



Tap or click on pictures to expand, visit links, or play videos. e.g. Clicking on me on the left visits my GPSS.co.uk [Home](#) page. On the right, click on June cutting my hair expand the picture. Click on our first 2020 Christmas Video to play it: what we did on Saturday 5th December. You will see a connection with hair cutting. No Jaz, it's not your Promo' :-)



I

Christmas Eve 2020 with the Lovelocks of Sunninghill with a walk around Virginia Waters Lake & TakeAway



understand that the origin of our family name Lovelock, is "Love Lock", meaning the curly bit of hair over the forehead. The only famous Lovelock that I know is James Lovelock of Global Warming and Gaia Theory, etc. Jim was 101 last July. See the video clip of his interview, within that of our short weekend holiday in Devon and Cornwall last September. See more about Jim on my [Grumpy](#) and [Covid19](#) pages. My Engineer friends will love Jim having said that, rather than "scientist", he prefers to be described as an "engineer and inventor" :-)



An email came in from Enrico, just as I was testing how to make an animated picture, before deciding what pictures to add. Here are Enrico's words from Sicily: " Ciao Robin! into your newsletter you write "I understand that the origin of our family name Lovelock, is "Love Lock", meaning the curly bit of hair over the forehead." Well, I have ever understand Love lock as "locking of love", i.e. marriage :-)) Now i learn that Lock means curly, I consulted wordreference.com, it's a very good dictionary. So you and Matilde have something in common. In fact Matilde's surname is Riccioli, that means curly :-) Ciao! "



Yes - more recent videos from the Lovelocks in Sunninghill are now here. Check out that for Christmas Eve, and my presents for Jaz and Romeo Bansal, after our 5 mile walk around Virginia Water Lake :-) Or the Christmas Day video, with our dancing and cooking skills :-)

Tap or Click on pictures to expand, play, or give more detail. e.g. [Roof & Kitchen](#) work. Or maybe Adriano of La Sorrentina ? :-)



Robin & June spoke with our old friend, Mr (Moqsud) Khan across the road. See [EASAMS](#) . His nephew [Nahian Khan](#) contacted me about a Bangladesh charity. More soon.

See recent videos on my [Youtube channel](#) seen here as one image further down. More may be added soon :-)



This [Covid19](#) pandemic has certainly dominated the lives of everyone in the whole World. Enrico in Sicily started my page off when he sent me that amusing - and satirical - picture of guys in the garden, with one labelled "UK". Covid19 stopped us taking our [Holiday](#) in Sicily this year. But I've seen good things, in people's friendly behaviour. wherever we've been in England, and in [Sunninghill](#). This includes our estate in the [AMRA](#) page. Robin enjoys doing the daily CCTV check. See Bentley the cat in that video on the left, and fox cubs, etc. It ends with the late Prinz and [Ajay](#). The video on the right, uploaded on 20th December, is a tour of our house and garden, not unlike that given via Whatsapp recently to overseas friends. Early in 2020, I exploited my many overseas contacts. Since



1995, I'd made more friends in 153 countries, including over 10,600 "GPSS users" on my [Links](#) pages. Some then provide information via links in their "one-liners". See examples below this image from my [Covid19](#) page. Click on it to visit.



Below is a sample of "one-liners" for illustration. Sorry to those not included here. Click on the image above or [Covid19](#) to see the larger and updated list.
from Robin: Many Thanks to those who have contributed these "one-liners". There can often be useful information from a link to a web page, video, or TV station. Compare different search engines. e.g. Search "world news" on [Google](#), [Bing](#) or [Yahoo](#). Best not criticise your Governments here. Do they sing as well as ours ? :-)

- from Kurt in Denmark: "... commercial TV broadcast station which releases ... [info](#) daily [nyheder.tv2.dk](#) " Kurt is a [Radio HAM](#) . See [Snoopy the Viking](#) :-)
- from Ted on west coast of USA: "... For what's going on in my little town of about 61,000 look here: [castrovalleyforum.com/](#)". See [Berkley Labs](#) and Pidgeon [here](#) :-)
- from Aleksey in St Petersburg, Russia: "Hi Robin. I am all Ok too.... [worldometers.info/coronavirus/](#) ...". See [Sailing Saucer](#) linked from near top of [Snoopy](#) :-)
- from Sally near Northampton, UK: "(... passionate about Global Warming ...)". See [Family](#), [Campion](#), [Michaels Memories](#), [NHSCare.info](#) - my sister is an expert !
- from Adam in London,UK: "... Dear Lovelock ... [Adam Afriyie, MP](#) ... [Twitter](#) ... [Hansard](#) ... " - [Wiki](#), [Grumpy](#), [NHSCare.info](#) - Well Done Adam :-)
- from John in Ascot,UK: "... B.Sc Biochemistry, School Teacher, [Driving Instructor](#) + [Robot Wars](#), [Team-Joker](#), [LINK](#) ... " - [L-Driver](#), [Snoopy](#) + Lateral Thinker :-)
- from Deepak in Delhi, India: "... Indian channel that I watch most is [NDTV](#) Most information through ... [Youtube](#) and the [BBC](#) ...". See [Linkedin](#). [GPSS](#) in 1999 :-)
- from Flavio in Reggio Emilia, Italy: " ... (conversation in progress) ... [RAI TV](#) ... [CF3000 Automotive Electronics](#) ... ". Pioneer; used [GPSS](#); see Flavio in 1999: [Holiday](#) :-)
- from Enrico in Sicily: "ok, add ... Enrico Mirabella ... visit our web site [www.ricciolimirabella.it](#) ...". Used [GPSS](#) and [GPSSppc](#) years ago. See Sicily on [Holiday](#) :-)
- from Eric in Accra, Ghana: "... co-produced [12 min documentary](#) ... See also [Covid Stigma in Ghana](#) and my [Twitter](#)". friend of a friend at [City University](#) :-)
- from Andy near Buenos Aires, Argentina: "... (conversation in progress)... most important news channel ... on TV and Internet is [here](#) ...". Used [GPSS](#) from 2000.
- from Mahmud Riyad in Gazipur, Bangladesh: "... news from BBC, [BBC Bangla](#), [Channel-i](#) ... [Facebook](#) ... " - was in [RajVooj](#) in Sunninghill. Mr Kahn his uncle :-)
- from Rudi in Sydney, Australia: "Not sure if this qualifies as a one-liner but I certainly found it helpful! [article/12270670](#) " Rudi "family" since 1991 . See [Puppy dog](#) :-)
- from Robin in Sunninghill,UK: [Home](#) & [COVID19](#) page. Freeview TV: [AlJazera](#), [BBC](#), [ITV](#), [Sky](#), [RT](#). [BBC Radio 4](#) . My [Grumpy](#) Friends, [overseas](#) or [near](#) :-)

Some have had Whatsapp video chats, including lovely tours in and around houses. John is wearing the blue party hat, in the "Pub Grub Business Meeting" further down :-)

Here, on the right, is a recent picture of Homer, June, and myself, after June put up the Christmas lights. It was taken by Samantha, just after June got back from her run around Ascot Racecourse - more about that later. Note that Robin has provided Homer with a mask, to protect him from [Covid19](#). June would not let him use one of her brassiers, which Robin has tried out :-)



Samantha, on the left, has been working from home, and her "Office", in our Games Room, is taking up space from things like Snoopy's Robot boats.

