



the following day, so turned 50 in March so we all went to a 70s/80s weekend in Somerset to celebrate. In June, Robin & June went on [Holiday to Sicily](#) again, and Samantha also went for the first time as she wasn't working.



June and Samantha are still keeping up their tennis and visited Queen's Club and Wimbledon twice this year. We were lucky to have tickets for Both No. 1 and Centre Court due to rain both days. We visited Blenheim Palace to see their light illuminations and were joined by cousin Becky, Jordan and their new daughter Theia. Michelle is still in Coventry teaching electrical installations. Saskia and Gary have been working on their garden this year especially setting up a rose garden. Robin is still working on his Snoopy boat which didn't sail this year. John Silvester, the founder member of Snoopy's Team joker, passed away this year after a long illness. Sleep Well John.



We hope you kept safe this year, and that 2025 will be happy and healthy for you all. With love from Samantha, June, Robin, and family.

*from Robin:* Well Done Samantha ! :-). Most of above is unchanged, including text & pictures. but work was needed because of the terrible tools Samantha used ;-). Some of following is from end of my [full xmas24 newsletter](#) ... Making those "photo trail" videos, in 2023, became an obsession. Some local friends may have been pleased that I "paused" the habit, briefly, but others encouraged me. Failure of my Samsung pocket camera has not helped :-). The photo trails are certainly valuable as an "aid to my memory", and a communication aid on a wide range of topics - not just Snoopy's Robot Boat - to my Worldwide network of friends;-). There are many photo trail videos on [www.youtube.com/user/RobinLovelock/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/RobinLovelock/videos) , and most include an amusing introduction, and end with what is important to me: my thoughts on the UK DVLA and - MUCH more important - the prophetic words of James Lovelock. Maybe I can JUST squeeze an extract in below :-)



 *Global Warming, The Revenge of Gaia, throwing mankind back 10,000 years, and James Lovelock ...* "We can't stop Global Warming. but we may delay it by a few decades, to give us time to prepare for it's effects: vast areas of the World, including as close as continental Europe, becoming arid desert; shrinking of habitable areas of the planet to much smaller parts of the planet, closer to the Poles. The Earth will then only be able to support a small fraction of it's present population, and there will be the need for massive migration. Places like the UK will remain temperate a little longer, so will be an attractive destination. We need all World Governments to cooperate, to prepare for this inevitability; also to agree things like reduced use of fossile fuels, to give us a few more decades to prepare." The above is not a quote, but how I remember what James Lovelock said in his book "The Revenge of Gaia... etc, etc :-). This has been on my [Grumpy](#) page for years, and is near the end of many videos on [www.youtube.com/user/RobinLovelock/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/RobinLovelock/videos) .

On a lighter note, here are several of our 2024 videos :-). ... Holidays in Maldives, Sicily, the AMRA BBQ, and Blenheim Palace :-).



**Have a Great Christmas, New Year, and 2025. Love & Strength ! :-)**

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