

# DIARY: 1993

## JANUARY

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1 Friday

20 killed in a New Year crush in Central. To PTU [Professional Teachers' Union] dinner in the evening.

2 Saturday

Fine and warm. Nadine starts ballet again. YF to party in the evening.

3 Sunday

Saw Ewan's mum at Sek Kong [mini Rugby].

4 Monday

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5 Tuesday

My classes begin.

6 Wednesday

Lady shot and killed in a jewellery robbery.

7 Thursday

Nadine leaves for a camp. Hike: Stages 4 - 7 (7 ½ hours) → Tai Po and back.

8 Friday

Nadine back from camp after trouble; not picked up after ballet.

9 Saturday

Humid. Two lessons.

10 Sunday

After returning with Gavin from Rugby, took Nadine to Mackness'.

11 - 12 Monday - Tuesday

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13 Wednesday

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Finished the teachers' guide for the introduction and Book 1. Last lesson for the full-time teaching of chemistry class.

14 Thursday

Cooler. Hike: Stages 1 - 3 (6 hours). Cathay Pacific cabin crew strike. Allies attack Iraq.

15 Friday

Wet and cold. All day at home on the computer.

16 Saturday

Cold but clear and fine.

17 Sunday

Gavin to a Rugby tournament at Kai Tak; he wouldn't go with me. Read a thesis. Cold and overcast. Maximum temperature about 9°C. Nadine to HLY for a birthday party.

18 Monday

Cold and wet. To the dentist; fourth visit for now 'dead' tooth.

19 Tuesday

Still cool and overcast. To class in the evening. Myriam [amah] leaves today. A NZ cave programme on TV.

20 Wednesday

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21 Thursday

Cold. Hike: CU → Stages 8, 9 → Sek Kong (5 ½ hours). But a VCR and stereo - ridiculous!

22 Friday

[Start of Chinese NY holiday] All day typing up the teachers' guide; onto the last chapter.

23 Saturday

Cold and overcast. Almost finished the teachers' folder.

24 Sunday

No mini Rugby. Fireworks over the harbour in the evening but didn't go.

25 Monday

Clear, fine and very sunny. Back to no evening dinners [now that there is no amah].

26 Tuesday

Fine day. Worked in the morning. With Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to Ma On Shan park in the afternoon. Leonie bitten by a dog; took her to Prince of Wales Hospital for treatment. V has a Reiki class.

27 Wednesday

Fine. 16°C. To office in the afternoon. Dinner [?together] at Chung Chi College [students canteen].

28 Thursday

Lovely day. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine back to school. Hike: Around Plover Cove → Pat Sing Leng → Tai Po (6 ½ hours).

29 Friday

Fine. Took Leonie to hospital again in the afternoon. Chinese New Year high tea at the SCR.

30 Saturday

Fine. Nadine to Lisa's party. Gavin and I picked her up late. A factory fire in Fo Tan. To a mime show in the evening. Nadine has a massage class. No dinner!

31 Sunday

Warm and dry. V has a class again, then some meeting in the evening. No dinner again.

## **FEBRUARY**

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1 - 2 Monday - Tuesday

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3 Wednesday

Warm and fine. Governor goes into hospital for a heart operation.

4 Thursday

Warm. Hike: CU → (4) → Stage 7 → CU (7 ½ hours).

5 Friday

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6 Saturday

Nadine not well - fever and headache.

7 - 8 Sunday - Monday

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9 Tuesday

More customs officers arrested in conjunction with car smuggling [?to China].

10 Wednesday

Rocky runs away from me in the evening.

11 Thursday

Hike: Sai Kung → Stage 3 → Stage 4 → Stage 5 and down to Shatin (7 ¼ hours). Tiring.

12 Friday

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13 Saturday

Tired. After classes to the opera “Don Quixote” with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine.

14 Sunday

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15 Monday

Leonie and Nadine to listen to the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra in the evening. Back late.

16 - 17 Tuesday - Wednesday

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18 Thursday

Humid. Hike: CU → Tai Mo Shan → Kap Lung [?] → Fanling (6 hours). Windy on the hills.

