



**2015 Christmas Newsletter from the Lovelock Family in Sunninghill is on [www.gpss.co.uk/xmas15.htm](http://www.gpss.co.uk/xmas15.htm)  
Only have the paper version ? Do you have a friend on the Internet ? More pictures and videos ! :-)**

**Snoopy made another Atlantic Attempt this year ... launched from Boscombe on 18th March... SPOT tracker stopped on 27th... Landed at Brighton on 30th ! You can play the 8 minute [Youtube video of Snoopy's March 2015 Atlantic Attempt](#), or simply visit the [Snoopy](#) Page for all the news. Who rescued Snoopy ? :-)**



**In April, Robin took two weeks extra holiday in a "Funny Farm". This was after too little sleep, watching Snoopy, then preparing for the Election. His write-up in October started as a "damage limitation" exercise, but very soon became an enjoyable trip down Memory Lane. Checkout [Robin's Mini-Autobiography from a Shrink's Point of View](#) :-)**



**Sicily in May & June 2015 .... This year we used the bus instead of the usual hire car. Buses work great - and are really cheap ! We spent lots of time with our crazy italian friends - see the picture below. Enrico and Matilda took three nights holiday with us on the remote island of Salina, reached by train and ferry. Enrico showed Robin how to light a Tuscan cigar, so Robin could blow the smoke in June's face. Matilda and June just LOVE the smell. More pictures are on our [2015 Sicily Holiday page](#), uploaded while in Sicily. Watch the first 2 minutes introduction of the 26 minute [video of "Sicily in 2015"](#) - you will not believe some of the things we saw and did ! :-)**



Cowes Week on the Isle of Wight in August 2015 .... We were invited for this weekend break by Stuart Quarrie, Robin's flat-mate, and Best Man at our wedding in 1971. This was Stuart's last year running Cowes - something he's been doing for 15 years ! See Robin's [GPSS on Water](#) page for details and play our [Cowes Week 2015 video](#).



Corfu in September .... See [Pictures from our Tennis Holiday](#). June had the tennis lessons. Robin assisted with seeing Corfu, enjoying good company, and tasting the wine ! :-)



We started the GPS Hobby of [Geocaching](#) in 2001, when there were only about 100 caches in the whole of the UK. Now there are more than 100,000 ! Sadly there are very few of the traditional "ammo box" like we found again in November 2015. It still had our entry in the log book from when we first found it in 2001 ! Read the details on [www.gpshobby.info](http://www.gpshobby.info) :-)



Robin has been playing with CCTV and covert TV cameras for years, and has created a new [Robin's CCTV page](#) to bring it all together. Wildlife includes humans :-)



June and Robin share their passion for all things Italian, including the Italian lessons two nights a week, and [Holidays in Sicily](#). Here we are with Matilda and Enrico. Click on pictures for bigger versions, if you are not reading this on paper :-)



June now works for Axon only four days a week, giving us longer weekends. Her main other interests are Sodutoo and tennis. She plays tennis at least once a week, and watches Andy Murray when she can, often with Samantha.



Here they are at the Davis Cup, held in Glasgow in early March this year. Samantha shares this hobby of tennis, second only to Grand Prix motor racing. Her Japanese lessons continue. Sorry that was Sudoku earlier. They both work, to keep Robin in the manner he has become accustomed :-)

Our other daughters Saskia and Michelle are old enough to write their own newsletters or update Facebook pages, but here is a quick mention: Saskia and Gary are still not far away in Bracknell, and have both recently changed their jobs. We very much like spending time with them, and our "inherited grandchildren". Boys are so much better than girls when it comes to toys ;-)



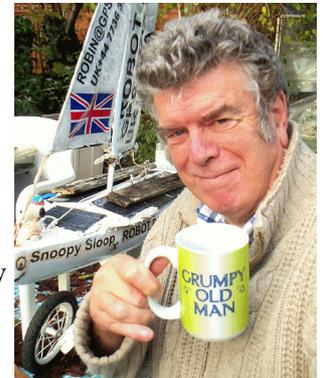
Michelle is still in Coventry, taking a break from teaching, so she can do overdue work on her house. She plans to have major building work done, to extend then refurbish her kitchen. This is a picture Michelle sent me, from her Facebook page, of her with a hedgehog. I understand that it was very tasty. One of the many silly videos on Robin's youtube channel: [www.youtube.com/user/RobinLovelock](http://www.youtube.com/user/RobinLovelock) is a hedgehog stalking a cat !

June's dad Jack, now 96, is still only a few minutes drive away, looking after himself at home. He had a few falls this year, and spent quite a few weeks in hospital, being kept in until they were confident that he would be OK at home. Jack still refuses to have any servants at home, including for gardening or housework. I guess Robin learnt his grumpiness from Jack :-)



Robin enjoys being a "Grumpy Old Man", moaning at the TV and discussing how to solve the World's problems with other old men like himself - our "Last of the Summer Wine Team". We meet regularly in local pubs. Robin drives and drinks coke, so they can drink real ale !

Robin would love journalists to see his [Grumpy](#) page and perhaps use some as "raw material" to do some good in the World. It would be great to get some Publicity again for the [www.NHSCare.info](http://www.NHSCare.info) [Coughlan Campaign](#) : The NHS should obey the Law and pay all Care Home fees. It's years since we had those three, one hour BBCTV Panorama broadcasts, and Newspaper campaigns on our [NHSCare.info](#) [Publicity](#) page.



Robin is in regular email contact with others around the World, including other Grumpy Old Men even older than himself. They have a wealth of knowledge and experience. They include some in UK, like Derek Cole - and, of course, that amazing Pam Coughlan in Exeter.

However, Robin does not spend that much of his time sat at his PC: he gets out in the fresh air when he can, with June, during our long weekends, or takes it easy dozing in the lounge :-)

Yes, it's that time of the year when Homer Simpson is put on duty, guarding our house, along with Christmas lights. You will see, in that picture just taken, that Robin has taken to wearing braces, to stop his trousers falling down. He must have lost weight, due to running around the house doing all that dusting

and Hoovering ! It only remains to say ...

**All our Love and Good Wishes from Robin and June Lovelock in Sunninghill.  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !**

