

Sigiriya - Sri Lanka



Merry Christmas

| Highlights of the year 2014 | Anasuya | Sean | Priya | Jaya | McQuaid Family | Aruliah Family |
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| Happiest moments | Chauffeured by Jaya to Tesco's. Now all we have to do is to get him to pay for the petrol and food! | Three weeks in Sri Lanka, beaches, birds, bananas and a "Bongonathan" adventure! | Under canvas in Wales with summer camp fires and working at a Veggie cafe | Passing test. Getting to drive coupé cabriolet. Insurance courtesy of BoMaD. | Orlaith's delight at her new fingers. Mainly used for swiping images on Rory's Iphone. | Family accepts what <i>Karnan</i> wants to do at university; not us, i.e. Primary school teacher. |
| Saddest or silliest moments | Losing my dear dear father | Riding a hired mobility scooter before closing at high speed then to push the last bit. Miracolo! | Homeless for seven days in Lyon, then deciding on the flat we saw on day 1 | Standing next to crocs in Sri Lanka for photo then finding out how fast they can run. | Mum in a lot of pain with her back and arm. Tricky operation due early next year. | The heartbreaking news is Appa died. He leaves a huge hole in the family. Now with Einstein and Newton. |
| Greatest achievements | Navigating trains, planes and buses from London to Bern to Geneva to Lyons | Walking across an empty car park to a dodgy US mall without getting shot. | 1 st class for dissertation & graduating from 18 years of education. | Dual distinction in Music Prod'n diploma. Started degree in Music Production. | Anna's triumph in completing the Great North Run in a very respectable time. | Jekhan and Arasan land a consultancy with the TUC. Not the cheese biscuit company. |
| Biggest disappointments | Buying a brand new mobility scooter for Appa and him using it only a few times. | My Citroën is still being renovated. Six months overdue :(| Now I am in the real world. Taking a gap year. Reality can wait. | Getting BoMaD to bail me out of Amsterdam after missing flight. Then repaying... | Peter was hoping to have his two front teeth for Christmas. That's all he wanted. | We also lost a dear friend Inge Trott. A Jewish refugee and campaigner for justice. |
| Most memorable | Visiting war torn Jaffna, my birth place; especially Appa's school: St John's College. | Appa's funeral. So many people came and he owed money to none of them! | Ammappa's eyes lighting up as I came to visit him in hospital. | Going to Sri Lanka, raiding minibars, buying clothes, eating crabs. | Le Tour de Yorkshire. 20 seconds of blurred video after waiting 3 hours. | Taking Appa to Salisbury Cathedral, a bucket list trip, on his orange scooter. |

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