19 Friday

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20 Saturday

Nadine to two birthday parties; the second with me and Gavin to City One. V, Gavin, Leonie and Nadine to a Tibetan folk concert in the evening. A robbery in TST.

21 Sunday

Very humid. Gavin has a mini Rugby tournament at Happy Valley.

22 - 23 Monday - Tuesday

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24 Wednesday

Cooler. Hike: CU → forest → Tai Mo Shan → Chuen Lung → Ho Pui reservoir → Sek Kong (5 ½ hours).

25 Thursday

Meetings all day. Leonie to inter-school athletics competition; she comes 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 m final.

26 Friday

Leonie's second day of athletics; comes 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 m final.

27 Saturday

Reiki class.

28 Sunday

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## **MARCH**

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1 Monday

To the NZ consulate but unable to complete the forms for NZ passports there. Rocky runs away in the evening; got him back at 5 am!

2 Tuesday

Still cool. Delivered passport documents.

3 Wednesday

Budget day. Collected NZ passports. Gave mine to CU for a new work permit. Evening Reiki class.

4 Thursday

Hike - shorter because of a sore foot: CU → around Tai Mo Shan → Stage 7 → CU (5 ½ hours). Dinner with Gavin and Nadine at Chung Chi.

5 Friday

Whole day in the office.

6 - 7 Saturday - Sunday

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8 Monday

All day on the computer typing up question worksheets. Spent 2 ½ hours looking for Rocky in the evening!

9 Tuesday

At home on the computer then evening class. Ma arrives from San Francisco.

10 Wednesday

A lecture by Albert Halsey in the evening.

11 Thursday

The day turned out to be very warm and humid. Hike: Sai Kung → Luk Wo → Stage 3, then gave up!

12 Friday

Cooler. Governor gazettes a plan for political reform. V and Ma off to China.

13 Saturday

A little rain. Leonie's friend around to help with homework on the computer. Dinner at Chung Chi.

14 Sunday

Flying Kukris Rugby tournament. Gavin gets one try. Showers. Took Nadine to a party at HLY.

15 Monday

Warm, 26.5°C. Rain. Ma and V back in the evening. Dinner with Gavin and Nadine at BFC.

16 Tuesday

Last class on psychology: motivation. Got soaked while walking home. Has a \$25 buffet at eh Chung Chi canteen.

17 Wednesday

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18 Thursday

Finished all the exam questions for the chemistry books. Cooler and still some rain.

19 Friday

Some rain. Teaching practices in the afternoon. Second day of Reiki class. Nadine leaves her ballet clothes at school!

20 - 21 Saturday - Sunday

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22 Monday

Still cool. Three teaching practice visits.

23 Tuesday

Teaching practice visits in the morning. Seminar for my new chemistry books in the afternoon [?evening]. Beginning knocking down the old walled city [??wasn't that done last year]. We get a large new TV.

24 Wednesday

Humid.

25 Thursday

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26 Friday

Last night of classes for the part-time evening students.

27 Saturday

To the HK Rugby 7s. Sit at ground level in the new stadium. Gavin injured; first injury of the weekend. Leonie to a friend's overnight.

28 Sunday

Leonie with friend to the ground at 4 am! I sat on the top level [only concrete; no proper seats]. Western Samoa beat Fiji 14 - 12 to take the Cup. Fine and humid.

29 Monday

Cooler again today.

30 - 31 Tuesday - Wednesday

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## **MAY**

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1 Thursday

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2 Friday

Teaching practice visits in the morning. School holidays begin. Leonie and Nadine to friends.

3 - 4 Saturday - Sunday

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5 Monday

[**Holiday**] Ching Min festival. Most of the day spent marking projects.

6 Tuesday

Cool and wet later. Board of Studies meeting. Talk on the UK Nationality Curriculum. Armed robbery on campus.

7 Wednesday

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8 Thursday

Finished marking all the projects.

9 Friday

[Good Friday] Cool. Breathing not good, for both me and Nadine.

10 - 13 Saturday - Tuesday

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14 Wednesday

Warm. Visited an exhibition at the the computer centre. To the clinic to get more medicine.

