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Special BREXIT Edition

December 2019

The end of a decade is a timely point to launch another issue of Dafnews, which describes notable family events over the five years from 2015 to 2019. This issue is also entitled the BREXIT issue to reflect on Britain turning its back on mainland Europe which it helped to liberate in two World Wars.

- 2015 -

The Big Seven O

Sheila reaches her seventieth birthday and celebrates with family & friends at an all-girl party hosted by friend Mary. They kindly left Geoff some scraps.



Tea at Oakley Hall

Geoff & Sheila enjoy tea at Oakley Hall (not quite 'The Ritz') with a voucher they received from Janice & Graham in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



Sheila Gives up Jazz

In June, Sheila's twelve year old Honda Jazz was traded in for a Toyota Yaris due to a slightly grumbling gear box. In later years the car was still seen being driven in the area; but one never knows!

It's All in the Mind

Well, that's what Jonny decided to specialise in when he commenced his degree course in psychology at Chichester University.

Sparsholt

Hayley, with her growing interest in animals, started a course in Animal Management at Sparsholt College near Winchester where she also formed a great friendship group.

- 2016 -

Rescued by Spanish Tourists

During a holiday in the Asturias region of Spain Sheila had problems completing a longish hike and was helped by a family of Spaniards who stopped to pick her up. The driver then took Geoff & Sheila back to the Parador where they were staying.



Military Memories

Geoff & Sheila took the opportunity to visit the Prince Consort Military Library in Aldershot during a public open day. Geoff's Dad worked there following his retirement.



Botswana Bonanza

As part of her course at Sparsholt Hayley had the opportunity, which she grabbed eagerly, to visit Botswana. Lucky!



'Tyranny of the Majority'

(John Stuart Mill)

The tragedy of the year was the Brexit referendum when 52% of the British public voted to 'Leave' the European Union. Nigel Farage, the leader of the Brexit campaign, stated that if the vote had been 52% for 'Remain' he would have demanded a rerun, then changed his mind. This was also the year that the United States elected an imbecile for president - Donald Trump.)

- 2017 -

Geoff Heisted

Geoff had his wallet lifted from his backpack when he & Sheila were exploring Madrid. It contained credit cards, his driving licence and €200.

Hayley's Wheels

Hayley finished her course at Sparsholt with a Level 3 Extended Diploma and bought a car to commence driving lessons.

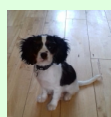
Goodbye Henry

In September Sheila and Geoff took Henry to Cornwall where, sadly, he spent his last days due to an unknown problem that had affecting his quality of life over the previous 3 months. Sadly missed.



Exeter Here we Come

Following intolerable pressure, Geoff agreed a journey to Exeter to collect Henry's successor - Freddie, a cute little pup (little did we know!!!)



New Job, New Life

Beth passed her driving test, acquired a new car and a took a new job working at Danetti in Customer Services.

Andrew's Past It?

Andrew passed his driving test and acquired Nicola's old car when she purchased a new model.

Underhand Activities?

Nicola changed her job to work for Fleet Mortgages as an underwriter.

Corruption not Tolerated

Melanie commenced a relationship with Paul, an acquaintance from early years, who then tried to bribe his way into the family by providing Sheila and Geoff with endless supplies of almond slices & high cocoa chocolate respectively.

No Brexit Breakthrough

This year ended with the withdrawal agreement unresolved (surprise!). Chaos in the British Government continues.

- 2018 -

In Memoriam

Geoff & Sheila received an oil painting of Henry from Reg & Maureen, whom they met on holiday. It was painted by Reg from a photograph.



Wedding Wonders

Geoff & Sheila received a surprise when, in the Sarson Stones public house, Darren & Marti announced their marriage; and we thought it would never happen!



Congratulations

Jonny graduated with a 2-1 degree in Psychology from Chichester University and started temporary work at The Foresters Public House.



It's Criminal

Andrew commenced his degree course in Criminology & Cyber-crime at Portsmouth University.

Well, Fair Do's

Hayley commenced her degree course in Animal Welfare and Behaviour at Merrist Wood College and started work at Primark.

School Days are Over

Melanie resigned from her job at Yateley School and joined R.Collard, a large local waste management company.

Third Time Lucky

Geoff finally overcame the employment conundrum when he finally retired to enjoy the remaining years of his life.

All That Jazz

Members of the family started attending the monthly Fleet Jazz Club. Both Melanie and Nicola won a raffle prize on their first attendance. Huh!

Brexit Update

Guess what? No Brexit breakthrough. Talk about lack of thought and forward planning!

- 2019 -

Hayley on a High

Hayley passed her driving test and started a new part time job at Pets Corner. College placements were at Battersea Dogs Home in Windsor and the RSPCA at Weybridge.

Beth Moves On

Beth changed her job to join CV-Library located in Fleet.

Modern Jazz

Sheila swapped her Toyota Yaris car for a new Honda Jazz.

From Overseas

Dave & Jenny visited for a few days on their way to join a cruise around the British Isles.



Sad Times

Both John (Valerie's husband) and Mabel (Geoff's last maternal aunt) passed away in September.

Gloomy Times Ahead?

This decade ended with a Brexit date of 31 Jan 2020, but no sensible strategy; and three years of a Donald Trump presidency with no significant achievements other than rancour and disunity.