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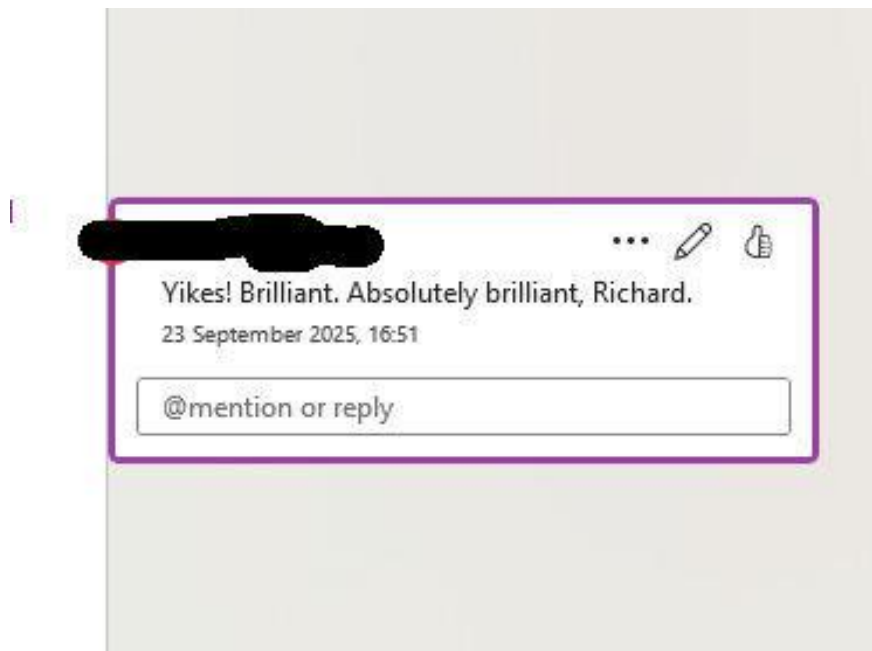
Hi there, Richard Dee here.

Welcome to October's letter. Here in Devon, we have had a beautiful few days at the end of September, followed by colder but fine weather for the start of October. It's currently cloudy and hasn't rained for about ten days. I'm still walking barefoot on the cliffs, where I can feel the ground cooling.

Meanwhile, in Australia, my daughter's farm has welcomed more new calves, while she has also been busy at her second job, as an operating theatre nurse in a hospital near Brisbane. It's thirty degrees there most days as summer approaches.

On with the Bookish news.

It's exciting to be getting feedback on the beta read of *Ripples* that I sent out last month. The best comment so far was this one.



Thank you to everyone who has read the story and responded. I appreciate your time and comments.
You can also leave your comments at

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/241725531-ripples-everything-s-connected>

I'm hoping *Ripples* will be released in December, there's still a lot of work to do to make that happen.
I've designed a new, brighter cover, which I'll be revealing closer to launch day.

I'm getting ready to work on my next novel, this one's called *My Place or Yours?* It will be the
November project, for what used to be called NaNoWriMo.

As that particular event is officially no more, I'm just attempting to write it on my own with the same
goal of writing 50,000 words in November. In anticipation, my editor is booked for December 1st, to
take a look at what I managed to get done.

You can get a sneak glimpse here,

<https://richarddeescifi.co.uk/a-new-thriller/>

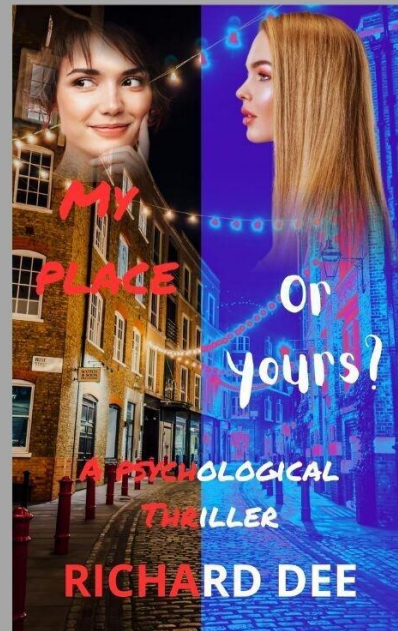
Becc and Andy are happy together, just another normal suburban couple. They work hard, look forward to holidays and live contented, ordinary lives.