Since June retired in 2018, she can now spend more time helping Robin with housework*, gardening, and going out to enjoy ourselves. * Robin's friends know how much time he spends on "women's work" ;-)

June and Samantha go out together on things like playing tennis, at the Royal Ascot Tennis Club, and taking exercise by running around the Ascot Racecourse. They also go for walks together. Most days, Robin also goes for walks with June, but

usually to more interesting places, where Robin can get up to mischief ;-)

Christmas Newsletters often re-awaken old memories and connections with friends. e.g. Our [Italian Class](#) from 2000 and later at Bracknell College. Click on photo :-)



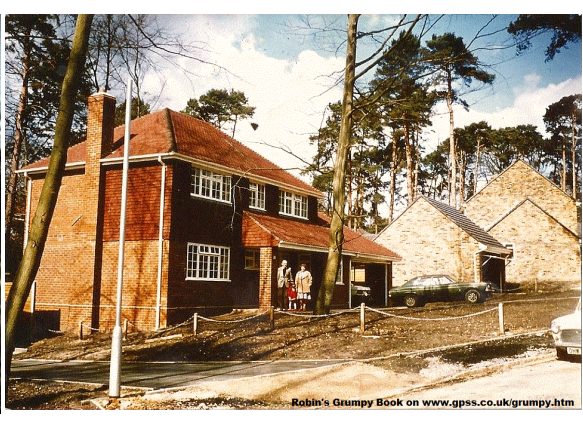
What about Snoopy's Robot Boat ? See the [Snoopy](#) page for this ... " Snoopy is in Robin's back garden, and needs proper checking and test before the 2020 Atlantic Attempt. We now have a new [Blog8](#) page, recording details of repairs and tests of Snoopy Sloop 11, before the next Atlantic Attempt. Robin, June, and other Team-Joker members, have other things taking their time. e.g. Coping with [Covid19](#) ; Health problems; That [Roof & Kitchen](#) work is still on-going. June likes her tennis; Robin likes minimum hassle and spending time with Grumpy Old Men :-). Click on pictures to expand, play, or visit the relevant page. Robin claims that some of his friends, and work-mates over the years, are crazier than he. We all have our "crosses to bear", be it recent bereavement, physical health, addiction, or stigma resulting from mental health problems. Sometimes many things overlap, such as helping friends, making new ones, or doing work in the [Garden](#) . Robin prefers to just oversee work ;-)



Caring behaviour: Are you paying unnecessarily for care home fees?



We have new Neighbours ! Kinga and Tom Checkiewicz, and their two young children, moved in opposite us, during Covid19 lockdown, early in 2020. The place had been owned by Clive and Jill Warner from when our houses were built in 1978. That picture on right, of Samantha, with Robin's mum and dad, when we came back for the Easter holiday from [Holland](#) . See pictures on my [AMRA](#) and [Old AMRA](#) pages. Play the video on the right: by 1996 our other two daughters had been born: Saskia and then Michelle.



Robin's Grumpy Book on www.gpss.co.uk/grumpy.htm

That's her starring on TV with young Julie Warner, when Nick Knowles (of recent DIY SOS fame) gave us our first TV publicity. Tom and Kinga will recognise their house, including their MUCH big Christmas Tree than what it was 24 years ago, when the Warners planted it ! :-)

June and Samantha love their tennis, and have managed to continue playing regularly at their local Ascot Tennis Club, working within whatever Covid19 lockdown rules were in force.

They still managed to take their "Active Away" tennis holiday in Greece this year, and left Robin to cope as best he could at home.

It is alleged that Robin used the opportunity to see more of his friends and relations, and treat himself out to meals out, on most days, including breakfast, lunch, and dinner. This included places in our village of Sunninghill, like La Sorrentina, The Flame Cafe, the Sun Cafe, the Raj Vooj, The Duke's Head, and Dog and Partridge Pub.

Also other places :-)

Robin tracked their flight back, including them coming over the Alps, past Paris, across The Channel, to touchdown at Gatwick Airport. Then to the terminal building. June's SMS text "just landed" was no surprise. He had plenty of warning to make the house tidy :-)



June and Samantha with their medals ! :-) They ran their first 5k race at Dorney Lake in September. It was a time trial with no spectators because of Covid, but they still got their medals at the end. They are in training for another 5k next year, with possibly a 10k to follow.

The video shows June and Robin's visit to Dorney Lake and the Jubilee River in October 2020. For some reason, Youtube chose that frame from the clip, showing the free TV publicity that Falconer Gary Morris and Robin got over 20 years earlier, on Robin's [AsOnTV](#) . page :-)



Samantha on walk with June in Savill Garden in Windsor Great Park on 20th June 2020. Sometimes it's just the two women; sometimes June and Robin; sometimes with others :-)



For those looking at paper: recent videos on Robin's Youtube Channel on <https://www.youtube.com/user/RobinLovelock/videos> . Or just click on the pictures if online.

Now some extracts from my [Covid19](#) page, which is updated every Tuesday. This section is NOT a substitute for the page above, but it does provide further background. e.g. earlier in April I published a picture for illustration of a "total deaths" graph. The weekend before, I emailed the ONS, with the link above, and offered to pay the cost. I also emailed Adam Afriye, MP. I was delighted to see what happened shortly after.

UK Government adopts monitoring of total deaths on 14th April 2020

Tuesday 14 April 2020: Nick Stripe of UK ONS appears on BBC TV News. He said that there were 16,387 deaths registered in England and Wales during the week ending April 3, which "is the highest weekly total" since the authority started compiling data in 2005. This was the main lead on the UK BBC TV 6pm and ITV 6:30pm TV News broadcasts. You can play the 2 minute video, giving extracts from the 10pm BBC TV News, on the right.

