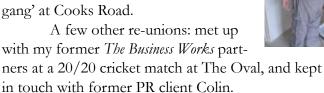


Happy Christmas from Kennington B&B 2008 turned out to be much better than

last year, and I managed to travel to *The Black Party* again, attend a conference in Montreal,

and helped Paul from Liphook with his building project near Cherbourg. On my return from NYC I met David, a 32 year-old teacher from Jamaica, who joined 'my gang' at Cooks Road.



Mum took me to see a commemorative plaque for the Coote family which cousins Linda and Graham installed in Old Portsmouth, in sight of Dad's old office. Perfect location, as a few of our great grandfathers had been harbour pilots.

Tony and Pip took their three girls to Miami to meet T's 90 year-old dad. Miya is still teaching me the computer, and we have attended a couple of explosive lectures at the *Royal Institution*.

David went on a teacher-exchange visit to Yemen, while Andrew got his picture in *The Times* appearing in a series of plays in Bristol about Slavery.

My old central heating boiler has been condemned, so it's handy that my B&B is full and October was the best month ever for gaytoz.com with 468,000 visitors!

Following last year's disastrous cost of my double-double-glazing, my MP has introduced a bill in parliament to ensure leaseholders no longer face the unfair problems I had. . . . Happy New Year!













