

Holiday Greetings 2021 and Best Wishes for 2022



My first night away in well over a year was for Thanksgiving which I spent in Providence, RI, with the Barkers et al. Here's Sally's table.



Two or three weeks later I was at a pre-Christmas gathering with cousins in Shelburne, VT. We met up at Wake Robin which is very similar to RiverMead where I am. The setting: Joy & Art's apartment.



The Meetinghouse on the 4th of July for the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence. (Last year it was virtual). These are the readers lining up to do their thing.

← The Jaffrey Meetinghouse Tower. I'll be overseeing a \$159,850 rehabilitation project on the 1822 structure next Spring.



The annual Buxton Family Association reunion in August. This one was held in Middletown Springs, VT. (Next year: Rindge, NH.) Buxton was my mother's family. They first settled in Salem, MA, in 1637. I've been doing the newsletter for some years; the most recent on you can see at <http://www.rs41.org/BFA/2021.pdf>

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Some 2021 trip photos (No trips this year; perhaps next year)

This year's cartoons: I lost my file of cartoons last year but found them recently.

See <http://www.rs41.org/cartoons2021.pdf>

HERE we are still ensconced in the Pandemic—going on two years now. As I said in the above captions I've only been out of Jaffrey/Peterborough for three over-night excursions since Covid struck: 1) Thanksgiving; 2) an early family Christmas; and an enjoyable two-night stay in Marblehead back in October with Ken & Madelon Bures. So I've pretty much stayed put but it's worked out OK with no cabin fever at all. The sale of my house and all the downsizing and de-accessioning before and after have taken up much of my time and not being tempted to travel here or there has been somewhat of a blessing more than a curse. ¶ I have gotten away in one sense, though: Many, many Zoom meetings! You, too, probably. Every Friday at 17:31 UK time a number of 'Polar People' gather to discuss icy matters but much more: politics & politicians, the postal service, grammar &



John & Lucy have sent me an Amaryllis around Christmas time for some years now. This was last year's. The most recent one has been watered and is beginning to show signs of life.



My nephew, Topher, and his daughter, Larkin, showed up in Boston in September. Here we are having lunch with Karen. Larkin was about to start at Northeastern University. I'm sure she'll do well.



My bedroom at RiverMead. I had to deaccession hundreds of books but I kept a few. The painting over the bed is by Elizabeth McKee whose sister (?) I worked with in the Map Library at Dartmouth many years ago. She & her husband had a bar in LA where she displayed her work.



My living room at RiverMead. The black stone of the fireplace cried out for color so I added some Delft tiles—except they're actually stick-on paper!



Here's my second floor apartment at RiverMead. It's quiet and private and working out well. It's at the very end of a long and winding corridor with a stairway down to the outside which gives me access to the footpath you see here. My garage is just behind me. There are about 300 residents here in the apartments and in assisted living and the health center.

usage, and other subjects of no particular importance. Also monthly Zoom gatherings of the Harvard Travellers Club, family get-togethers, a SIAFU reunion, Jaffrey Historical Society meetings, etc. ¶ Although I'm now living in Peterborough, I'm in next-door Jaffrey every day and still very much involved in matters there, particularly the Historical Society (we're master planning for its future and gearing up for the 250th Anniversary of the town during 2023.) The Meetinghouse is taking a lot of my time as we've been planning some major work on the Tower which has been delayed but is now scheduled to commence this coming Spring. ¶ Typically I'm at my library

in Jaffrey most afternoons. (This is where my Antarctic collection is housed.) I'm working with the so-called 'California Contingent' to plan the SouthPole-sium v.5 which is scheduled for San Francisco, June 22-24. (See <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering5.htm>). This will bring together up to 60 people from around the world to talk about things Antarctic. Let's hope Covid doesn't curtail it. ¶ I reached the milestone of 80 years in May. I seem to be faring pretty well with the exception of a wonky left hip. It may need some 'carpentry' as my orthopaedic surgeon likes to say. ☺