Thursday 16th April 2020 from Robin Lovelock: Good to see the UK Government adopt this approach of monitoring total deaths, even if the graph is only for England and Wales, and compared to the average for previous 5 years. The latest graph can be reached from [here](#) . Tuesday 3rd November 2020: The ONS switch to publishing separate graphs for England and Wales, instead of the combined graph since April.

Some other countries, not already monitoring total deaths, may find it useful, but graphs of individual years may be needed, to compare with deaths affected by things like natural disasters, famine, war ceasefires, etc.

Dame Vera Lynn passed away, aged 103: [BBC News on 18th June 2020](#) . I hope she would smile at this ^



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Christmas 2020 Tour of the Lovelock's House & Garden ...

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2020 Lovelock Christmas Video #1 from Sunninghill i...

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June and Robin Lovelock's walk around Homewood Pa...

16 views • 2 weeks ago



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Snoopy's Robot Boat in 2008 - the start of Team-Joker

9 views • 2 weeks ago



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Trip to Lechlade and RAF Fairford by June and Robin...

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June and Robin Lovelock's trip to Lechlade then RAF...

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June and Robin Lovelock's walk around Hawley Lake in...

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June and Robin visit The Grange in 2020 where...

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Aerial video of The Grange filmed by Snoopy in 2004

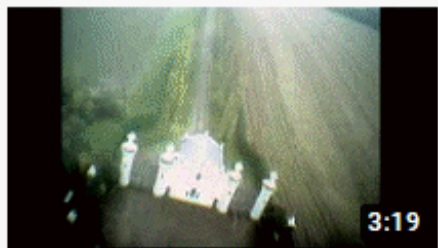
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Heron catches two mice on Robin's CCTV in Sunninghill

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Trip to Craziess Hill in 2020 then Foliejon Park in 2004



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Two Deer and a Fox in Sunninghill



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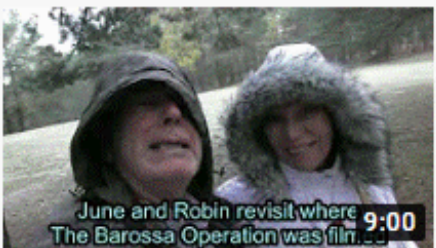
Places & People Important to Snoopy & his Robot Boats....



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Tennis and the Rain Radar

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June and Robin revisit where The Barossa Operation was...

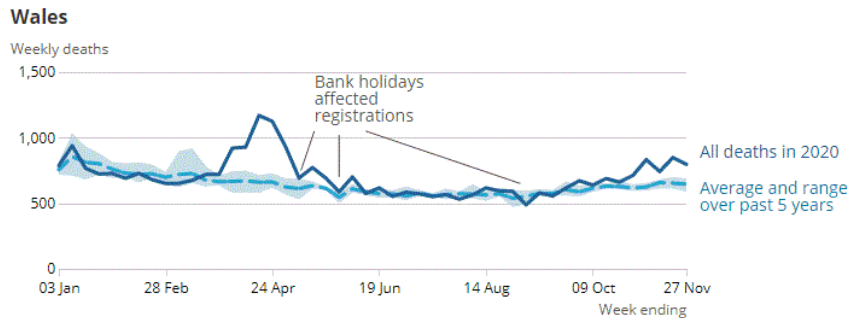
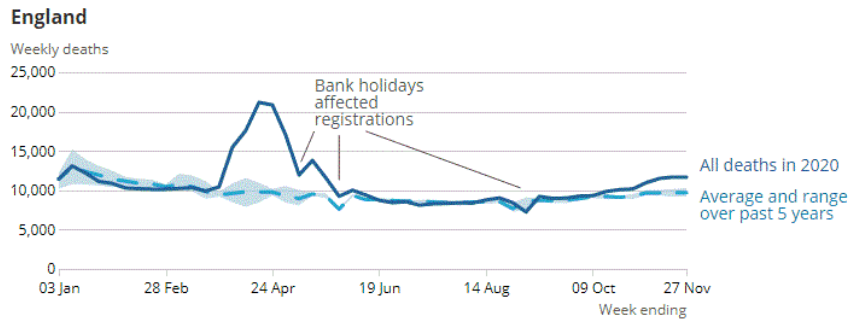
<- Click on the Graphs to enlarge. I have edited down excerpts for compactness here.

Click on pictures to explain. The illustrate how we use "Common Sense" in adopting UK Government Rules, particularly when there is knowledge or experience around. e.g. wearing a bottle of disinfectant gel, and using it regularly, particularly if handing things to others. Use of disinfectant on everything, such as parcel packaging and contents; spraying of my car, everywhere the occupants might sit. Airflow control, such as having the windows down, or intelligent use of fans, ventilation, etc, particularly in places like one's own home, if people are visiting. As the BBC might have said on Blue Peter, "an alternative product is OK" :-)

The following extracts flow naturally into how Covid19 has affected our extended family, and humour has an important part to play.

From Saturday 18th April 2020 ... Recent TV News, including talk of the recession after the first World War, WWI (1914-1918), or veterans on WWII (1939-1945), reminds me of "old soldiers", including in my family. e.g. my grandfather, Harold Sharp, who was wounded on the Somme, and remembered walking back through the

Number of deaths registered by week, England and Wales, 28 December 2019 to 27 November 2020



Source: Office for National Statistics – Deaths registered weekly in England and Wales

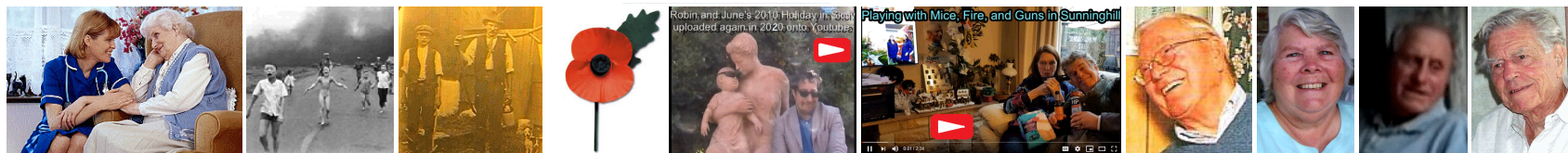


confused lines, helped by German

wounded: also the Christmas ceasefire football match. More recently, I spent a lot of time with my Father-in-Law, [Jack Ponsford](#), who spent most of WWII in Stalag 8b POW Camp in Poland. Some of this is on my "Bigger Picture" page, linked from my [Home](#) page. My Uncle Bernie Sharp, in Sandhurst, has memories of his dad, Harold, and of WWII, and is near the top of my [Family](#) page. He remembers, as did my mother, their living under canvas during the recession, before a local doctor loaned Harold money, to buy land and build a shack.

