

Roll: **20231217-59624**

Camera: **Lumix TZ200: TZ2**

Film: **1 inch digital**

Subject:

For twenty years or more we have made an annual pilgrimage in mid December to buy an newly cut Christmas Tree. The first year we went to Sherwood Pines following a recommendation and directions from Neil we spent little short of an hour driving up and down in the area looking for the site. I think in the end we stopped and called Nellie for more detailed guidance. For a couple of years I would put on the roof bars and we would fetch our own tree but then Mary initiated an annual family trip with me, Rahel Joseph and Max the dog; Becky, Chris, Harry and Izzie; herself and Neil. After all choosing trees, which were pre-cut, they were loaded into Neil's van and we went for walk around that section of the forest. For several years Joseph enjoyed this and had adventures of discovery and made best use of the constructed adventure playgrounds. Then we would reassemble and all go together to have a pub lunch. For several years this was at the Robin Hood. It started getting a bit fragmented with events like the Robin Hood being closed, Sherwood Pines being closed because of high winds, Joseph being a bit truculent. I think Mary must have been getting iller and started finding it hard work. Becky broke ranks and bought a tree locally, I suspect Chris thought the trees at Sherwood Pines were overpriced. Mary only wanted to go if Becky was going. Me and Rahel soldiered on until suddenly, after building a mass market with all the infrastructure supporting it Sherwood Pines stopped selling trees. I found a grower opposite Bradgate Park. Their trees were cheaper, they provided free damson gin and mince pies and they let us leave the car in the car park while we went walking in Bradgate Park. What was not to like. It's just me and Rahel, we have been going for 4 years and the last couple of years we have tried to find

Notes:

People:

Rahel and Clifford

Dates:

The dates and times are taken from the exifdata.

Frames:

P1035904 20231217 13:47:00 Girl on a pedestal.
P1035906 20231217 13:56:39 Geezer with a stick.
P1035908 20231217 13:57:04 Geezer with a stick.
P1035909 20231217 13:57:06 Geezer with a stick.
P1035911 20231217 13:57:53 Geezer with a stick.
P1035913 20231217 13:58:10 Geezer with a stick.
P1035914 20231217 13:58:23 Geezer with a stick.
P1035916 20231217 14:01:18 Hiker at Old John.
P1035917 20231217 14:10:39 Taking a break.
P1035918 20231217 14:10:50 Taking a break.
P1035920 20231217 14:15:16 Message from God.



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P1035911 - Geezer with a stick.



P1035916 - Hiker at Old John.



P1035917 - Taking a break.



P1035918 - Taking a break.



P1035920 - Message from God.