

## *83-Year-Old Christmas Tree*

I know that Christmas is over and we are now into a new, and hopefully better, year, but I wanted to share one last Christmas tree photograph with you. This photograph was sent in by John Smallwood just a little too late for the December issue.

John explained that the tree is made from twisted wire and stripped chicken feathers that are dyed green. The little berries are wax with twisted wires to mate-up with the twisted wires of the branches. Four of the hanging baubles are the same age as the tree. When Christmas is over, everything is taken off and the branches are dusted down and folded upwards.

When he sent the photo, John told me: *This is our 83-year-old tree, owned by my 84-year-old wife and her 83-year-old toy boy. With prospects of quite a lonely Christmas as Joyce now has Alzheimer's and we are very limited in what we can do, I wish your readers a happy Christmas and ask that you think of us oldies just for a moment."*

***The Editor***