Then, something unexplainable happens. In an instant, Becc changes. Andy enters a nightmare, where he can't grasp what's happened to his wife and the life that felt so familiar.

Meanwhile, Becc notices a change, too. Andy has suddenly become someone else. In everything he says and does, she can tell that he's not the man she's known for so long.

What's the explanation?

Does one of them know what's really going on?



I've also released a new short story on my free Substack. It's based on a dystopian future where ID cards are universal and required for all aspects of life. I think it has the potential to be a much longer piece than this; see what you think.

<https://richarddee2.substack.com/p/papers-please>



Meanwhile, I'm continuing Andorra Pett's story.

In her third adventure, Andorra Pett comes home, alone.

This time, I wanted to do something different. In the first two stories, Andorra was ably assisted by Cy, her trusty sidekick. For *Andorra Pett and her Sister*, she returned to Earth, to her old home in London. She had business to attend to, without Cy this time. He'd had enough and decided to leave her to it.

Instead of a quiet few days in London, she finds that her sister is involved in some serious crime and gets dragged into helping her. She doesn't really get on with her sister, which is a hindrance, but it makes for some good, humorous moments as the two sisters bicker.

In the end, the two of them are forced to work together for their common good (and to stay alive). I used my knowledge of that part of London to orchestrate a car chase and various other shenanigans in what turned out to be a life-and-death situation just as dangerous as any she'd faced before out in space.

There was practically no Sci-fi in this story, just the odd reference to space travel and her life near Saturn.

After all that, Andorra was in desperate need of a break. For her next adventure, I made sure she got one. At least that was the plan. In fact, she blagged a voyage on the latest holiday destination, a cruise around the Solar System on the brand-new interplanetary space-liner *Solar Breeze*.

But that's another story. *Andorra Pett takes a Break*.

There will be more about the crazy world that Andorra inhabits next time. Until then, here are the covers and a link to the first book in the series.

By the way, the Amazon sales page also features a short story, a bit more background about Andorra's phobias.



Start the Andorra Pett series, at the Oort Cloud Café.



What I've been reading.

With all the writing I've been doing, my reading has lapsed a bit. But I am keeping up with Black Hare Valley, an episodic novel from Chantelle Atkins. It's available on her blog; here's the link to Chapter One

<https://chantelleatkins.com/2025/05/02/black-hare-valley-chapter-1-may-day/>

Now that my novel is out of the way, I'm not sure what to read next. I have a huge TBR pile and Kindle list. If you have any suggestions, let me know by replying to this email.

As a rule, I review just about everything I read, so tell me your favourites (self-recommendations are always welcome).

In other news.

On my blog, I celebrate a half-century from the day I started my career. Although it hardly seems possible, the time has gone so quickly. I wrote a blog post about some of the things I got up to over the last fifty years. You can read it here.

<https://richarddeescifi.co.uk/fifty-years-ago-today/>

I got my glazed pot back. This was a highlight. I'd always wanted to throw a pot. My children bought me a lesson as a gift, and I've been waiting for the moment I could bring it home.

Cakes (of course). A highlight was the Apple cake made by Yvonne, the Apples from our garden.

The first Raspberries of the year. We have a couple of autumn-fruiting raspberry canes in a corner of the garden. They were here when we moved, back in 2010. Every year, they just pop back up and give us a few berries.