15 Thursday

The pool opens. Went for a swim; good 20 lengths. Checking the Education Department comments on the chemistry books. Posted some YHA reservation forms for the summer holiday.

16 Friday

Marking the last of the educational psychology projects. Dinner at the SCR.

17 Saturday

Finished marking the part-time student projects. Reiki I class at home.

18 Sunday

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19 Monday

Teaching practice visits in the morning. Interviews for new staff members in the afternoon.

20 Tuesday

Texas cult siege ends in a fire and suicide. Part-time programme marks meeting in the morning. Heavy rain in the afternoon.

21 Wednesday

Heavy rain. Because no swim, gym instead.

22 - 23 Thursday - Friday

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24 Saturday

Very warm. To HKU in the morning for chemistry book review. Lunch. In the afternoon, interviews for new Masters students.

25 Sunday

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26 Monday

Good swim; 20 lengths in 22 min 20 s.

27 Tuesday

Teaching practice visits in Tuen Mun and Tin Shui Wai. Saw Kathy [?]. An MTR train separated into two.

28 Wednesday

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29 Thursday

Good swim; down to only 3 ¼ lengths of breaststroke for the 20 length swim.

30 Friday

Three teaching practice visits. Ate my lunch at the Shing Mun reservoir.

## **MAY**

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1 Saturday

Heavy rain overnight. President Ranasinghe Premadasa of Sri Lanka assassinated. Watched “Amadeus” in the evening.

2 Sunday

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3 Monday

Good swim - all crawl.

4 Tuesday

Wet. Two teaching practice visits to HK side. Briefly attended a talk on vocational education. Then too Leonie home.

5 - 9 Wednesday - Sunday

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10 Monday

Difficult swim - so tired!

11 Tuesday

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Teaching practice visit on HK side. Picked up forms from the US consulate. To the bank, then for a new ID card. No gym. Fir in a HK factory in Thailand - 170+ killed.

12 Wednesday

Nadine to Mackness' and a swim. Rocky runs away from Leonie.

13 Thursday

Again no exercise. In the evening, V's cousins arrive from the US. The HK stock market over 7100.

14 Friday

Educational psychology department meeting. Writing test for Singapore textbook.

15 Saturday

Cooler. Gavin at HLY. Nadine at Lisa's overnight.

16 Sunday

A police sergeant killed while on an illegal border patrol along the border.

17 Monday

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18 Tuesday

Stephen Cheung [businessman and lego councillor] dies. HMS Tamar shifts to Stonecutter's Island.

19 Wednesday

Consultative meeting [?] in the evening.

20 - 21 Thursday - Friday

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22 Saturday

Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to Shatin. Gavin shopping with Edward then to his place for overnight.

23 Sunday

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24 Monday

Heavy rain. Started gym again after a two-week layoff.

25 Tuesday

Some more heavy rain. Started swimming again - not that good. Board of Studies meeting.

26 Wednesday

Nadine has her ballet exam.

27 Thursday

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28 Friday

Board of Studies marks meeting. A baby abducted from a hospital.

29 Saturday

Gavin plays in a school basketball tournament.

30 Sunday

V, Leonie and Nadine off for a junk picnic.

31 Monday

Kidnapped baby found deposited outside a Kowloon hospital.

## **JUNE**

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1 Tuesday

To town to buy shoes (?), films and disks. A man killed by a shark at Sai Kung. A three-year-old girl receives half of her father's liver.

2 Wednesday

Resources meeting in the morning. 10 - 12 workers killed when a construction lift crashes.

3 Thursday

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4 Friday

To the doctor for extra steroid tablets. Some heavy rain. V out all night! June 4<sup>th</sup> vigil at Victoria Park [to remember the Tienanmen Square crackdown].

5 - 6 Saturday - Sunday

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7 Monday

Swim.

8 Tuesday

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9 Wednesday

Thunderstorm so never managed to get a swim.

10 Thursday

Heavy rain again. Swim not too bad.

11 Friday

Picked up the new ID card and NZ [?] tickets. Torrential downpour in the afternoon. An amah comes in the evening with V. Another fatal shark attack.

