

After returning from Spain in January our first event was the Ramsgate Twinning Association's annual dinner at the Pegwell Bay Hotel. This event is a dinner dance with excellent food and a disco.

Later in the month we were twice at the Officer's Mess at the Fire Training School Manston once for a GPU reunion and then a Burn's Night Celebration. We frequently attend the Mess and find the company of the Service personnel always friendly and entertaining. We usually attend the monthly quiz nights, which raise funds for local and service charities.

In February we stayed in Kibblesworth with our very good friend Mavis, whose hospitality is second to none. We particularly enjoy travelling around the countryside seeing places that only a local like Mavis would know to take us.

The first weekend in March 2013 saw us in Bournemouth, with friends Trish & Tom and Sandie & Nick. As can be seen from the photograph it gave us all a chance to dress-up. It is always a pleasure to spend time at the Riviera Hotel and a very enjoyable time was had by us all.



Later in March we returned to Benimarfull to have a patio built around the swimming pool. It also gave a chance for Pauline's sister Sue to come and stay for a week to give her a rest from her caring duties.



After a short visit back to the UK in April we were back in Spain in May when Geri and Lennie joined us for a week's break before we went off to Greece for a six week sailing on Asterix.

We were joined for two weeks by Trish and Tom, during this time we went up to the Gulf of Amfilochia, for some peace and quiet away from the flotillas.

Picture taken in the Family Café, Sivota, Levkada. Good priced excellent food and the biggest pizzas you have ever seen, produced and served by the family.

In August we were back in Spain where Nick and Sandie joined us for nine days, they flew into Madrid and then caught the train down to Alicante. Later in the month Geri came over for a fortnight. She always entertains the locals by going out for her early morning run through the village.

A visit to the UK in September and October provided the opportunity to spend time in Luton, Kibblesworth, Rochester and the Mess at Manston, before returning to Spain for Christmas.

December and Pauline's mum and sister Sue visited, although Sue only stayed for four days as she had to be back at work, Mum stayed for ten days and then Pauline accompanied her back to the UK, so I had five days to get myself into trouble.

Our Neighbours Cath and Saeed joined us for a Christmas morning drink, which provided a fitting end to a most enjoyable year.