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Dear

Christmas Greetings for 2012!

Robert's contracting work has continued; I've now had 3 renewals of the contract still working from home while I supervised the various bits of building work (see below!). Lots of low level understanding of electricity meters and cryptography is needed and still being developed!

Beth is still working full time at NCC Group in Manchester, enjoying the work and birds-eye view of the demolition work on the former BBC site next door, though not the dirt and noise from said demolition site.

Clare moved out early in the year and moved into her boyfriend Nick's flat in Manchester, much nearer her job (still at the chemical testing laboratory) and her social life.

Chris has carried on with his training place at the Community Garden Centre, and recently started volunteering two days a week at the local Sue Ryder charity shop as well.



In April Robert & Beth enjoyed a weekend break in Dublin, including chance to meet up with Beth's brother who we hadn't seen for a couple of years, and in July we had a walking holiday along the "red granite coast" of north Brittany – stunningly beautiful, and very enjoyable in spite of rather mixed weather. And the cuisine was wonderful if rather fishy!

2012 has been a year of building – part of the drystone wall between our garden and next door's collapsed (onto Beth's patio pots!) in spring and a long section has now been rebuilt, revealing the original colours of the stones which have been turned round in the process, and last month we finally had the long-awaited refitting of the bathroom and kitchen. Much dust, dirt & disruption (and still some decoration, tiling and flooring to finish) but worth it in the end.



At the beginning of December Robert & Beth went over to the Yorkshire Dales for a former community members reunion weekend at Scargill House. Much "do you remember...?" and catching up with people he hadn't seen for years for Robert and a nice break for both of us. Lovely to see how the re-formed community are bringing the house back to life after the 2008 closure and developing both buildings and ministry.

With Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year!