12 Saturday

[**Holiday**] Fine day. Nadine's birthday. V with a class (?).

### **Trip to Europe: Holland, Belgium, France, Switzerland and Luxembourg**

As for 1991, I cannot find the diary for this trip. However, from the photos and the hostel stamps in the Youth Hostel stamp booklets, I have worked out that the following is the most probable route that we took:

**Holland:** *Amsterdam* → [Belgium]

**Belgium:** → Antwerp → Kortrijk → *WWI battlefields* [France]

**France:** → Arras → Paris → Chartres → Le Mans → Tours → Poitiers → Saint-Junien → Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne → Millau → *Nimes* → *Pont-du-Gard* → Tarascon (near Arles) [→ *Avignon* → *St Remy-de-Provence* → *Les Baux* → Tarascon] → Valence → Grenoble → Annecy → Chamonix → [Switzerland]

**Switzerland:** → Geneva → [France]

**France:** → *Beaune* → Chaumont → *Domremy-la-Pucelle* (Joan of Arc's village) → Metz → *Verdun* → [Luxembourg]

**Luxembourg:** → *Luxembourg city* → Wiltz → [Belgium]

**Belgium:** → *Bastogne* → Westerlo → [Holland]

**Holland:** → Bunnik

The places in *italics* were visited but we did not stay overnight.

Refer to the file “Happenings Year by Year (1985 - 2000)” in the “Life history files” in which I have described (from memory) some highlights of the trip.

## **AUGUST**

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30 Monday

[Holiday] Back right on schedule. Hot but less humid than expected. YF off to take a class!

31 Tuesday

To the office to open mail that accumulate during the holiday.

## **SEPTEMBER**

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1 Wednesday

Picked up peak-flow meter. Rocky returned.

2 Thursday

Leonie and Gavin back to school. To work early. Went for a swim later; did 20 “training” lengths.

3 Friday

To the gym. YF not at home overnight again.

4 Saturday

First educational psychology class for the new academic year. Gavin to a friend's for overnight. Nadine to ballet.

5 Sunday

Gavin and Y [?] out all day.

6 Monday

All day at work. Swim. Nadine to ballet after school.

7 Tuesday

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8 Wednesday

First teaching of chemistry class for the year.

9 Thursday

Two robbers shot dead by police after a back [?] rain in TST.

10 Friday

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11 Saturday

Man shot and killed at a Tai Po village during a drug raid.

12 Sunday

A policeman murdered in Shek Kip Mei in the morning. All of us spend the the whole day cleaning the flat. A [?Cathay Pacific] Tristar damaged during a thunderstorm near Peking.

13 Monday

The same Tristar returns to HK with engine vibration.

14 - 15 Tuesday - Wednesday

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16 Thursday

Swim not so good; bit of a breathing problem.

17 Friday

Severe Typhoon Becky hits HK overnight. No school. One window [?in the flat] broken.

18 Saturday

Nadine to a birthday party at Pak Tak Yuen. Gavin overnight to HLY.

19 Sunday

Cleaned the lounge, finally!

20 Monday

Educational psychology department meeting.

21 Tuesday

Fire in the Shatin KCR station in the evening.

22 Wednesday

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23 Thursday

Heavy rain. Gavin to a school disco party.

24 Friday

Sydney awarded the 2000 Olympics. Heavy rain. Good swim.

25 Saturday

Heavy rain. Another typhoon approaching.

26 Sunday

Mini Rugby to begin but didn't go due to Typhoon Dot. Typhoon was not too severe but there was a lot of rain.

27 Monday

Very heavy rain in the morning. Severe flooding in the New Territories.

28 Tuesday

Good swim.

29 Wednesday

Nadine to Chung Chi lantern parade in the evening. Leonie to a Duke of Edinburgh award programme.

30 Thursday

Good swim. Nadine to a friend's place after school. Leonie to the track. A big earthquake in India. TV documentary on NZ crayfish [i.e. NZ lobsters, which do not have the big pair on pincers as other lobsters do].

## **OCTOBER**

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1 Friday

[Holiday] Mid-autumn festival.



