

2007 Newsletter

This past year has been somewhat less newsworthy than last, with the exception of the arrival of Rosemary Anne on the 19th March. We had a lovely summer holiday in a cottage near Andrew's parents, then travelled around most of the rest of his relatives. Sadly, Andrew's grandfather, Ted, passed away in the autumn. We managed to go down for the funeral and it was lovely to spend time with that side of the family. Our church has both a new Pastor and a new Associate Pastor, Mez McConnell and Jez Dearing. They are introducing some quite drastic but necessary and helpful changes.

Kirsty turns four soon, and it is amazing how quickly the years have gone past. She is settled in at nursery, although at first some of the other children had to be discouraged from treating her like a live doll. Her speech has come on leaps and bounds, although she still needs translating for those who aren't used to her. Kirsty is enjoying the Gym Nippers class that she attends with nursery and is increasing in confidence each session. The biggest issue for Kirsty in the next few months is that of starting school. She is due to start in August but we are still considering whether or not to defer her a year until she catches up socially. If she starts this year it will almost certainly be at Mannafields Christian School. Kirsty's recent achievements include being able to spell several simple words (including "Ewan" backwards) and tracing her own name.



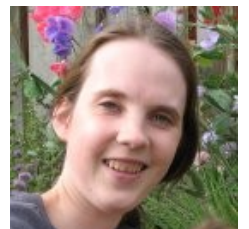
Ewan is now two and a bit. We cut his hair for his second birthday, so he no longer looks so much of a baby. He is most definitely a boy, even though his favourite toys are a buggy and dolly. He is loving towards Rosie, but is getting a bit wilder in his behaviour. Ewan's birthday party was fun, but he perhaps was a bit young to appreciate that it was him and nine girls attending. This will no doubt change as he grows older... Ewan talks a lot and is learning his colours, although the only one he is infallible on is "pink", which should come as no surprise for a boy with two sisters. He is pretty artistic and enjoys gluing. Ewan will start nursery this autumn.

Rosie is nearly nine months old. She loves smiling and sticking her tongue out at people, can sit really well and is desperate to be able to crawl. She just recently has started to wave to people, can pull herself up to standing and is such a happy baby. The other two dote on her but she holds her own by pulling their hair if they get too close. Her favourite activity is to go in her door-bouncer where she will bounce and bounce for ages with great gusto.



Andrew is getting fit again – he's started going to the gym regularly, as well as cycling into work every day. He's still involved in web-work with both Niddrie and Carrubbers, with the launch of a new website for Niddrie in the autumn. He's switching teams at work, to focus more on product development rather than customer support, which is an exciting change.

Lizzie has had a hard time recently, but is hopefully on the road to recovery. She is now in charge of the Church Toddler Group, as well as the Women's Craft Group and a Mothers' Bible Study Group. She hopes to be able to hand over the latter two in the near future to enable her to concentrate on her more important tasks of being a wife and mother.



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!



With lots of love
from the Ayletts