



# Datanet News



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Due to a busy 2007 there has been a bit of a delay in publishing this latest issue of the newsletter. So, trawling through the grey cells an attempt has been made to try and recall interesting events since March 2006!

Note that as some of the incidents are up to two years old there may be a few inaccuracies.

## Cucumber Willy

It must have been after a visit to the toilet that Jay referred to his Dad having a willy as big as a cucumber. (Of course it might have been a dwarf cucumber.)

## Dirty Business

Ever had that feeling of being drained? Well Darren did when he nearly got the sack for not cleaning his van at AT Drainage.

## Grandmas's creaky bones.

A comment made by Jonny when he alluded to Grandma's clicking bones when she got up out of the chair (we think).

## Summer Outings

Summer outings this year included visits to Alice Holt, Bracklesham Bay, Itchen Valley Country Park, Hol-lycombe and Cali-fornia Country Park. Look out for



the exciting DVD release of these day trips.

## Lee's Graduation

In October, Lee was awarded his BSc (Hon) degree in Science & Management of Exercise & Health at the Royal Garrison Church in Alder-shot. Well done Lee!



## Going to the Dogs

Yep! Thanks to Nicola, both she and Sheila acquired the full Monty and Henry IX. Mean-while, Murphy and Twinkle were being fitted with bottom protectors.



## 'Just my boy!'

During the purchase of the above pups, Nicola sent the breeder pictures of Jonny & Andrew via email. The response was "Your boys are lovely. The elder one looks like you and the younger one is like his Dad." "No I don't." Replied Andrew. "I've got blue eyes and blonde hair.....Oh, I know what it is. It is because I've got hairy legs and a big willy!"

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## Diarrhoea District

Monty and Henry had great fun eating



sheep's poo when the two families spent a week in the Lake District in May. The trouble was that the poo went straight through and out the other end! Meanwhile, Geoff and daughter Nicola shared their love of corny humour whilst browsing sheepish postcards.

## A Fleeting Chance

Or more correctly a chance in Fleet when Darren joined a roofing company based in Fleet to spend a night on the tiles. Well, more than a night actually. It was in fact ... A new job - with Fleet Roofing.!

## On the move

It seems that everyone was on the move when Geoff & Sheila moved to Dorset in July. At the same time Janice & Graham, Colin & Jackie and Rose & Terry also moved in to new homes.



(Mem: Write a book on how smoothly house sales and purchases proceed.)

## Geoff Retires (Again)

Once again Geoff celebrated his retirement when he left Datanet after seven years to re-locate to Dorset. However, he couldn't quite let go and has been making weekly trips to

help the company out in their new premises in Fleet. A surprise party attended by all the family was organised at Rackstraws in Sandhurst.

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### Broomfields Come to Stay

The first staying guests visited Geoff & Sheila on August 29th. Day trips included visits to Shaftesbury (Gold Hill and the Abbey), Stourhead Gardens and Wardorf castle for a dragon and fairy hunt.

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### Chickened out

Tearful farewells were uttered by Geoff & Sheila's garden ornaments, especially Duck, when Blue Chicken took off with Janice & Graham after their short stay in Gillingham in September. (To be honest Sheila was over the moon but Duck got quite depressed.) Let's hope Chicken doesn't miss the others too much.



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### The last one!

Yes, the youngest grandchild, Jay, started school in September.

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### Bethany at Comprehensive

Yet another sign of growing up, now that Beth has started senior school.

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### Mel & boys

Mel, Sean & Jay paid a visit to Geoff & Sheila to see their new home and take a walk with Henry.

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### Popes Come to Stay

The second batch of overnighters called in during September. Visits to Sherborne Castle and the quaint historic market town of Gillingham were organised.

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### Aye, aye Cap'n

Congratulations to Jonny having been voted in as house captain for his year.

### Crime does not pay!

Especially when Grandma, who should know better, exceeded the speed limit and got three points and a £60 fine. Girl racer - huh!

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### Darren & Martz Come to Stay

With a bit of ingenuity the guest bedroom was converted into a three-bed dormitory for Sean, Jay & Duncan when Darren, Martz and the three bears, sorry 'boys', came to stay in October. Exciting hours were spent watching Teletubbies and other mind riveting DVDs.

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### Science (Scary!) Fiction

Jonathan wrote a story at school about a man encountering aliens visiting Earth from outer space. However, because he had not done so he was asked to go away and insert a paragraph describing the aliens. Being Jonathan, his edit consisted of words to the effect: '(He) couldn't describe the aliens because he was so traumatised by their appearance'. 'No', said Mum, 'that's not good enough and means you just can't be bothered!'

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### Sheila & Geoff in Egypt

Off on their travels this year, Geoff & Sheila stepped back about 4,000 years in time to visit the land of the pharoehs along with a cruise down the River Nile. Both had slight tummy upsets and Sheila missed out on the Valley of the Kings but did see the pyramids, which admittedly hadn't changed much in the 55 odd years since Geoff was last there.



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### Grandparents Day

Back up to Hampshire once again when Grandma & Grandpa called in to Jonny and Andrew's school for Grandparent's day. Practical sessions on design were organised. Jonny's session was all about team work, ie. arguing about who should do what! Great fun anyway.

### Hello Een

Now that Geoff & Sheila have joined the crotchety retirees in the depths of Dorset they spent halloween evening with the lights out and a shotgun poked through the letterbox in case trick or treaters came around. Fortunately for them, none did!

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### GMH (Grievous Mental Harm)

A traumatic time for Jonny when playground fun got out of hand and he was wrongly accused of kicking a boy and breaking his ankle. The boy's mother called the police with a charge of GBH. I ask you!

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### Computers have ears!

Whilst playing a computer game that asks the player to think of a number, Mike said out loud "Let's see. 54 ..."  
'Sssh', said Andrew, 'it might hear you!'

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### Wheeling and Dealing?

Following pains in his legs Sean was advised to do regular leg exercises. As with all young children this sort of thing gets forgotten. Dad emphasised the importance of doing the exercises 'Otherwise you could end up in a wheelchair'. 'Good' replied Sean 'That would save me having to walk anywhere!'



### Geoff FINALLY Retires?

Following Geoff's second retirement in July last year he continued working for Datanet (on an ad hoc basis) until February this year. "Could this really be it?" he asks.



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### Strumming Along

Following in her Mum's and Auntie Nicola's footsteps, Hayley is learning to play the guitar.