

Well it goes without saying - winter has arrived early here - and we've already enjoyed quite a few centimetres of snow! Yes it looks beautiful and as I (Jenny) had a very bad cold, Steve has been out clearing the snow each day! What else is going on in the Townsend family?

Steve and I planned to go to Turkey in the summer but the company we were to fly with went bust and our holiday was cancelled. So we went to St.Andrews instead and joined some of our church at a conference/holiday. We had a great week and we stayed in a woodwam! -a glorified shed or camping in style!

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It looks like Steve is about to retire! - just waiting to hear officially. He is really looking forward to having the time for various projects he has up his sleeve!

I had my big 6-0 birthday this year - I was thoroughly spoilt with lots of surprises including a hotel stay and a surprise party organised by our kids. I'm now enjoying my bus pass! I'm still teaching 3 days a week and wait to see if cutbacks will affect my job.

Susannah has been given voluntary severance from her job with the Home Office from March. She is planning an overland trip from Egypt to Turkey and has one or two other travel ideas. She has also been pursuing some opportunities to open a coffee shop in her area, and continued some teaching English as a foreign language.

Tim thoroughly enjoyed his travels round the world. He and his cousin Rebekah visited 10 countries - we have seen loads of pictures - what amazing places they saw! He is now working in Newbury as a Bid Manager for a Facilities Management firm and is a lodger at the Prestons (Steve's younger sister, her husband and family).

Naomi has moved into a flat in Aberdeen now – honestly we didn't throw her out!! She has a full time job as a sales and events executive but is still looking for a graduate job. She has also bought herself a Ka although she can now walk to work.

Well that gives you a little flavour of where we all are and what we're up to!

Love, Steve, Jenny & Family