2 Saturday

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3 Sunday

With Gavin to Rugby in the morning.

4 Monday

Gavin and Leonie to a school swim sports. Gavin second in 50 m breaststroke; Leonie's relay team first.

5 Tuesday

The attack on the Russian parliament over. Leonie and Nadine for a swim; Gavin for a run.

6 Wednesday

Governor's speech to open Legco.

7 Thursday

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8 Friday

Got an office computer.

9 - 10 Saturday - Sunday

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11 Monday

Good swim; did 20 lengths freestyle in 21 ½ minutes. Leonie to the dentist and to the Alliance Francais in the evening.

12 Tuesday

Gavin to the dentist.

13 Wednesday

Some heavy rain. Nadine to the dentist; got two teeth extracted and one filling.

14 - 16 Thursday - Saturday

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17 Sunday

Rugby tournament at King's Park; Gavin gets one try. A helicopter lands there.

18 Monday

Nadine off to a school camp.

19 Tuesday

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20 Wednesday

Nadine back from camp - tired. Meeting about forms to be completed for UPGC [University and Polytechnic Grants Committee].

21 Thursday

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22 Friday

Nadine to French and Gavin to a friend's party in the evening.

23 Saturday

[Holiday] Workman here to dig up the bathroom to replace leaking water pipes.

24 Sunday

Leonie [?] off to a ballet evening with a friend.

25 Monday

Gavin to a birthday party and overnight. To the dentist for a check-up in the afternoon.

26 - 28 Tuesday - Thursday

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29 Friday

First two teaching practice visits. The Oxfam "Trailwalker" begins.

30 Saturday

Halloween; Gavin and Nadine out collecting sweets.

31 Sunday

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## NOVEMBER

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1 Monday

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2 Tuesday

Teaching practice visits. Good swim; 20 lengths in 21 minutes.

3 Tuesday

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4 Wednesday

T<sub>3</sub> signal raised. Fine. Teaching practice visits. A China Airlines [Taiwan carrier] B-747 crashes into the harbour on landing at Kai Tak.

5 Friday

Weather cleared. Swim OK. An MPhil proposal by my students in the afternoon.

6 Saturday

No rain. First hike: Station → Ma On Shan and back (3 ½ hours). Election day in NZ.

7 Sunday

Hot again. Rugby tournament in the afternoon at Stanley fort.

8 - 10 Monday - Wednesday

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11 Thursday

Teaching practice visits in Tai PO. Mum has a mastectomy today.

12 Friday

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13 Saturday

Hike: CU → Grassy Hill with Rocky. He runs away coming back. Another plane in China.

14 Sunday

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Remembrance Sunday.

15 Monday

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16 Tuesday

Teaching practice visits in the morning. Faculty board meeting in the afternoon followed by a talk by Prof Berliner.

17 Wednesday

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18 Thursday

Teaching practice visits in Tuen Mun. The CAL B-747 lifted out of the water.

19 Friday

Cooler. Prepared a probability worksheet on the computer for Leonie.

20 Saturday

Hike with dog: CU station → end of Stage 4 and back (5 hours). Shatin schools fair today.

21 Sunday

Much cooler. YF to the US for one month. Three HK members of a team at Macau shot.

22 Monday

Minimum temperature about 12°C. Swim OK. Breathing difficulties.

23 Tuesday

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24 Wednesday

About 16°C. Teaching practice visits in Sheung Shui. Good swim; water colder and still some breathing problems.

25 Thursday

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26 Friday

Picked up steroid tablets from the clinic. Cool - about 18<sup>0</sup>C. A police light plane crashes in NZ.

27 Saturday

Fine. Hike with Rocky over to Shing Mun reservoir and back (5 hours). Took Nadine to ballet later. Leonie on a hike in Sai Kung and to Stage 4.

28 Sunday

Nadine to Rugby with Gavin and me.

29 Monday

Last swim; 20 lengths in about 23 minutes. Rocky runs away in the morning. Leonie third in a cross-country race.

30 Tuesday

Teaching practice visits in Tuen Mun and Yuen Long. Some rain. Leonie not well; home all day.

