

I have always admired the people who have the time to do a newsletter for their Xmas cards. This year has been so busy I will make it a short one.

John: is within 2 breaths of making 30 years on the railway and getting his Gold Pass. He now has a bus driver's licence and is looking at doing a TAFE course in therapeutic massage and possibly working as a bus driver for disadvantaged people. He is going to be made redundant soon. He is a volunteer driver for Shellharbour Council with his first job in January.

Helen: came home just in time to go on our BIG trip overseas. I am now working in Wollongong after 12 months of travelling away each week.

John & I had a wonderful trip to UK & Europe. 2 weeks with my rellies, 2 weeks driving around England & Scotland, 2 weeks on a whirlwind tour of Europe in a bus and 1 week in Hong Kong. I dragged John kicking and screaming to the plane there and also on the way back.

Evan: now has a heavy vehicle licence and is at the moment working 7 days a week driving a paper truck. He turned 21 in October and suitably disgraced himself as young men do. He is off to Perth for 3 weeks in January, and then driving to the Gold Coast for a week. If you see a little blue Toyota putting up the highway offer him a tow!!

Evan has his own phone line so ours is NEVER tied up with the internet anymore.

Pat: is keeping very quiet at the moment, he drives a fruit delivery truck and even though he said he wouldn't he's signing on again for football for another season, but he's keeping himself and his car (with a little help from mum)

You can email us at: hcastle@ozemail.com.au and have a look at the family as I have researched it at: www.ozemail.com.au/~hcastle

I have started working on family history again, I lost a fair bit of info somehow and am working on restoring it. I have made contact with many relatives who I never knew existed and have accumulated a lot of info which will take years to sort out.

Merry Xmas & A happy New Year from:

John, Helen, Evan & Pat Castle