



# Malcolm, Bridget, James & Matthew's Christmas 2016 Newsletter



James left school and headed to Bournemouth, whilst Matthew adjusted to life as an only child!

Summer kicked off with us all involved in Lighthouse, the local Christian Holiday week which caters for about 800 local children.



Malcolm is now Chairman, Bridget did early morning security duties, James helped with craft, and Matthew played guitar all week.

A first summer holiday without James, as he decided to practice being a student by looking after himself (and the cat) for a week at home. The rest of us headed to France, back to the Loire Valley where we cycled, kayaked, walked and swam, and toured a couple of Chateaux.



## Bridget & Malcolm

Bridget continued to work for CRUK in London part time, filling the rest of the week with writing, e-learning design and other safety-related projects. Somehow, she even found herself writing a course on money laundering. Next year the plan is to spend less time with CRUK and build up a more varied range of clients.



Malcolm meanwhile continues to keep everything ticking over at home and in the village, enjoying his first year as Chairman of Lighthouse. And he has become a regular roadie for Matthew.

## James



James had a tough first half of the year studying and sitting exams. In the summer, he had the chance to get out more, helping at the local environment centre (EcoBuzz) and spending a weekend in Wales studying marine ecology.

Then, in September, he headed off for his new life in Bournemouth studying Ecology & Wildlife conservation. He's had a great term, joining in with lots of activities, and even starting his own club.



## Matthew



Matthew's team won the first round of the public speaking competition again this year, but now in the senior section he was beaten by sixth formers in the 2nd round. He completed the Bronze stage of his Duke of Edinburgh Award, and is still helping with Beavers and finding opportunities to play guitar, including at school, church and local theatres.

GCSEs in 2017, and then onto pastures new.

