



## Andy's Thoughts

*Hello... and welcome to my occasional thoughts. I am Andy, I live here at Monte Naturista O Barão with my wife Jill, my dog Sid, a cat named TomTom and my lovely goat Nellie. We first came here in our caravan in June 2007 to camp and look for our own place in the sun. We never left! Since then this little paradise has grown into what is in my opinion the best naturist site... in the world! In the coming months I'll keep in touch, through this page, with news, opinions and info.*

### January

**It is difficult to write these notes when I am in England and not at MonteNaturista. They should be about there, not about me, here. But while I am here and not all there, I shall send a message. I believe that miracles happen all the time. Not great big wave parting ones, rather, small but important ones. The trick is in recognising them. On 23 December, I went with my son and a couple of his friends to see Brighton play football. Brighton are in the Premier league this year (thats not the miracle). We had many happy beers before the match and some more and some more afterwards. During the afterwards, one of the young men found that the matchday programme he had bought was far too heavy for him to carry! So he gave it to me. I moaned and complained but he thrust it upon me and I was obliged to carry it for the rest of the evening. Now, the following day, Jill was browsing through facebook and came across an impassioned plea from a lady who had posted that her grandson went to the game yesterday and was distraught because he had lost his programme. He has collected one from every game he has been to and was, he thought, doomed to have a gap in his collection. We arranged to meet the woman and gave her the book. She wrapped it up and presented it to the boy on Xmas Day, posting a photo of him proudly holding it. Sometimes you do not realise that someone else is pulling the strings. Brighton won the game 1-0. A miracle.**

**We are trying a new new year diet which allows many of the foods we already like. Sadly Beer is not one of them. However, red wine is included in the list of ok things. Anyone got a one litre wine glass they do not want?**

**I hear that New Year was celebrated heartily at Monte. And now we look forward to Spring and some sun. See you there, not here.....andy.**