

The Cuttings · Christmas 2008

Hannah:

Merry Christmas! It's been an eventful year, full of landmarks such as leaving school, turning 18 and passing my driving test. I've also really enjoyed going to plenty of music gigs, being in further plays and several changes of hair colour!

I'm currently on a gap year, still at my part-time job, and working on my university application for next year. I hope you're all well and wish you a great 2009!



Hannah's 18th, with Jean & Eric



Laura's Prom

Laura:

This year I happily turned 16. The end. Also, I went to Berlin, Switzerland, Paris, the New Forest, *Soul Survivor*, *GreenBelt*, and started a new College.

So, not quite the end, I guess. I still horse ride, I am looking forward to my third year of ballroom dancing, I have taken up learning British Sign Language - which is the best thing in the world! I got a few GCSE's, that was not the highlight of my year...

I quit: Gymnastics, Piano, Silver Duke of Edinburgh, Secondary School.

Lots of change this year, I am looking forward to 2009, but not the work load. Have a nice year. xx

Kay:

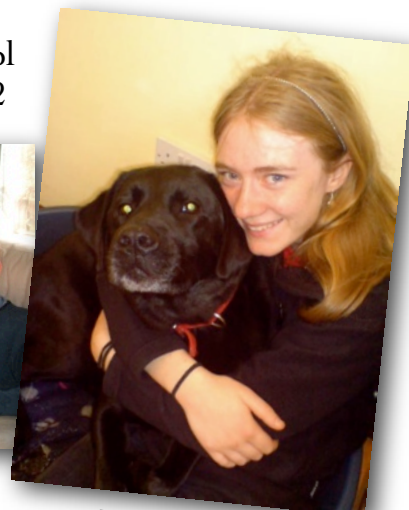
What do I remember from this year? The joys and anxieties of having teenagers! Endlessly trying to get the girls to revise for exams....then waiting with baited breath for results (which in the end were all pretty good); realising that life can be very hard for elderly friends and relatives and that we should make the most of our health whilst we have it; the sad deaths of two dear family friends; the onslaught of paperwork resulting from a new head-teacher at work; a great school residential and a priceless day at work when 12



Hannah



*Who needs to talk when we can email?!
with the Greenhalgh boys*



Laura & Tilly

year old Sophie suddenly decided to walk! Horse riding with Laura across the New Forest during our summer holiday - we both think riding is fabulous even when it's pouring with rain! A great retreat at the *Oasts* in Kent where it was a privilege to pray with other clergy wives and have them pray for me. Secret preparations for an Australian friend of Laura's to stay over Christmas... We didn't manage much holiday this year - a week in the New Forest and two lovely days in Hathersage in the glorious Peak District - I'm scheming for 2009!



'The Stig's Helmet'



Alastair at St Paul's

Alastair:

After years of the girls saying 'Dad, when will you have a car that is younger than us' perhaps it was time to retire the 1989 Passat estate that has served so well over 14 years. We now have a Toyota Prius hybrid, attempting to emit slightly less CO². The white Prius looks slightly like the 'Stig's' helmet, prompting the car's nickname, in an ironic nod to *TopGear*, who relish in rubbishing it.

Our previous Uxbridge Team Rector Michael Colclough, in moving from being Bishop of Kensington to a post at St Paul's Cathedral, called in favours from many previous colleagues, getting them to preach at St Paul's. It was a rather daunting honour to have been invited, in June, and rather fun to do. In July I made my first brief speech at General Synod, possibly the first to include some Maori!

Margot & William (Mum & Dad C) had extended Golden celebrations in this Olympic year. That's two lots of family 'Goldens' in two years. We feel very blessed to have so much family around. I think it is about time for some 'Silvers'.

With much love,

*Alastair Kay.
Hannah and Laura*

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Massed Cuttings for Margot & William's Golden Wedding celebrations