

# 2016 Christmas and new Year message

This year went like this:

Again this year we did not venture outside France, but we visited several interesting places here in France, Nice, St. Tropez and Pau to mention some. On the family side Chantal visited us in the Spring on her way from Africa towards USA. In the summer we had the visit of Darcy and Timm coming for 4 weeks for the now usual heavy maintenance jobs on house and garden as well as company and good food and wine. The deal is that they get all the good wine they can drink (again this year we disposed of a significant number of empty bottles after they left ☺). It was also a joy to have Fredy and Thia to come and visit Chanel and Jika and they got well on together. Jika our female hot rod is still quite a handful, but she can only be loved. The daily life in France was interrupted by several terrorist attacks but in Cahors everything is calm. However, only a few weeks after we visited Nice they had the attack there right on the beach we went to.



We have been active with our various clubs, the French-British Association, The Cahors folk music and Jazzclub, the Cahors Malbec Wine club and our Danish South-West France Lunch Club. For the last mentioned it was held once in Pau and later close to Cahors at St. Cirq-Lapopie celebrated as the nicest village in France. Our visit to our new café is a MUST every Wednesday and Saturday and it is a kind of meeting place for the Danish community here. Our two french families are still best friends and we continue to attend a monthly massage with our Moroccan masseuse. Puk successfully had a cataract operation done on an eye with the other probably the next year.

The yearly maintenance work done on the house saw the renewal of the main water pipes which had deteriorated and the sunshades over our terrace were replaced. Ole got a new tractor which has eased his workload a little. Our garden grows and blooms – but also needs a lot of hard work and we are slowly reducing our effort there. Nevertheless our harvests are plentiful and keeps us well into the winter, the food is great and the 400 bottles in the wine cellar will keep us going for a while. We are happy and thankful for the help by our families.

**PHOTOS PROVIDED BY PUK (that is why she doesn't show on so many)**



Views of our house and garden



More garden views

and dinner on the terrasse



Darcy and Timms welcome meal – Timm at work-

our new Baldakines

heavy tree cutting

the new wonder

two girls and a boy



BBQ ready

Nice

St. Tropez

St. Hans bonfire by the river

our river dress





Wine is healthy! Lunch at the Franch-British club Jika helps Ole with the Iphone -St.Cirq-Lapopie Happy days



Some of Puks lavenders -Chantal with real French snails birthday lunch Gindreau Chantal and Puk view from our café



Chantal on her visit Caitlin Caitlin and Tine in front of their house Tine visits Chantal at Seattle



Ole, Francis and oysters



Puk and our sweeties Jika and Chanel

Visitors are more than welcome in our Paradise.

We we wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017 and beyond. Our website is still [www.ole-nikolajsen.com](http://www.ole-nikolajsen.com) email [ole.nikolajsen@orange.fr](mailto:ole.nikolajsen@orange.fr) or [puk.nikolajsen@orange.fr](mailto:puk.nikolajsen@orange.fr) tel: 0033 565227867. We are both on facebook as Puk Nikolajsen and Ole Nikolajsen.