HEPPELL 2019 CHRISTMAS NEWS OF BOATS HOUSES CARS & PEOPLE: BRIGHTLINGSEA, PORTLAND, BRIGHTON

You all seemed to like the "new picture rich" format last year - so once again, more photos and less words. Thanks as ever to Lys for posting & printing!

Let's start with **vehicles** for no obvious reason! We seem to be blessed with either quirky or über-functional transport - Toby and Cali's little car Fleur, our 1931 Austin 7 were both out and about needing moments of love and maintenance. Meanwhile, ships' vans were groaning with the burdens we inflicted on them as they moved variously boat and skis equipment around the planet.





TH was even pressed into service doing the junior school prom for friends, and (below) Simon's van showing that you can take an entire trimaran home to Portland via the M25!





No room in the garages (left) at any of the houses because they are jammed full of wet sailing clothes, bit of boat and so on

Moving on to **small people**, it's been a busy year for everyone - in Portland, Amelie (now 12, second year of secondary) is in her national Optimist **and** Feva race squads, Louis (9) is in the Optimist regional one; both looking very accomplished sailors already with Mirrors, 29ers and more also in the mix. Not a lot of doubt about Amelie's plans - see photo top left below! In Brightlingsea Josie (6) is racing in a resurgent B'sea Mirror fleet, with her own Optimist too now plus swimming, doing gymnastics, ballet and tap! and little Elodie (still 3) at preSchool is also busy with gymnastics, swimming and ballet. She's afloat too now of course. All are thriving in their schools - exceptionally so - must be the fresh air and/or a family full of teachers!















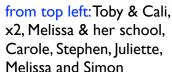
Moving on to **big people**, Simon's new http://www.shocksailing.com premises are thriving, Melissa is now a full headteacher - name on the board outside - and so has no minutes left in a life that, like Simon's too, is also full of taking small people to large sailing events everywhere!!, Juliette's beachschool.org is thriving and she in working on a host of projects beyond that. She has bought the house next to The Anchorage - it needs a bit of work (uh oh!). Stephen is still is projects all around the planet (and since this now includes NASA, beyond the planet!) with his "30 years a professor" lecture this year. Carole is run ragged keeping all this in some sort of order since she appears to be the only one with any common sense. Toby and Cali have done wonders with their house in Brighton - they were Oyster dredging with us this year too, which was nice. Toby has stepped down from editing Yachts and Yachting and is now head hunted by "the other" yachting magazine group (!), Cali has a new & creative job - she is enjoying it heaps... Our big oyster smack is lovelier by the year. I 13 this year! Anyway, to pictures:

















Heppell family Christmas newsletter 2019 - and a very Merry Christmas everyone...



