

15 DEC 2006

Dear

What a funny old year this has been. We are well established on the Island now with new friends and old ones visiting.

The Guildford house was sold which gave Rebecca a deposit for her new house in Bracknell but then we learned that the developer was not allowed to build on the Guildford site because of a Brussels' edict

We have our money, they went bust!

All year I visited my Mum in the nursing home, some days it was good, others just a duty visit.

She was 94 in August and looked as well as could be expected.

Then in October, well you know the rest.

Before Rebecca was born Mum had written in her will that you should have her jewellery. In Mum's last will, written in 2002, the jewellery was bequeathed to Rebecca. The remainder of Mum's estate goes to me with Rebecca and I as Executors.

Rebecca was given the jewellery a few years ago and much of it lost when her house in London was burgled.

As you are Mum's only relation, after Rebecca and me, I would like you to have something and have enclosed a cheque for you in Pounds sterling, I hope you can cash it ok.

You are of course free to spend it how you wish, but perhaps a nice piece of jewellery would be a way to remember her.

It was Maureen's birthday 3 Dec and Rebecca and the new man in her life, James came for the weekend.

At the Saturday lunch table Rebecca said, "We have something to announce, don't we James". So I am thinking of wedding bells in the future.

"I am going to have a baby", says Rebecca.

I did not know what to say.

We have only seen James about four times. He is nice but, well it's a father -- daughter thing.

We are both pleased and wished them both good luck.

The baby is due late July

Rebecca's friend Emma who has two children, thinks that 27 is the right age and if this had not happened then Rebecca would be the career teacher, looking for a headship etc.

I think that she is right.

So that was 2006, the end of one life and the start of another.

Happy Christmas to you and yours.

We will keep you updated on developments.

Love

Terry

and

Maureen