Recently, both Uncle Bernie and Auntie Ruby, were admitted to [Frimley Park \(Military\) Hospital](#) and sadly, my Auntie Ruby passed away. Bernie returned home. I visited him and his sons before the UK lockdown, and like a typical old soldier, he still has a sense of humour. Click on Bernie to play the video, recorded on Christmas Eve 2016 :-)

Click on Bert Davies, on the far right, to read his War Memories of Italy. Bert, with wife Ada and son Alan, lived in the same road in Wokingham, from when I was six.



Based on emails to trusted friends, including from EASAMS, Ferranti, UK MoD, Team-Joker, and Grumpy Old Men :

13th August 2020: June and I will be busy here, watching and recording the online funeral of my cousin Colin Cox. This followed a visit to my "old soldier" Uncle Bernie Sharp at Sandhurst. My Auntie Ruby died recently. All: please do not waste time with condolences, etc. Last night I was visiting Tracy and Bill in Chobham: their young son, 23, passed away. We never know what might happen next. I try to be prepared for anything, as best I can, minute by minute. Bad sad news overlaps with crime...



Little happens in Sunninghill, it being a "sleepy little town", particularly on a Sunday, but ...

Friday 7th August 2020: There was a non-fatal stabbing across the road, in Cavendish Meads, at 0100, 15 minutes after two cars appeared on our CCTV. Good quality video was obviously shown to the police and trusted friends, including those who also witnessed events unfolding. There had been a "wild party" of 200 guys, including from places like Southall, London, at an Air B&B. Earlier that evening I'd met a lot of guys in our village, and exchanged brief, friendly words with them. The first the Lovelock family knew of it was when Samantha, working from home, received the news on Social Media. I quickly found details, including a picture like this, in a local online newspaper. It did not take long to find the Air B&B, and I quickly saw that Google Maps would have been guiding the party seekers to the wrong place. Hardly surprising that several cars, with recognisable occupants and number plates, would have driven around Armitage Court, after midnight, listening for loud music. Others closer to the Bagshot Road heard it. Of course, a few visitors may have



used the opportunity to "case the joint". We soon heard that the stabbing victim had not sustained life changing injuries. Since then I've spoken to the lovely young guys who live at the party location, got a very friendly reception, so gave them my visiting cards. This news never made it to local radio or TV - partly because of the "Chobham Fire".



The Chobham Fire hit BBC1 National TV headlines. My best guess, based on behaviour of the Fire Engines and police, and direct observation of who went past the Monument, is that the fires were probably started deliberately. But maybe the culprits did the community a favour - the car parking is free again. But that's just speculation :-). Other topics that may be of help to anyone writing up the history of what was the "Chobham Tank Factory" : Geoff Fox is the neighbour of the Bansals, is friendly with them, exchanging vegetables, etc from their gardens. His wife Daphne Fox passed away recently, having been the dinner lady at St Michaels School where our three girls went. Geoff is not on the Net - but he can speak face to face. Geoff worked at Ferranti in the early 1960s, then many years at "The Tank Factory" Chobham - knowing of the local "Give Way" road sign, riddled with bren



gun (or AK47?) holes ? June and I visited it recently - but the sign, there for years, was missing - stolen by "Pikeys"* ? :-). See my [Chobham](#) page. * "Pikey is an old slang term for Gypsy, Traveller, etc. I understand that I might have Pikey blood in me from my Great Grandfather. Maybe that and Viking blood is in my DNA ? :-)

Monday 7th December 2020 Baby Jack is born ! Frimley Park (Military) Hospital, at 0947z (09:47); Mother and baby Jack good; 6 lb 7 oz (2.92 kg); Click on pictures to expand. Bill Gurney and [Jack Ponsford](#) looking down on their Great Grandson ? :-). From last year's [2019 newsletter](#) "Lovely Wedding of nephew Paul Gurney and Kim".



Speaking of new babies, and recent news, in the early hours of Thursday 10th December, I got a lovely email from old friend Jhinns Cheng, in China: *"Dear Robin sir, I checked your website. Thank you for remembering me all the time. Monday 7th December 2020 Baby Jack is born ! Congratulate. My son was born at 2020.11.25. His Chinese name is YiTing. Could you give him an English name? He is smart and strong:) sincerely, Jhins"*.



I obviously sent Jhinns a suitable reply, shared with some others, and we can all see visits from Shenzhen and Shanghai. Any ideas ? :-). Click on this old photo to go to my relevant page. Both babies YiTing and Jack were born in this Chinese year of the rat. I understand some believe that means "Wealth and Beginning of a new Day". The Chinese New year starts on Friday 12th February 2021, so, for most Chinese, "Christmas", originally a Pagan Festival, lasts longer. Those curious may google There may be more here soon. For me, it just means a more intensive period of catching up with old friends - and a longer period of celebration :-)



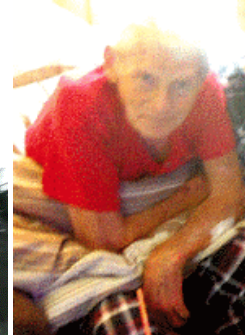
The sad headline TV news of Dame Barbara Windsor, passing away with Alzheimers, caught June and Robin's attention, as they had breakfast in their kitchen, at 0900 on Friday 11th December, 2020. Here is yet another example where comedy, humour, and death, and doing good, may combine. Tap of click on Barbara, to visit [www.NHSCare.info](#) and see that both Robin's parents passed away with Alzheimer's. Robin, but particularly his sister Sally, and her late husband Michael Campion, became experts on the subject of that condition, and long term care in general. See Sally's [Michaels Memories](#) or Click on Michael below for others. Michael worked for many years as a Carer, before his own health problems. Sally found the drug Aricept on the Net. The patent has now expired. A simple Alzheimers test takes only a minute, using a stop watch: "How many words, beginning with S, can you say in a minute". Mum and dad only managed about 7 for the last years of their lives. The Aricept worked, with mum still being able to enjoy visits, remembering the good old days, but not something said a few minutes earlier.

Robin and his family do this test, since Robin has little fear, their having spoken to others years ago, that early diagnosis, followed by a drug like Aricept, does at least arrest or slow down the condition.



