



## WINTER 2023

### Description

'Tis the season for hibernation! While you hunker down and make yourself cosy and warm on these winter nights, here comes [the latest Roof 'n' Roots](#) to keep you company.

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## 'We became like teenage backpackers'

*MMHS BOARD CHAIR REVD ALAN TAYLOR MARKS HIS 75TH YEAR IN OUR 75TH YEAR! HE AND WIFE DOROTHY KNOW HOW TO CREATE A LIFE EVENT – FROM MEETING A US PRESIDENT TO CAMPING IN THE MONGOLIAN DESERT*

It couldn't have been timed better. Chair of MMHS Board Revd Alan Taylor has just celebrated his 75th birthday during our own 75th anniversary year.

Alan and wife Dorothy – whose birthday is on the same date – marked the occasion with a quiet winter weekend. That's unusual for them.

Over the years they've created such dramatic memories as praying with past US President Jimmy Carter, climbing the O2 and backpacking across the northern

from Florida to Tennessee, they stopped at the ex-president's church in Plains, Georgia.

President Carter was teaching all-age Sunday school. He asked if there were any visitors in the congregation. Alan's friends pointed him out.

'Jimmy Carter said, "Where are you from?" and I said, "England"; Alan explained. He said, "Would you like to lead the opening prayer?" Alan was happy to oblige.

Alan and Dorothy climbed the O2 in 2020 to mark 49 years of marriage. There's no lift or escalator. Kitted out with harness and hook, they clipped onto the walkway and



HIGH NOTE: Alan and Dorothy celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on top of the O2

And these are the articles to help you make the most of this time:

- meet our board chair Revd Alan Taylor who's 75 in our 75th year;
- practical tips on how to wend your way through winter;
- how our very own video producer found himself in the spotlight;
- why you should think about getting outside, even in the winter months.

These stories can all be found in the [Winter 2023 edition](#) of our regular news and feature publication.

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