

The Cayzer Chronicles (2019)



Well, 2019 is the year that Julie and I celebrate 100 combined years!

We thought about a big party but in the end settled for "50 for 50" series of trips out with a small party instead...

Given the events of 2019, some of these trips turned out to be political demonstrations and rallies.



Charlie continues his studies at the University of York (History and Politics). He has now moved with his friends into a shared house. Swingdance is still dominating his free time as he loves it so much. He has made some excellent friends through it.

Alice is now in year 13 studying A levels Psychology, Biology and Geography. She has taken a lead in the response to the Climate Emergency in her school setting up a group to come up with climate initiatives and has attended the school strikes. She also addressed the Annual General Meeting of Low Carbon Gordano.

We are very proud of them both.



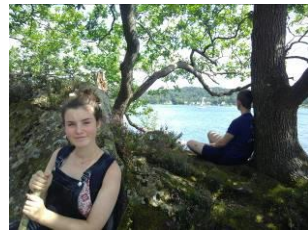
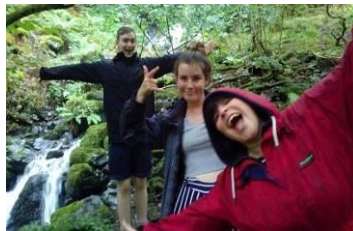


In eco activity corner, I am still on the Board of Directors for Low Carbon Gordano. I also reprised my role as the 'Green Man' for Nailsea Wassail 2019 which is the January preparation for October's Apple Day. Once again, I took part in the 'trial of Daisy the Cow' at Bath.



Julie finished as Chair of Governors in the Summer and has rejoined a local choir (part of the Nailsea Singing Project).

We had an absolutely lovely holiday this year in the Lake District (low key and quite cheap compared to last year's safari!). My running adventures have taken a back seat (sciatica!) but my 50th birthday present was to give windsurfing a go with Charlie and Alice.



We tried to keep up with friends this year, but didn't get to see all of you, sorry!
A New Year Resolution for 2020 !....



Julie continues her role as Vet Development Manager for Independent Vetcare. I am still teaching at the University of Bath, and won an award this year for "Innovation in Teaching" (my work on team Based Learning, ask me if you have a spare few hours...)

Both our work takes us travelling - for Julie to Edinburgh, London and Swindon (!). For myself, I did a PhD viva in Milan, attended a conference in Tampa (I wouldn't hurry back), a Team Based Learning meeting in Dundee, and an invited training course in Kingston (London, not Jamaica!). I avoided flying (for environmental reasons) for most of these trips (not Tampa!) but flew to Thailand in November for a recruitment trip (MSc students on my course) - a trip for which I have suitable "flygskam"



Family events this year include a joyous 21st birthday and graduation for Ellie, a chance for the whole family to get together



Over on my side of the family, Dad turned 77 (!) and Mum had a successful ankle op which means being waited on hand and foot (at last!). Granny also celebrated her 38th (approx.) birthday



We are very lucky to live in locations that allow us to go out on lovely family trips even if these are just to the cinema!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

