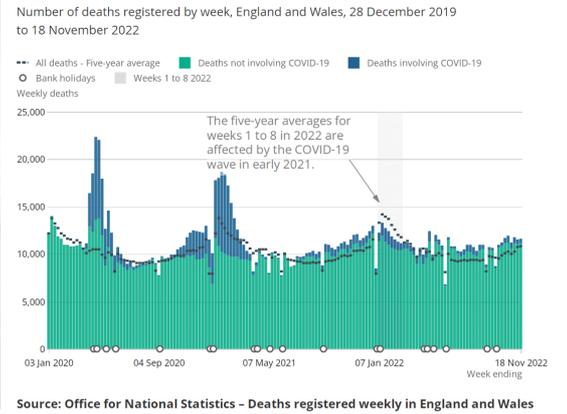
Seasons Greetings All ! I've been writing these Christmas Newsletters since 1995, online since 1996. Tap or Click on Father Christmas, at the top, for our 1996 Newsletter. Tap on the Printer to [Print xmas22.pdf](#) . Tap or Click on pictures to expand, visit links, relevant pages, or play videos. My mugshot is linked to my www.GPSS.co.uk . Over 120 videos were added to www.youtube.com/user/RobinLovelock/videos in 2022, including trips to 25 NGS Gardens, open for charity. Also friends [Steve & Kay and their Spitfire](#) on TV :-) See [Tody, our Guard Cat](#) ! Homer is on "Christmas Guard Duty" again, keeping an eye on our Camper. This was used to take [Snoopy's Robot Boat](#) down to Boscombe, on the south coast, for Snoopy's 2022 Trans-Atlantic Attempt :-)



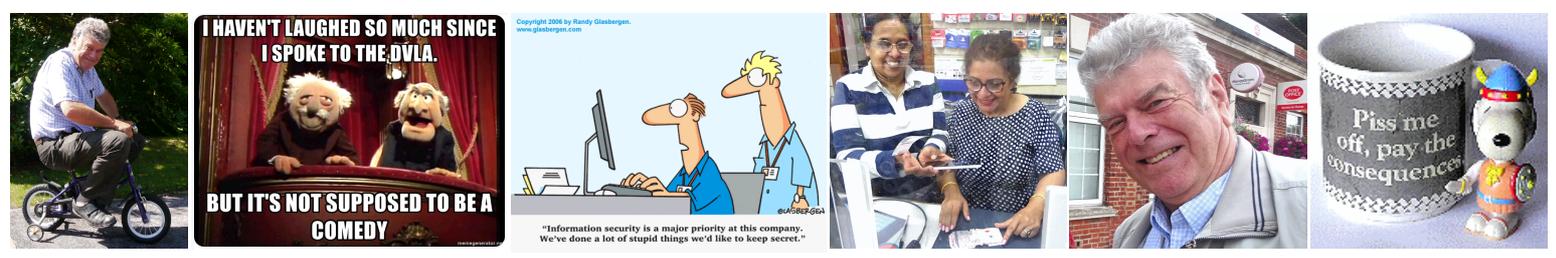
Tody



We saw sister Sally and niece Becky at Raunds, on 2nd January, taking Michelle back to Coventry. June's Kitchen is as 24 months earlier. See [Roof, Kitchen, and House](#) :- [Covid19](#) is "easing off", but the NHS has been neglected for decades, by ALL Governments. No change to [NHSCare.info](#) :-)



In early February, June & Robin were surprised by a letter from the DVLA, which banned Robin from Driving. Robin's response was not conventional: he simply created a new ["Press" page](#), linking to a detailed [DVLA Funny Farm](#) page, putting all details into the Public Domain. He then contacted several people. He did not drive for two months, but found alternative transport - see below :-). Miraculously, on April 1st, "April Fools Day", he was told he COULD drive again. But "the jury is still out" on how this happened, and it may happen again, so this page remains open and updated. Robin will let others speculate, and/or research, things like cash flow, and to what extent this is a common problem, and if it makes "business sense" for "deliberate mistakes" to happen - particularly within the physical and mental healthcare industry. i.e. NHS, Social Services. and those contracted to do the work :-)



There were a couple of lovely local Platinum Jubilee Parties in Sunninghill: one on the Victory Field, and one in Armitage Court. Robin enjoys checking video from his CCTV and other cameras. e.g. closeups of deer and pigeons feeding on peanuts - also loved by mice, hedgehogs and foxes :-)



Tap or Click on the picture below to go to Robin's [Sunninghill Wheelbarrow Race](#) page, then play the video from this year's race :-)



June and Samantha had an "Active Away" Tennis Holiday in Greece, from 6th to 15th May. June plays tennis at our local Royal Ascot Tennis Club over 7.5 hours a week - AND watches it far more on TV !

