



## First Visitors

Nancy, Bryan and the girls revisited in June. Bryan could spare only a week from his law practice, but we enjoyed the girls for just over two weeks and had a lot of fun.

## In September...

Jacalin and Phil arrived for their annual visit and, after a day or so catching up with time changes we set off to Mikulov, a lovely old city in South Moravia, and then to the Makarska Riviera. Accommodation in Čaklje was marginal, but we visited Makarska, Mostar in Bosnia and Dubrovnik before the return trek via the excellent Croatian motorways.

## Autumn...

flew past and was really beautiful with some brilliant Indian Summer days before we prepared the garden for Winter and, slowly stored our outside furniture in the barn. We left for Florida after the first November week just in time to avoid the dreaded white stuff.



## 2017 – almost 8 months away

We departed for our Czech Paradise in mid-March this year and, although the weather was not quite as pleasant as in Florida we were pleased to be back with so many friends in our village.

We restarted our English Conversation classes with our good friends for several years with two more conversationalists joining us for a maximum of seven people. A few weeks later we restarted the Adults and Children's group with a lot of handicrafts to keep their interest.





## Back In Florida

Despite our annual dose of sticker shock at Publix and an occasional restaurant meal, it is always wonderful to be able to see our family in three dimensions instead of via an iDevice of some sort!

Nancy and Bryan presented a great birthday dinner for Z just after we arrived.

Since then we've taken Haley and Morgan to our favorite Howard Park in Tarpon Springs for a picnic and the beach. We've been to Anna Maria Island to see our friends Marek and Barbora and a great Beach House lunch.

We plan to spend a weekend in a cabin at Crystal River. Some of us not sure why this is necessary, but...

We have three good friends from Hrubá Skála visiting us here in February and, in May, we are really looking forward to welcoming back Ginny and Bud to Hrubá Skála.

Life goes too fast when you're having fun! Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a healthy 2018

Being there so early in Spring gave us the opportunity to get a head start on the gardening activities and initiate the renovation and upgrading of our laundry area with much more storage; next was the 2m high Strawberry Tower pictured on the left – which, fully populated with plants and herbs, looks very attractive.

## Two pictures from Haley and Morgan's June visit



## Three friends who departed in 2017



over many years. Three large dogs remain in Florida and, in Hrubá Skála, Millie the cat is alone, except for several neighborhood pals who share her food, invited or not...

Peanut (L) and Marley (R) decided to move on from Florida after many good years and Maruška, almost invisible below, departed from Hrubá Skála after having been clever enough to adopt three separate householders to care for her