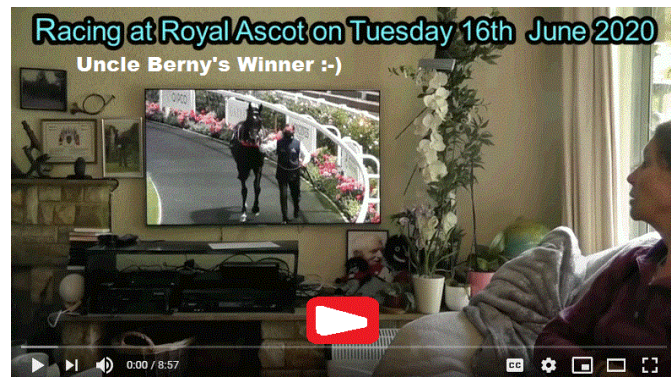
Robin's friends know how Robin

June & Robin Lovelock's trip to Lechlade then RAF Fairford on 30th November 2020 (shorter 3 minute version for Twitter with B52)



regularly "winds up" June, by making sure old "Carry On" films, like "Carry on Camping", happen to get switched on, when June wants to watch TV. Robin did that Alzheimers test on June earlier this year, because of her symptoms of flares up in temper. She passed with flying colours. It was obviously Robin's annoying behaviour, encouraged by fishing pals like Gus. Play that trip to Lechlade and RAF Fairford. It brought back memories, shared recently with school day fishing chums :-)

Much of this page may appear to be "Self Promotion". No point in "hiding your bushell under a barell" if it may do some good ;-)



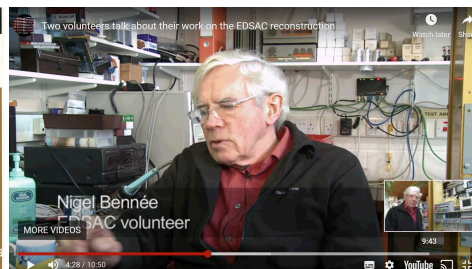
The video on the left shows the first day of Royal Ascot, under Covid19 conditions. Most of the video is of Robin's Uncle Bernie Sharp, back home from hospital. He gives Robin a tip, which turned out to be the winner ! What follows is part of the video, shot in Christmas 2018, with Berny talking about his dad, Harold Sharp, including how to make money on the horses ! :-)

I understand that research shows laughter is an animal survival instinct: it's not just cathartic. Recent BBC Radio 4 News.

Like many others, Robin has been hampered by his Internet Service Providers, affecting things like email, his web sites, visit counters, etc. See the bottom of his [Home](#) page. e.g. bookmark my alternate hostings such as on Force9. as well as www.gpss.co.uk . His "belts and braces" approach since 1995 has paid off - so far :-)



Networks of friends, such as [RADYNE](#), [Ferranti](#) , [City University](#) , [NATO](#) , [EASAMS](#) ; their feedback: e.g Nigel Béné sat opposite me in 1970, before we both went to Holland, then returned to UK. e.g. [UKAEA Police Inmarsat in 1996](#) . The British invented the Digital Computer at Bletchley Park; Ferranti exploited it; the Yanks invented GPS and the Net :-)



Last but not least:

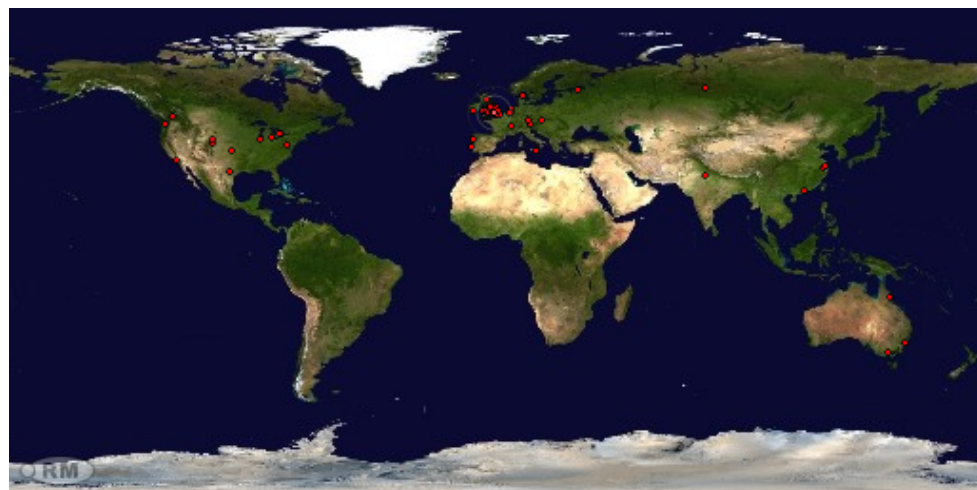
A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year ! Love and Strength for 2021 from the Lovelock Family in Sunninghill ! :-)



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Who has visited this 2020 Christmas Newsletter page ?

There have been **175** visits to this page counted by www.digits.net.

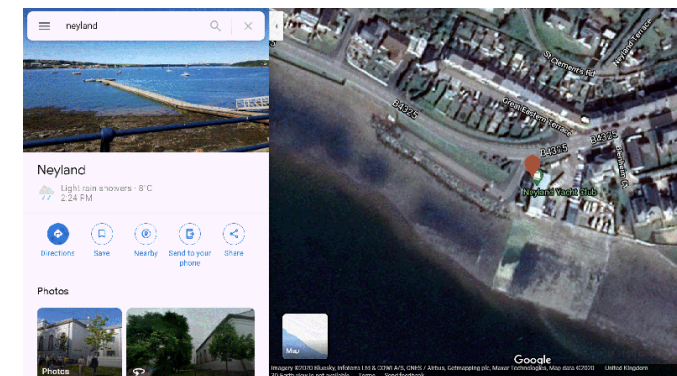


From Robin: See [Revolvermaps livestats for this page](#) . If any of you are discussing a page that is changing, as this will, you can guess if the other guys have seen the recent version. It's very convenient for us, that there are so few visitors to any page - although coincidences do happen :-)

June and I don't hide or disguise our visits, on our PCs, tablets, or smartphones, and our visits may appear correctly as "Ascot", or miles away, such as "Farnborough" or "Southend-on-Sea". My experience is that the vast majority of people appear, even if it is just the country. e.g. "UK", "USA", "Australia", etc. Very occasionally we might get a very accurate location, like this from Neyland Yacht Club in Wales, at 0747 on 9th December 2020. Tap or click on it to expand. We might guess it's a particular friend, BUT, it could just be coincidence :-)

Club in Wales, at 0747 on 9th December 2020. Tap or click on it to expand. We might guess it's a particular friend, BUT, it could just be coincidence :-)

The visit counters, on most of my 500+ web pages, are explained at the end of my [Snoopy](#) page. e.g. "Southend-on-Sea" might mean I'm working or relaxing in the lounge, maybe showing the page to visitors. "Farnborough" might mean I'm "working" in my Study. These places change if we restart our routers.



