

# LOCKWOOD Christmas News

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The family went to the French Alps (Les Deux Alpes) for 2 weeks holiday in July. We did summer skiing, biking, swimming, walking and generally having fun together as a family. On the way back from the Alps we stopped in at Disneyland Paris for 3 days. Although the weather was not brilliant everyday we all had an excellent time on the rides and swimming in the hotel pool. Aston liked being tickled by Goofy, but Pyers did not want to sit on Mickey Mouse's lap! He just screamed at the thought of it and tried to get away!

Again another year has passed and as usual we have bought another house, changed cars, moved schools, etc... what would be different next year would be if we didn't change something. We hope this newsletter finds you in good cheer and you find our news interesting.

The year commenced with our annual skiing holiday. We enjoyed ourselves in the French Alps for the second year running in Argentierre (Chamonix). Aston is taking well to skiing and had fun at ski school. Pyers was a little unsure of walking on snow, having only been on his feet for a few weeks, it was a little strange for him to be all togged up in snow gear and big boots. Both the boys loved playing in the snow and sledging together. Thanks to the Smiths for another good holiday.



## New House & New School.

During the end of late 2003 Claire became concerned about the state of the cliff near to our home. So in December Ian announced that he had put an offer in on a house between Battle and Bexhill. It was nearer to Ian's work and meant that Aston had to change schools. This has proved to be very good for him, as he was not being stretched enough at his last school. The new school is much bigger and since Easter he has now gone full-time. He adapted very well and is happy at his new school in Little Common. Pyers hasn't started nursery school yet, but will hopefully in the New Year.



**New Job.** In July started a new job as Sales Director for an IT security company. As it is based in Worthing (although he also works in the London office) it is nearer to home and has spent more time with the family, which has been good. [gsec.co.uk](http://gsec.co.uk)

New house = very large garden = new lawnmower! Pyers try's to get to grips with the tractor mower but can't yet reach the pedals!



During 2004 we went to Legoland on two occasions. The first time just with Aston and on the second time Pyers came as well. We had FUN!

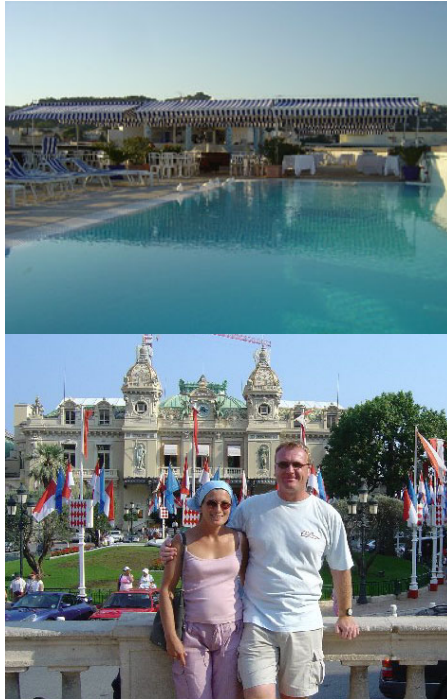
Aston turns 5 and Pyers turns 2. Both enjoyed their parties.





### ParentTalk

Claire has been involved with ParentTalk this year through the church mother and toddler group and was able to share the struggles she has with motherhood anger and how God is changing her attitude and priorities. Both the boys have been blessed with this and Ian has noticed changes in Claire's role as a mother.



Our 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year was spent in Nice. Which was nice! We had an excellent time away for 3 days without the boys. We spent the time reading, laying on the beach, and eating at very good restaurants. We took the train to nearby Monaco for the day, which was expensive and Ian liked it! View of the rooftop pool and us in front of the famous casino square.



### DRESS UP AT HOME



Pyers enjoyed having a bath in the kitchen sink whilst Ian put in a new bathroom. He wasn't very good at washing the dishes though!



Pyers did a runner!

At the end of August Claire went to Wales for a week with the boys where they enjoyed a good break with excellent weather in her parents holiday home. The boys flew down whilst Claire drove!



Aston returned to school in September and has settled well into year one. He now brings homework, spelling and reading every night. We are not football fans at all, so he now attends football club after school once a week, just for fun, which suits us just right!

Claire has been involved with the Alpha course being run by the church this autumn. This is a course for anyone wanting to know about Christianity. As we come to the season of celebration of the birth of Jesus consider what you believe in. Take a look at [www.alphacourse.org](http://www.alphacourse.org)



Aston's bins in Nice!



Aston couldn't get away!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
*from the Lockwoods*



Jet Skiing in Disney

**Other News** : Ian's mum moved back down south after living in Chester for a number of years and has loved being only 1 mile from the family. Claire's parents celebrated their Ruby wedding anniversary and we hosted a party for them in our 'large' garden (or field as some people keep calling it!).

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