

## Townsend's News

It has been a busy year for us all - what's new?!

We have really enjoyed our first year in our new home - spending weekends & some of the summer in the garden. Steve has constructed a lovely rustic arch & gate leading out to the woodland at the back. Steve also painted most of the outside of the house, which entailed roping ladders together to reach all the areas!! His experience in rock-climbing came in useful! No sign of Tim or Naomi in these ventures but then ...

Tim had a full-time job for most of the summer, working for the Food Standard Agency. Now he is coming to the last term of Uni and has a dissertation to be handed in in February. Then it will be job-hunting time. Andrea & Tim are getting married in July 2006 which obviously means lots of saving!

Naomi returned from her travels on July 30<sup>th</sup>, looking very brown! She had a great time in Australia - travelling & working, and then a month in Thailand. Her best experience was scuba diving in the Barrier Reef. She has decided to go to University in 2005 now away from Aberdeen. She has applied for various universities from Edinburgh down to Bristol to study Psychology. Meanwhile she is working in the Westhill Hotel and an Italian restaurant in town - Little Italy.

Susannah is still enjoying her job in the Home Office and has had a promotion. She's had a new kitchen fitted this year, and the help of Jenny's dad to teach her how to tile & to lay the new flooring. Susannah continues to keep busy with church activities, and away for weekends at conferences & visiting friends.

Steve & Jenny keep working hard! Steve had a busier month in November as he was preaching every Sunday evening at a church in town. In the summer Jenny was involved in a Holiday Club run by 3 churches in the area. More recently she did the cooking for an SU weekend. Steve's job at the University continues to be busy, and Jenny continues her 3 days of teaching Support for Learning. We just had a week away in the summer at Clan - a Christian conference in St Andrews.

This year we celebrated our  $30^{\rm th}$  Wedding Anniversary. We had a family get together down South in April, to celebrate ours and other family members' special anniversaries. We are very grateful to God for His faithfulness to us over the years.-

It is good to hear from many of you at this time of year and to hear your news. God bless you as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and go into 2005.

Love from

Steve, Jenny, Susannah, Tim & Naomi xxxxx



Joy to the world