See map and words near end of my [Home](#) page ;-)

THIS "WIRED BLOG", OR SITREP (SITUATION REPORT) WAS A PRACTICAL MEANS OF CONVEYING LATEST STATUS FOR ONLINE GUYS. TAP OR CLICK ON JUNE FOR HER MUCH SHORTER NEWSLETTER, FROM HER POINT OF VIEW.

The only change in 2021 was the links to other pages, that should now open in a new tab - and this link to our new [Walks](#) page :-)

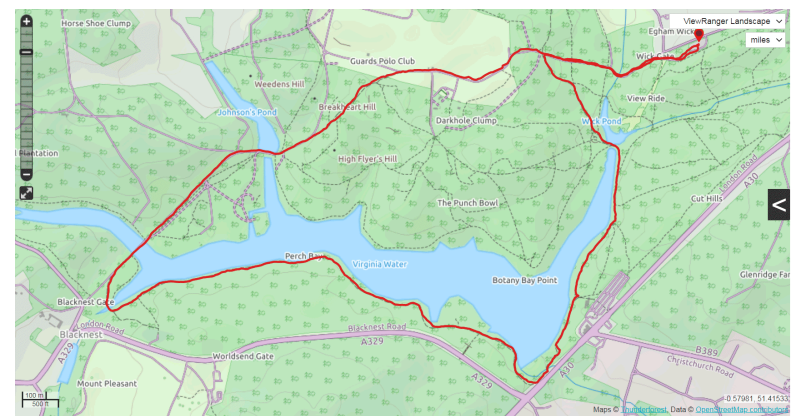
YOU CAN FAST SCROLL TO SEE PICTURES AND CONTENT. THAT LINE OF TEXT AT THE VERY TOP: MORE THAN ONE LINE ? SOME GUYS MAY USE BIG CHARACTERS ON SMALL SCREENS BECAUSE OF EYESIGHT, ETC. MADE PUBLIC At 2315 GMT UK Time Thursday 10th December 2020. THAT WAS AFTER A FEW OF ROBIN'S FRIENDS WERE GIVEN THE LINK www.gps.co.uk/xmas20.htm, FOR THEIR AMUSEMENT. MAYBE ALSO THEIR FEEDBACK WITH CORRECTIONS, AND SUGGESTIONS ON THINGS LIKE MAKING SURE IT IS HANDLED WELL ON A WIDE RANGE OF PLATFORMS. TARGET PRINTABLE PAPER SIZE IS NOW FOUR DOUBLE SIDED COLOUR A4 SHEETS, BUT IT COULD BE MORE. THOSE WANTING TO PRINT ANYTHING CAN DECIDE WHICH PAGES TO PRINT, IF ANY :-) IT WILL CONTINUE TO CHANGE, AS EVENTS UNFOLD - SO FAR LOVELY ONES FOR US, EVEN IF BUSY. THANKS IN ADVANCE GUYS - ESPECIALLY ENRICO AND MATILDE. E.G. COINCIDENCES OF WHAT LOVE LOCK MEANS :-)

SLOW BUT GOOD PROGRESS WITH ANIMATED GIFS. POWER CUTS HERE SOMETIMES. Good here isn't it ? :-)

Sunday 20th December 2020: HELPED JUNE WITH CHRISTMAS CARDS, WITH HER SHORT NEWSLETTER; SHE MUST SEND TODAY ! WE DID :-)

Monday 21st December 2020: Good progress & good sound with tests of Skype, Zoom, and Google Meet Win7 Study PC <-> June's Win10 Laptop.

Improving and testing the translation flags, on "Home", "Covid19", "Contact" and now this page.



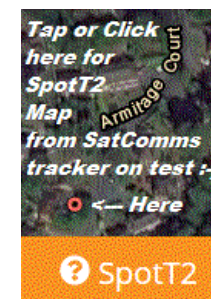
Wednesday 23rd December 2020: June required me as chauffer in my car, to Coventry and back, to collect Michelle - to do work on our house. Anyone can track Robin's old car, with SPOTT2, live or afterwards. From [Snoopy](#) page: " See the spare [SpotT2](#) tracker also under test. e.g. within Robin's car. ". If you see a red button [Load Limited Data] click on it. Then [24 hours] or [Live] if you're not interested in weeks of trips :-)

Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve): Nice 5 mile walk around Virginia Water Lake by June, Samantha, Michelle, and Robin. Lovely visit to deliver presents to the Bansals, including for young Romeo :-) Then wine in La Sorrentina (Adriano's) waiting for our take-away. This picture taken by his daughter. Click on pictures to expand if you dare :-)

Notes which may result in updates to my pages soon follow. They are in no particular order :-)

Robin received an email on Friday 18th December 2020 from Rear Admiral Philip Mathias, former head of Britain's nuclear deterrent, with an update of his campaign related to NHS Continuing Care funding for the elderly. Click on him to enlarge the September article. New information included their website www.nhschcscandal.co.uk. Thankyou Pam Coughlan, of my www.nhscare.info for putting me in touch, earlier this year. We will watch with interest :-)

Busy day on Monday 14th December: June was project managing arrival of Gary Carter's friend Paul McDermid to rewire our kitchen - now done - and more about Paul on my [Roof](#) (and Kitchen) page.





Former head of Britain's nuclear deterrent to sue Matt Hancock over £5bn care 'scandal'

Rear Admiral Philip Mathias wants to raise £30,000 to fund the first stage of a judicial review

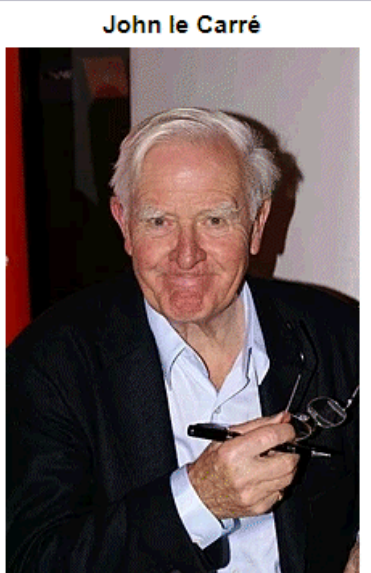
By Henry Bodkin, HEALTH AND SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT
30 September 2020 • 9:00pm from Daily Telegraph

There was good progress in upgrading software to create animated pictures that will take FAR less of my time. Very useful time spent by Paul and Robin in Sunninghill village, including meeting with Bansals.

