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FROM OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
AROUND THE WORLD

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Editorial Ramblings



Last month was a great *family* edition. This edition will be too - after all we have special events to celebrate. This month we travelled down to Sussex to visit family who I haven't seen for over 50 years. Isn't that wonderful? We also received a visit from Paul and Julie and my grand-children, Emily and Oscar. We were so pleased to see them all. Family is largely what our little magazine is all about. Grace and I hope you enjoy reading it. In the June edition I wasn't able to include some of the photographs that I'd taken during that month on our various trips out - our *adventures* as Little Lad describes them - when we are out and about *following Papa's Nose*. Now, Little Lad just LOVES going out. He is never happier than when we're out travelling to places we've never been to before - with the possible exception when he's in water - swimming pools or the sea. As the water in this country, even in pools, is always cold, we bought him a wet-suit and he immediately wanted to try it out in a plastic box in our garden - hence the photograph on the cover. So, this month, I've included a few photographs that we took on our travels in June as well as this month. We hope you like them. This included a trip to the Cotswolds where I grabbed the photograph below as this multi-million pound car passed by. WOW! I was so pleased to see it. What a fabulous classic racing sports car this is. This is a C-Type Jaguar formerly raced by the Scottish team, Ecurie Ecosse. We've also visited *Pistyll Rhaeadr Waterfall* in Wales. The photograph on the next page shows Little Lad on the climb to the top of the waterfall. There is a photograph of the waterfall on the back cover.

Just as this little magazine was about to be sent out, we received the distressing news that Grace's father is very unwell. It appears to be serious, mainly due to lack of proper care and medical treatment. We have instructed the family to take him to St. Luke's Hospital, in Manila. Of course, he is reluctant to go as Nadia is getting married on 1 August. We hope he will go to the hospital immediately after the wedding. We ask you all to pray that his treatment will be successful and that he will return to good health very soon.



Photograph above: A grab shot of the former Ecurie Ecosse 'C' Type Jaguar howling through Lower Slaughter.
Cover photograph: Little Lad trying out his new wet suit.





Taken by the side of the road near to Cosford RAF Station in the West Midlands



Taken at Aqualate Mere in the West Midlands

Paul and Julie's visit

On 9 and 10 July we were delighted to receive a visit from Paul and Julie with our grandchildren, Emily and Oscar - the first time we'd seen Oscar, now 16 weeks old. We had a great day out on the Friday, when we went to the RAF Museum at Cosford. Part-way through our visit, we took off for lunch at The Bell Inn at Tong where we all enjoyed a good meal before returning to Cosford for the rest of the afternoon.



Photographs show:

Paul doing his thing with the BBQ on the Thursday evening.

Paul and Emily at RAF Cosford.

John with Oscar and Emily.

Photograph overleaf:

Julie and Oscar standing next to a Catalina at RAF Cosford.





This is a photograph depicting my grandfather, Samuel Reuben Cook, my father, Douglas John Cook and my grandmother, Florence Sarah Cook (nee Muggeridge). I saw this for the first time just a few days ago when Colin gave me a DVD full of old family photographs during our visit to Sussex this month. I was so pleased to see it. The little girl in the photograph is Laura - I'm not sure where she fits in then family tree at this time.



Visit to our family in Sussex first visit for over 50 years!



Photograph above back row: Chris (Colin's wife) Fran (Bill Muggeridge's grand-daughter, from Australia, Colin Head, Hilda Head's daughter, Peter, Diane's husband.
front row: Alan and John Paul Cook, grandson and great-grandson of Florence Muggeridge (sister of Lily Simmonds, mother of Hilda. Hilda Head, mother of Colin and Diane. Diane, daughter of Hilda, sister of Colin, wife of Peter.



Photograph left:
Clockwise: John Paul with Grace, Fran, Hilda, Chris, Colin, Peter, Diane

Having a pub lunch together.

Hilda Head, mother of Colin, John and Diane - looking great at age 96.



Alan and John Paul with June (Chequers nee Woodrow). June's mother was Winifred Woodrow (nee Muggeridge), I think the last time we met was at her wedding, 54 years ago.



Our dear friends, Sylvia and Gerry, whom we also visited during our visit to Sussex.



*Sorry to see you go....
but wishing you success*



Our friends and colleagues Terry and Steve, have recently departed from my office to take new positions in other companies.
*Photograph above: Alan, Steve, Samantha, Gordon and Terry.
Photograph left: Steve and Terry with their leaving certificates.
Photograph below: Terry's leaving certificate.*





On a rare sunny day in June, we visited the Cotswolds area. One of the picturesque villages we visited was Lower Slaughter, one of the most beautiful villages in England.





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Broadway Tower was erected in 1691 for George William, the 4th Earl of Coventry. The Earl was a wealthy landowner with two magnificent mansions, at nearby Spring Hill and at Croome Court, some 10 kilometres (12 miles) away.