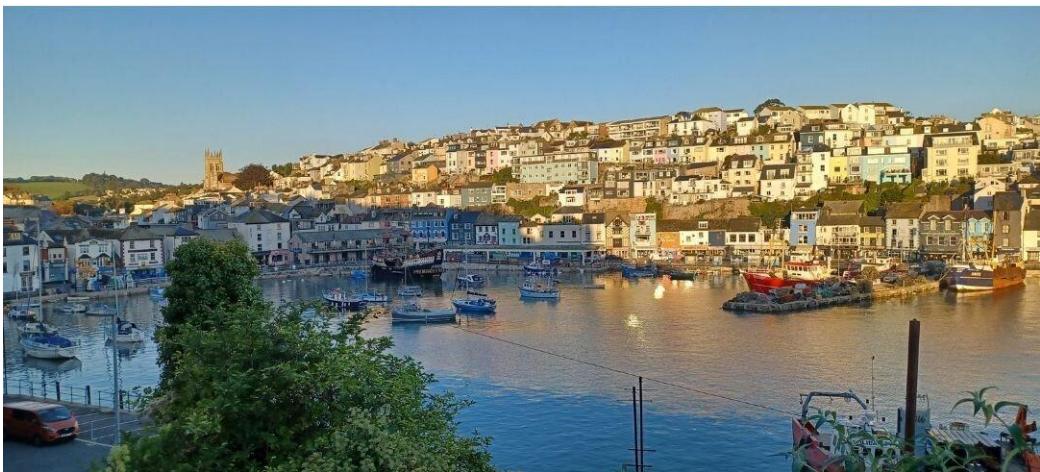
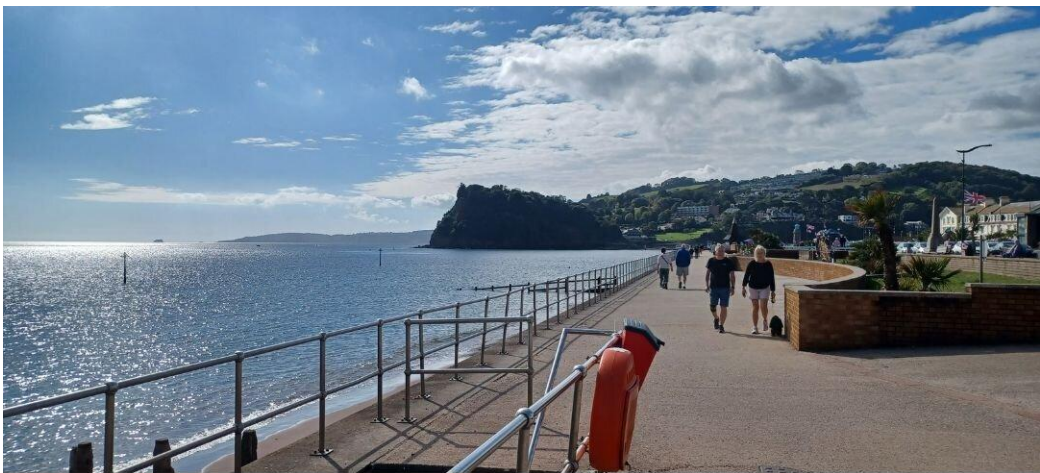
We've had a few days out. But I don't always remember to take pictures.

I thought you might also like a view of Brixham Harbour. You can see the church I was baptised in on the left of the picture. A previous priest (long before my time) wrote the Hymn Abide with Me.

Here are some photos of all of that.







If you're interested in any of my old newsletters and blogs, you can now find these on my website by clicking the button below.

[Click here for The Archives](#)

And finally.

If you haven't already, today is a great day to leave a review on one of my books, it would certainly be appreciated. Over a thousand of you have downloaded a free book from me, either *My Sister Alex*, *Ribbonworld* or *The Lost Princess*.

I don't expect anyone to write copious notes and critique, just a few words or a star rating would be appreciated.

If you're not comfortable posting to Amazon or Goodreads (and you don't have to have purchased the book on Amazon to leave a review), just reply to this letter and let me know what you think.

Thank you.

If you want to ask me anything about my life or my writing, just hit reply. I'm always happy to chat.

See you next month,

Happy reading.

Richard Dee.