June suggested dinner at La Sorrenta - and that's an offer I could not refuse :-)

Later update: good response from Alchemy Mindworks, so I now have the Tools running on my Lounge AND Study PCs. There was just time to add this picture and a test animation. Tidy up sometime or other, including replacing these notes by updates :-)

Tuesday: click on us in La Sorrentina, to visit their website. What - no piccy of Adriano ? Click on him here :-)

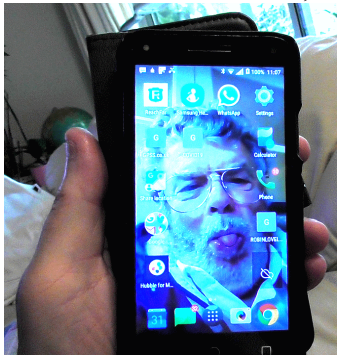


John le Carré

Le Carré in 2008

Born	David John Moore Cornwell 19 October 1931 Poole, England, UK
Died	12 December 2020 (aged 89) Truro, England, UK
Occupation	Novelist intelligence officer
Nationality	British Irish

14 December 2020: Famous Author John Le Carre dies. See Wiki article on [John Le Carre](#) . e.g. Ex MI5 and MI6, resulting in films like "The Spy who came in from the cold", etc.



Wednesday: Robin's U5 Smartphone was planned to be used for Zoom meeting with some of Robin's ex-EASAMS mates, and was ready, but the chat was on June's Win10 Laptop in the kitchen: We had a lovely EASAMS Zoom meeting. Click on the Alcatel U5 to visit my [Contact](#) page. i.e. no email on it - done on desktops.



My Win7 desktop PC and U5 has already been used with great success for fixed and mobile video chats with Andres in Argentina and Deepak in India, but those were one-to-one, and with Whatsapp, or Skype.

Priority for some days, after things like Roof & Kitchen work, is getting our video chat working well on my lounge PC, and mobile U5, so can quickly show people things, in home and garden, rather than try and talk about them - "too many words" etc :-)

Wednesday afternoon and evening: very useful shopping trip to Bracknell Curry's PC World, The Range, Tesco Warfield, including Tesco Mobile. We needed things like, extension USB cables, etc, etc. after priority work done - using them. We have stuff working already. e.g. Skype calls, with sound

OK, between our Win7 PC in the lounge, and June's Laptop in the kitchen. But more testing needed. Credit to the guys that helped us soon, such as Amy :-)

Update to those animated pictures soon we hope. Maybe a short version of printed newsletter in due course :-)

Thursday 17th December 2020: Line above ^ "Roger that" - draft smaller versions of newsletter high priority today. Click on June below :-)

Pan Am Flight 103

Aircraft accident



Pan Am Flight 103 was a regularly scheduled Pan Am transatlantic flight from Frankfurt to Detroit via London and New York City. On 21 December 1988, N739PA, the aircraft operating the transatlantic leg of the route, was destroyed by a bomb, killing all 243 passengers and 16 crew. [Wikipedia](#)

Date: 21 December 1988

Location: Lockerbie

Site: Scotland

Number of deaths: 259

IATA flight No: PA103

ICAO flight No: PAA103

BBC Radio 4 0800 News: Arrest of Libyan man for [Lockerbie Bombing](#) . Great care needs to be taken in what, if anything more, I say publicly, about things like my Army mates, involved in the clear up, using "Army Humour" and playing pranks on the police forensic units, who would keep them waiting for hours. e.g. grieving relatives; but maybe also those of the guy arrested, who might argue "he was only doing his job". Wars are like that. Happier memories also triggered, like the EASAMS support to Plessey in offering the Libyan's an Air Defence Direction Finding System. Lots of gold on the guy. But even happier - my friends use of GPSS in the Trans-Libyan car rally.

BBC Radio 4 0800 Greenwich Time Signal pips, lost, a few days ago (check logbook). Our use of Sekonda, Seko, and Pulsar watches.

e.g. Google subject. e.g. Sekonda, a British watch company, in 1966, manufactured the watches in Leningrad the Soviet Union ? :-)



Friday 18th December 2020: Robin had to visit Longacres Garden Centre near Bagshot, to collect a present for daughter Michelle, too big to fit in June's car.

Robin used the opportunity to have June take this photo of him looking at the ice creams at Amore Gelato. Robin owes them a favour from 2016, resulting in June's Sapphire Wedding cake - one of her surprises during our dinner at La Sorrentina.

Click on the picture to enlarge it, or the cake to go to our 2016 Newsletter . No, the Sicilian message did NOT say "Luca Brazie sleeps with the fishes" :-)

Saturday 19th December 2020: Few guys will want to play this boring 10 minute sound recording, of my 'phone call to the AA, to renew my car insurance. In slower time, I'm curious about how the insurance business works in other countries. I'm sure some will be amused. My old banger of a Merc, C4 GPS, has a street value of about 200 GBP. The lovely lady, who took my call, in a very professional and friendly way, said that, instead of the 350 GBP on the printed bill, she was able to do it for 338 GBP - which I accepted. This was after asking if 3rd Party Insurance, instead of Fully Comp', would be cheaper. It was not: 392 GBP ! :-) This recording is public, but I've made it "unlisted", so not easily found by searching. I guess car and house insurance is a topic many of us might discuss, as a consumer or as a seller. Why that "ASONTV" page ? I did mention it to her :-)

Saturday 26th December 2020: the death is announced of [George Blake](#) - a truly remarkable man.

There are links, not just in name, but with [Lt Col Henry Blake](#) , of M.A.S.H - not least Korea. Click or Tap on pictures for more detail. Robin is reminded of his [NATO Years](#) in the 1970s, spending time with at least one RAF veteran of the Korean War, as well as the USAF guys, returning via Ramstein from Vietnam. Abyssinia Henry.

Obituary: Double agent George Blake dies in Moscow, aged 98

MI6 officer who worked as a KGB double agent and was thought to have caused more damage to Britain's security than the Cambridge Five



Lt. Colonel Henry Blake

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Click on a flag above, to translate this page into your preferred language.

