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The day before the end of term is always frantic for any teacher, and into the mix we received a phone call from my son. "Dad, 'Blockey' has found an amazing apartment in Chamonix. There are only two of them left, we've got to get the other one! We need to fly out to Cham tomorrow!"

No mention of finance. An understanding Headmaster gave my husband the nod, and dawn the following day found the pair of them at Luton airport bound for Geneva.

On their return the family coffers were squeezed and raided, stretched and pillaged, and the wonderful Elise managed to find us a French mortgage.

In spite of being raised in the wilds of Africa, I succumbed to a mild form of panic. Logistics? Who would clean it? I envisaged being phoned in the middle of double maths with 5F, to be told water was pouring down the balcony?..... "Mother, you panic too much!" ...my sons attempted to assuage my wildest nightmares.

Soon after, another phone call from son, "Blockey and I have just had a drink with an amazing girl, who is moving out to Chamonix to manage properties. Mother, she is an answer to your prayers!"

And, she certainly has been. Eight years of prayers! We were her first two clients.

We have seen the company grow over the years, and they have maintained the original integrity and ethos with which Jo set out to establish a base in the Chamonix valley. They have been thoroughly reliable throughout, always professional, and have attended to our

requests with unfailing good humour and attention to detail. They have lugged a sofa bed weighing a ton up stairs, sorted out plumbing problems, replaced a dishwasher, dealt with a dodgy TV connection, kept an up to date inventory of all our furniture and goods, and driven my sons to and from Geneva airport on innumerable occasions.

Their services have been updated and an efficient turn around of guests arriving and departing runs like clockwork. Linen is collected and laundered, all part of a scheme that eliminates endless hassles over replacing, tracking and providing high quality bedding and towels regularly.

Nothing is too much trouble and there is always a genuine concern and understanding for any problem or request. I cannot recommend Chamonix all Year highly enough. All you need, is one email "Dear Jo ..." and it will be sorted!