Tap or Click on the picture to play a clip of Samantha playing, from June's Youtube Channel linked from Robin's [Contact](#) page. Robin had his "holiday" at home :-)



Many will say "Robin's time is one long holiday", and it is true that he likes to combine "work" with "pleasure" :-) What "work" ? Well, there's all that driving, such as the chauffeur service for his Grumpy Old Men friends for Pub Grub each week. e.g. [Storm Eunice](#) :-) Also, those miles driving our Camper: three trips to the south west: that for Snoopy's 2022 Trans-Atlantic Attempt is further below, but before that we had two other lovely trips, caught in rough cut videos with photo trails. First our trip in July, to Devon, during that heatwave: [June & Robin Lovelock's Camper Trip South West from 11th to 15th July 2022](#) . Then that in August, as far as Lands End in Cornwall, returning in torrential rain: [Snoopy's Camper Trip to Cornwall with June & Robin Lovelock in August 2022](#) and [Snoopy's Trip to Cornwall with June & Robin Lovelock - 3D GPS tracks & more pictures and shorter](#) . Robin used the Cornwall trip as an opportunity to grow a beard again, not done since 2015. The problem is that it resulted in violence, with June shaving it off with a kitchen knife. The evidence is on video: [Robin's Beard being shave off](#) :-)



Did someone say "Work" ? Everyone knows that, since the 1970s, Robin spends much of his time getting others to do the real work - he likes to "use his time efficiently" :-) Robin's "Cunning Plan" - taking advice from his friend Baldrick - is to create space in their back garden for tools and materials to be moved from places like their Games Room, into more suitable accomodation. Other important work was done, including rainwater drainage into the "Top Pond", down the stream, into the "Lower Pond" - now the "Duck Pond" with it's new "mossy" fence - and into the "bog garden" at the end. The first few minutes of this video shows progress. Tap or Click on that frame on the left, showing use of the Youtube time bar, to play [Robin's Late November Photo Trail - Rough Cut](#) .

The three panorama photos below show our back garden, after a brief flurry of snow on 12th December; then Samantha working in our cluttered "Games Room"; then our lounge: Patio with Barbecue; Top Pond & Bridge; Lower (fenced, Duck) Pond; Washing Line; 6'x4' Toolshed; Summerhouse "Lab"; Workshop; Greenhouse.



Seeing those framed photos above our TV, reminds me to mention the sad passing of guys important to us. More than seven were this year. Some are linked to things like [Snoopy Robot Boats](#) , valued possessions, and treasured memories. I'll simply link their names and pictures to what seems the most relevant thing I have. Sorry not all are mentioned here. [George Gourier](#) , [James Lovelock](#) , [Bernie & Ruby Sharp](#) , Peter (Pietro) Lane , [Queen Elizabeth II](#) , [Nick Bansal](#) , [John Doyle](#) , [Angus Cairns](#) , [Trevor Saunders](#) , [Eric Wardle](#) , [Jack Ponsford](#) , [Len Lovelock](#) As someone said about growing older, and losing loved ones: "It goes with the territory". Love & Strength ! :-)



Our new cat [Tody](#) , and Bentley, from across the road, play an important part in our lives. The videos clearly show they are now "Brothers in Arms", with Bentley being the more experienced, in things like "security", "recce", and "special military operations".

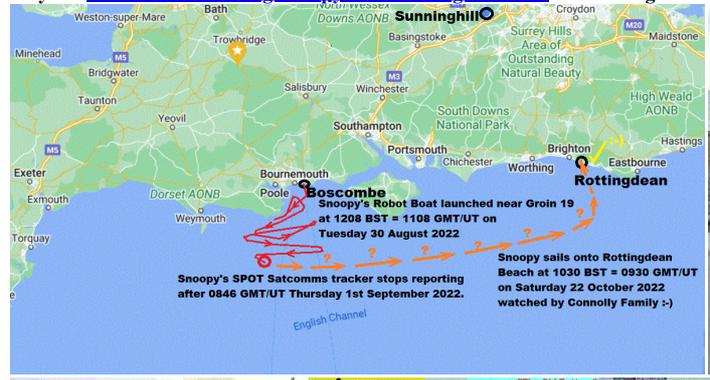
Topics and people overlap, as you will see, if you play these recent videos, particularly that on the right. There is a glimpse of Bentley, with Robin's dad's Webley Air Pistol, and the late Nick Bansal, witnessing Robin's demonstration of it, loaded with modern "smart" ammunition - allegedly :-)



Snoopy's Robot Boat made it's 2022 attempt to cross the Atlantic on Tuesday 30th August. You can play the [Video of Snoopy's 2022 Attempt here](#) . That's Dick, June, Dick's wife Liz, their grandson Jiraiya ('Ji'), then Dick again with Peter, tracking Snoopy's progress towards the horizon.



What a surprise when Snoopy sailed onto Rottingdean Beach, on Saturday 22nd October, watched by the Connolly family, who then 'phoned Robin :-). After Snoopy's safe return home to Sunninghill, it was not difficult to see what had gone wrong: stupid Robin had forgotten to file a flat on the steel rudder shaft, to take that grub screw in the rudder lever. The result, in rough seas, was the rudder had worked loose, slipped out of it's greased brass tube, and allowed some sea water into the waterproof box of batteries and electronics ! Play the [Video of us collecting Snoopy from Rottingdean here](#) . Don't forget that you can use the Youtube time bar to search content and skip bits :-)



Was Snoopy's amazing return pure chance ? A miracle ? Or did Snoopy get help ? It has happened before. See [2012](#) , [2015](#) , and [2019](#) Attempts :-)



June and Robin just LOVE the [National Garden Scheme \(NGS\) Charity](#) and enjoyed visits to 25 of these gardens in 2022. Nearby "Timber Hill" is on [Robin's huge "Walks" page](#) , but no others were added in 2022. BUT, most are on www.youtube.com/user/RobinLovelock/videos . You can try a [Youtube search on "NGS June & Robin Lovelock"](#) . Here below are the first eight videos that I found in December 2022. You often meet guys even more interesting than the places :-)



More may be added to the online copy of this on www.gpss.co.uk/xmas22.htm : more pictures, videos, and later news: hopefully good ! :-)

Have a Great Christmas, New Year, and a Good 2023. Love & Strength ! :-)

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