Many stories have been put forward to explain why, at the age of 38, the Earl built Broadway Tower. The most entertaining is the suggestion that it served as a signalling station, used by both the Earl of Croome Court and the Earl of Warwick, and that evening guns and other ordnance should be made ready for their arrival.



Croome Court

In his life-time career as an 'improver' the Earl employed the leading landscape gardeners and architects of the day (Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, Robert Adam, James Wyatt) and turned Croome Court into a showpiece estate. He died in 1768, and a few years later Broadway Tower and the land around it were sold to Sir Thomas Phillips of Middle Hill.



Capability Brown



The Cotswolds and beyond

We had a thoroughly enjoyable time on one of our drives in the English countryside, visiting Lower Slaughter (*see other pages*) and Broadway Tower.



Out for the day..... with Grace and John



Grace and John recently went on a trip organised by *Sunbeam*. As you will see from the photographs (by Grace), they had a great day out at Hatton Farm Village, near Warwick.



Little Lad enjoying himself with the animals.



One of the Owls at Hatton Park Village
(photograph by Grace)



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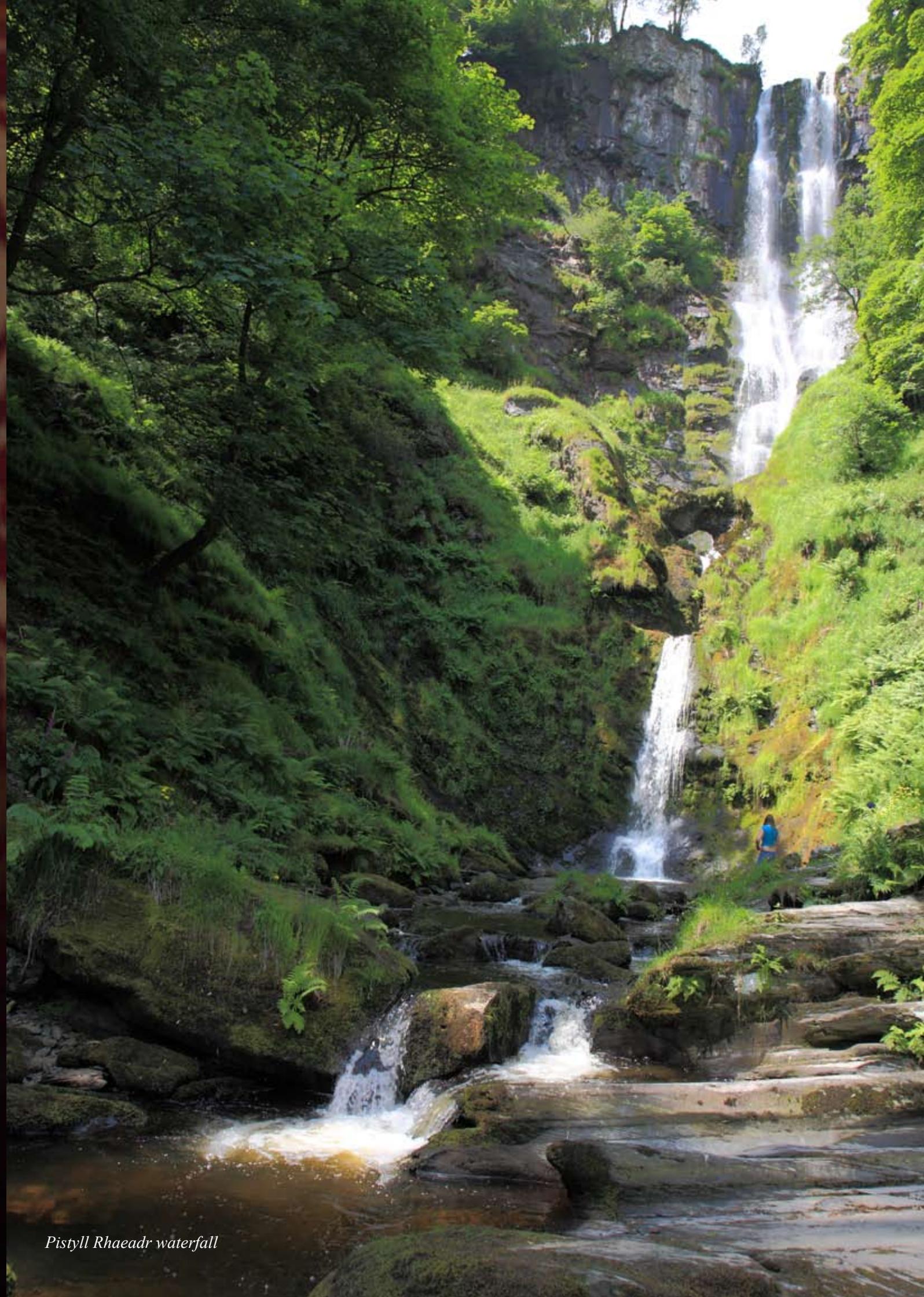
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