

BUTTIMORE NEWS

2010

Pets

Sadly, our two hamsters, Piggly Wiggly and Daisy May, died of unknown causes in April. However, we have reacquired Gwen's pet corn snake, Rameses, after friends who had adopted him moved away. We still have Medi, our 18 year-old black cat with a bad attitude, and Monty, a much more gentle and loving ginger cat. And the children are particularly excited about the possibility of getting a dog in the new year after Anna discovered that she isn't allergic to certain breeds.

Adventures in America

In March the family flew out to Florida for a wonderful two-week stay in our Orlando timeshare. We visited most of the Disney theme parks and especially liked the water parks.

Afterwards we flew to Laramie, Wyoming, to stay with old friends for a couple of days, then on to Salt Lake City, Utah, where we had a wonderful time

catching up with friends and enjoying LDS culture.



The day before we were due to return home an Icelandic volcano closed down most of the airspace in Europe and our flight was cancelled. Luckily some kind friends offered us a place to stay, and we eventually returned a week later than planned via San Francisco.

Full story at: www.annahitsamerica.blogspot.com

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Roderic's Work

Roderic has had less overseas work this year but has been kept busy with small accountancy jobs.

His job has also evolved somewhat. Having started designing audit training courses last year, during 2010 he was to use his teaching training to present the courses to groups across Russia.

Unfortunately DHL lost his visa invitation and most of the training had to be postponed, but he did go to Moscow, and will be going to Vladivostok in the new year.

Gwen

Gwen is now 15 and will be sitting her GCSEs and going to college next year. She plays guitar in a band called Puddleglum, and enjoyed going to her first gig in September where she saw Muse.

Honeymoon Heist

Anna's fourth novel is being published in February 2011 by Cedar Fort, a publisher she hasn't worked with before. It's a romantic thriller about a couple on their honeymoon who accidentally become embroiled in a criminal plot.

Anna's previous publishers, Leatherwood Press, have also expressed an interest in two further manuscripts she's written, so she might

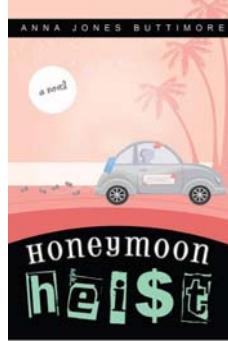
have up to three books published in 2011.

As well as working on *Honeymoon*

Heist, Anna has spent most of 2010 writing an epic fantasy novel in collaboration with two friends. You can follow her writing on Facebook –

search for Anna Jones Buttimore.

Anna is still working for LawCare, and is also an Avon rep again.



Anna's parents moved to to a 500-year-old country cottage near Ispwich in April.

Ceri

Ceri is 6 and as prone to say funny and random things as ever, including greeting Roderic at the airport with the words, "My penguin is a secret agent."



Hari

Hari is 10 and in year 5 at school. Her bike was stolen from outside the house in October so she was given a new one for her birthday in November.