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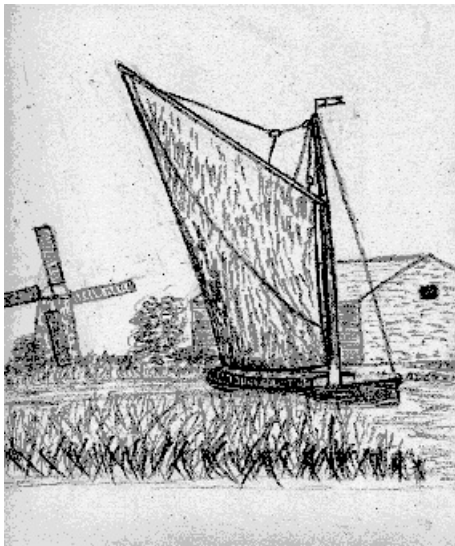
Hi

It's Christmas again, and Sue and I wish you a Happy Christmas and a super New Year. It is a little difficult to believe it really is December, the temperatures have been unusually high. I don't think we have had a day with a high below 5 C yet and we are still getting up into the high teens some days!

Last years main event was Sue's decision to study Traditional Chinese Medicine. We are now well into the second year - only three more exams to go before Christmas! The challenge remains high, and we are still not sure where it will lead. However, Sue is now participating in Clinic work, and is seeing her aptitude for relating to people bearing diagnostic fruit, which is some compensation for the hard work.

Owing to the untimely death of a fellow sailing club member, a boat we know well came on the market, so quite unexpectedly we find ourselves the owners of two sailboats (anyone want to buy a nice 22 ft cruising sailboat?). Our new one - "DragonFire" looks rather like -

So now we have two boats to look after until we can manage to sell the old one.



I am also doing (technical) book illustrations, and yet another art course this Fall, and that proved quite time consuming. One product of the course was the following drawing of a Norfolk wherry, in the style of van Gogh -

Wendy had a fairly major change this year. Her company decided to centralise its buying office in Ottawa. So Wendy had the choice of staying on the West Coast and finding a new job, or of moving to Ottawa - which, despite being south of Vancouver, has considerably colder winters. In the end, one major factor was being offered the chance to move from food buying to ladies wear, so she is now in Ottawa. We will be staying there over Xmas, with John and a friend of his, which will be really nice for us. It will also be the first time we have spent Xmas in someone else's home since we were married.

We did not manage a joint holiday this year - but Sue managed to get to the West Coast and saw the kids, and did a Martial Arts camp. I suspect the coming year will be similar. One event we did do together - and with a couple of friends was the annual "Art in the Park" exhibition. As you can see this is an open air event and this year was one of the hottest days of the year well up into the very high 30's - around 101 Or 102 F. Here is a picture of the four of us outside our shared booth -



And with that distant memory of Summer, it's

All our Love

Susa & Pete