## **DECEMBER**

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1 Wednesday

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2 Thursday

Teaching practice visits. Governor tables his partial reform package.

3 Friday

Warm. Four more teaching practice visits. Pablo Escobar killed in Colombia.

4 Saturday

Hike with dog: CU station → Pyramid Peak → Ma On Shan and return (4 ½+ hours). With Nadine to ballet in afternoon.

5 Sunday

Gavin to Rugby tournament at Sandy Bay in the morning on a bus.

6 Monday

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7 Tuesday

Teaching practice visits all day.

8 Wednesday

Gavin ill - stayed at home all day.

9 Thursday

Gavin to an IBM Rugby tournament after school and to a friend's overnight. I worked at home.

10 Friday

Nadine's school has a sports day. The Hang Seng Index breaks through 10 000.

11 Saturday

Walked with dog to Tai Mo Shan and back (5 hours). To a ballet performance by Nadine's group in the afternoon. A block of flats collapses in Kuala Lumpur.

12 Sunday

Wet.

13 Monday

Leonie off to China for a school project.

14 Tuesday

Teaching practice visit to Fairview Park. Lunch for school principals later. Gavin goes to Rugby trials and is selected to represent HK.

15 Wednesday

Much cooler. Two teaching practice visits in Kwun Tong. Leonie to school in the evening to play for carol singing. Nadine has a school party.

16 Thursday

Much colder today. (?) to school in the evening to play carols.

17 Friday

Cool but fine. More teaching practice visits.

18 Saturday

Cool but fine. Hike: Tai Wo → reservoirs and return (4 ½ hours).

19 - 23 Sunday - Thursday

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24 Friday

Hand Seng index breaks 11 000.

25 Saturday

[Christmas day] Hike: Tai Mei Tuk → Nam Chung → Hok Tau reservoir → Cloudy Hill → Tai Wo (5 ¼ hours). Leonie out for Christmas dinner.

26 Sunday

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27 Monday

[Holiday] To the office in the morning. To Shatin in the afternoon with Nadine to buy a present. Gavin and Leonie to town to buy presents.

28 Tuesday

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29 Wednesday

Giant Buddha statue on Lantau opened. YF returns.

30 Thursday

New record for the Hang Seng index. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine get new bicycles. Five more drug addicts die of tetanus.

31 Friday

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## **JANUARY**

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1 Saturday

Hike: Tai Mei Tuk → Sam A Tsuen → Hok Tau reservoir → Tai Po (7 1/3 hours, last 1 ½ mainly walking). On the hike, saw a guy with a shotgun.

Electricity meter

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## Hikes 1993 - 94

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1	06/11	Station → Ma On Shan	3 ½
2	12/11	CU → Grassy Hill	
3	20/11	Station → end of Stage 4	5
4	27/11	5B → Shiing Mun and return	5
5	4/12	Station → Pyramid peak → Ma On Shan & return	4 ½
6	11/12	5B → Tai Mo Shan and return	5
7	18/12	Tao Wo → reservoirs and back	4 ½
8	25/12	TMT → Nam Chung → Cloudy Hill → Tai Wo	5 ¼

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9	01/01	TMT → Sam A Tsuen → Hok Tau → Tai Po	7 1/3
10	08/01	Plover cove → Sam A Chung → TMT	5 ½
11	15/01	5B → 8, 9 → Sek Kong	5 3/4
12	22/01	Station → (4) → 7 → 5B	7 ½
13	29/01	Sai Kung → 3, (4) → Station	6
14	05/02	Sai Kung road → (1, 2). 3	5 ½
15	12/02	5B → lead mine pass → loop → 5B	4
16	19/02	5B → (4, 5) → Shatin → Station	4
17	26/02	Station → (8) → landslide → Fanling	5 ½
18	05/03	Sai Kung → (1) → Chek Keng → Wong Sek → Kei Ling Ha	5 ¼
19	12/03	Jacob's ladder → Hoi Ha → Wong Sek → Kei Ling Ha	5 ¼
20	18/03	Sai Kung → Pak Tam Chung → (3. 4) → Station	5 ¼