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## Newsletter #30 and best wishes for Christmas and 2014

Welcome to our 30th newsletter. Here is a link to [a pdf version](#) and [previous newsletters](#).

We must apologise to all of you who have been receiving our newsletter as a continuous string of text, rather than in this format. We were unaware how widespread the problem was until recently and have rectified the problem. For some of you, this may be the first time you have received the newsletter in this format.

During December we:

- Posted a link on our Governor-General giving his name to [the financial literacy service](#) that is being sponsored by a coalition of banks and financial services providers - the very same group that have kept us in the dark for so many years.
- Posted a link to the item on [the number of Kiwis who own their homes](#) continues to decline, and economists warn it is likely to get harder still. It is a shame that the very same economists are not dubbing the banks in for their contribution to this shameful statistic
- Posted an item on [house prices in the UK](#) rising at nearly ten times the pace of average earnings.
- Posted a good 5 minute clip from 17 years [ago by Carl Sagan](#), a noted scientist. While he was talking about science and technology it can also apply to economics and monetary policy.
- Participated in a video call with other members of the [IMMR](#) (International Movement for Monetary Reform) from Germany, Switzerland, Croatia, Australia and France. We were heartened by being part of a global movement.
- Posted a BBC item on Iceland [jailing former Kaupthing bank bosses](#).
- Posted an item on our Commerce Commissions intention to take ANZ, ASB and Westpac banks to court [for "misrepresenting" sales of interest rate swap loans](#) to rural customers.

2014 is shaping up to be a good year and we at Positive Money New Zealand wish you all the best for Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Don Richards and Sue Hamill

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*Merry Christmas*



*From the team at Positive Money NZ*

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