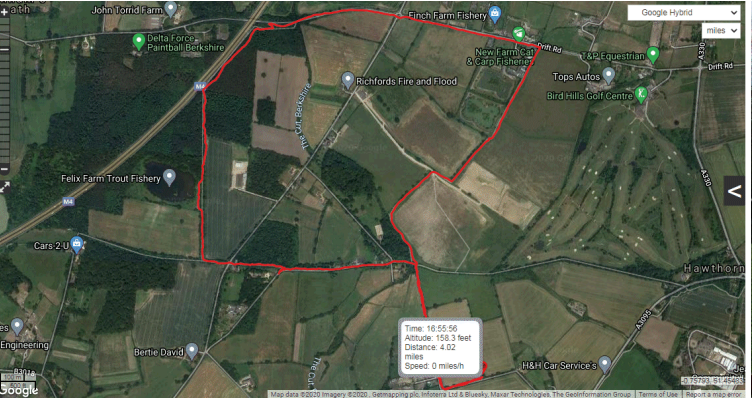
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GPS Software as seen on Television - the ASOnTV page
Sound Only - Robin renews his AA Car Insurance for old Merc :-)
 Updated 1410 BST (1310 GMT/UTC/GPS Time) Sunday 19th July 2020 UK time

Robin has also appeared on TV a number of times, related to his charity web site www.NBSCars.info, set up in 2003 to provide advice on obtaining free NBS long term cars. He appeared on BBC TV, "The Politics Show", BBC News 24, and Sky TV.

However, Robin was rarely the "front man" in these broadcasts; others, for more eloquent, appeared in many more broadcasts, including Steve Squires, Derek Cole, Ian Perkins, Buddy Hancock, and Pam Coughlin herself.

Wednesday 30th December 2020: Click on pictures below to enlarge. e.g. our 4 mile walk near [Felix Farm Trout Fishery](#) and Monday's trip to Uffington Castle for snow :-)



Thursday 31st December 2020: Click on pictures below to enlarge. Our 3 mile walk around California Country Park, and past where Robin lived as a young child. This patch was all written up on his [California Geocache](#) page. Things have changed: you used to be able to walk into the common land. Arbourfield Army Camp has gone - and the bungalow :-)

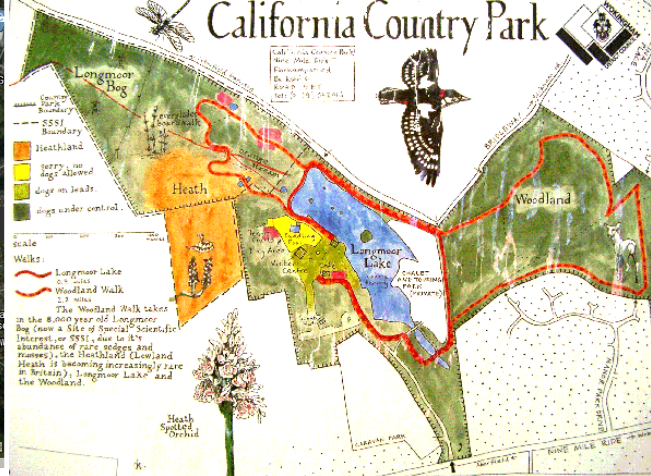
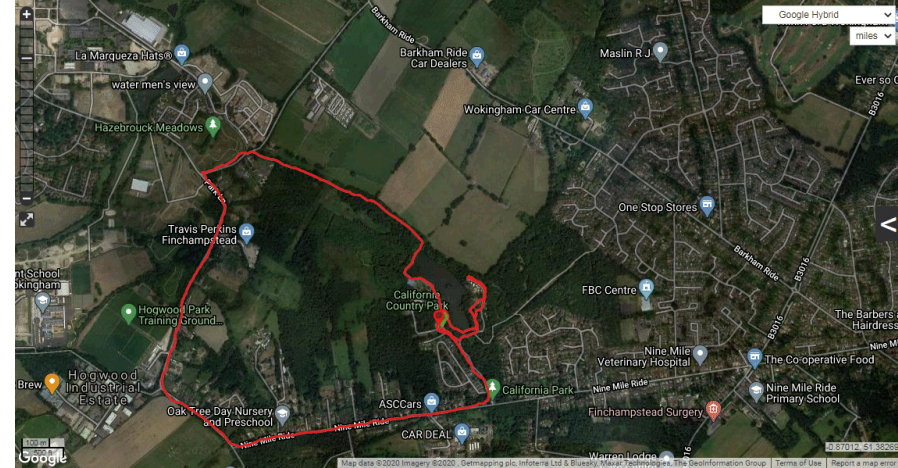
1981 was a "Manic Year": Sunday 20th December 2020: Robin was reminded of 1981, as an example of a "manic" year for the Lovelocks in Sunninghill. These notes are made without the benefit of my diaries and log books for 1981. They are somewhere in my Study ? :-)

1) Robin starts work with [EASAMS](#) in January, starting over Overs in Park Street, among the Tornado IDS project team, including Italians, Germans, and British engineers. His mission was to help EASAMS with their move into the Command & Control business, by building what became known as EAMACS, based on his project SHEWS, at [SHAPE Technical Centre](#) in Holland. That year, Robin and his workmates, had some most "interesting" business trips abroad, including to Lagos Nigeria, Cairo & Alexandria in Egypt, and Riyadh in Saudi Arabia.

2) Robin project managed the building of their new extension, including the "Games Room", for Snooker, Table Tennis, and events such as Christmas Dinner, and June's new Kitchen - that MAY be replaced in 2021 :-)

His work included drawing up plans, putting them through Planning Permission, then Building Regulations, before placing the fixed price contract of 4,500 GBP on good terms. (No deposit, 50% when roof on, remainder on completion). Other offers were typically twice that. Robin got expert advice at each stage of work, from family friends, including bricky Harry Trip. Our Games room and kitchen was completed in time for June to serve Christmas Dinners to our extended family and friends :-)

3) Michelle, our third daughter, was born at about 0800 on 11th March 1981, at our local Heatherwood Hospital in Ascot. June started having contractions at about 0700, so we rang June's parents, Jack and Aida Ponsford, on the other side of [Sunninghill](#) village, to see if they could come and



look after Samantha and Saskia. We could not get through, but did, to Robin's parents, Eve and [Len Lovelock](#) , who came over quickly from Wokingham. The birth went well: what a pity Michelle inherited her father's technical skills and craziness :-)

In slower time, maybe better animated GIF pictures can be made, as still being worked on for the newsletter, but you can click on these below :-)



Hopefully these notes above can be filed away soon - as the newsletter gets worked on - when I have the chance :-)