

MY 2007 BY JOHN PANNELL

Another extremely busy year for me. Working in the internet industry is demanding, fast and fun. Outside of work, life is great and I am fortunate to have the opportunity to enjoy life with family & friends and to see the world.

TRAVEL

In March I went to Morocco, one of my favorite countries. I loved the food, the culture and wandering the markets whilst staying in traditional riads. On business I visited Toronto – a clean and modern city compared to London. It was specifically enjoyable as it was the film festival and I made new friends. I also visited Tenerife and Spain giving me a chance to relax and slow down.

FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

The highlight of my year was the planning and celebration of my parents Diamond Wedding anniversary. Over 60 years of love & friendship is a rare occurrence in this modern world. They must have some wonderful secrets of long lasting happiness. No wonder the local newspapers and even the TV wanted to interview them. With 3 other couples in my family the Watford Observer wrote an article about 204 years of family marriage.



JUST RELAXING

Running a busy diary, finding time to switch off and totally relax is almost unheard of. My relaxing comprises enjoying my travels, exploring London and spending plenty of time with family and friends. I make use of my iPod to enjoy music or podcasts whilst commuting around. My travelling gives me the opportunity to meet people and make new friends.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography is a wonderful skill that I have – whether it is taking memento shots on holiday, capturing precious family events or selling my photographs for the pleasure of others. This year I branched out into children's photography and I hope to develop this further next year.

WHAT'S ON MY MIND

Time moves on. Time is precious. Spend time with people that matter to you and make new friends with others.

In my travels I see so much happiness yet also so much poverty. In Morocco I made friends with a lady of one of the riad's where I stayed. Her income was selling home cooked meals for £3 and doing a little cleaning. Her life was harsh yet she appeared so much happier than the commuters I see on the London Underground.



Switch off the TV and go out and enjoy the world we have today. Find out more about your town or country. Find more about other cultures, to learn respect and gratification.

And in our world of plenty ~ We can spread a smile of joy~ Say a prayer ~ pray for the other ones. Have yourself a merry little Christmas ~ Let your heart be light ~ Next year all our troubles will be out of sight..

I do wish you a Happy New Year and good health to you, your family and friends.

If you have access to the Internet, why not visit my website – www.HappyChristmasFromJohn.com.