



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
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Rescuing a Rio tram



Look! Copacabana beach



Great uncle to Rowan



New allotment

2010: ALL CHANGE! - After all the costs inflicted by Soutwark Council last year, I decided to sell Cooks Road, and Andrew invited me to move in with him in Brixton. So I've paid off all my debts and credit cards so I can start again.

As a treat we went to Rio to 'help' Roberto and Joao convert their house into a B&B. Fantastic City - should have gone 20 years ago - and you can read about it (well, the clean bits) on my blog.*

Brixton is lively and has a fantastic market selling West Indian veg and fish, and David has spoiled us with his Curry Goat. I have my own allotment right outside our flat, currently growing strawberries, black currants and gooseberries. Hope to add some veg and rhubarb next year.

• David and I went to Charles Darwin's house in Kent which was recently renovated. • Andrew and I met up at Lyn and Terry's house in Hampshire with many of my ex-colleagues from IBM. • Had lunch at the *Still and West* overlooking Portsmouth harbour with New Zealand relatives Gillian and Murray, remembering Christmas 1993 which we spent with their family in NZ. • Mum and I were entertained at St Cuthbert's summer fair by the *Portsmouth Pluckers* ukelele band starring Sarah and Peter. • Made my first speciality rich fruit birthday cake in the shape of a grand piano, and have been baking tasty bread using Ron's old bread machine. • Welcomed mum's first great grandson Rowan born to nephew Theo and Tilly.

Oh, and I ended up in hospital three times with strange infections on my bum - but doctors think they've identified the problem and knocked it out for good...fingers & legs crossed!

Love and best wishes



Charles Darwin's study



IBM reunion at Lyn's



Gillian & Murray in mum's garden



Masterbaker



Pompey Pluckers

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