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11th June '96.

Dear Phyll,

I thought I should write & let you know how Jen is & what I have been up to.

I've been over & back to the coast to Jenny about 6 times this year. For the past three months we have been together because she had to finally quit work & go on leave. She's been on crutches for 2 months. However the end is near. I have to take her back to Booker Bay (where she lives) on the 19th. She has to give some blood on the 20th at Blood Bank & then there are several things to tie up at the hospital including more blood on the 27th June & operation on the 4th July an historic day in more ways than than one. Jen was quite mobile for some weeks but is gradually being worn down. She's had several falls but laughs it off. I would have to give her 100/100 for sheer grit & determination. I think our past five Whitten women would agree. I'm keeping very well, had my flu injection some weeks ago &

have managed to keep free of colds  
mind you we've had some great  
autumn weather with cooler weather  
creeping in only in the last few days.  
my Garden Rain tree looks great  
however the Chinese Tallow & Pistacia  
trees are losing autumn leaves rapidly.

Last time we were at Teus, that is a  
fortnight ago, Libby came up & got us  
(I don't drive any more on freeways) & took  
us to her home in Pevenham for a  
few days. Sophie, Michael's wife & son  
James are out from America for a  
month - & they came across & had  
several meals with us & we were  
able to have a lot of fun with James.  
He is quite delightful - a big child -  
with masses of black hair & a fast  
growing vocabulary. They came out for  
Sophie's mother's birthday and are  
managing to see all her, Sophie's relations,  
as well as as many Gleasons as possible.  
I hope to see them Sunday week  
when they are celebrating James'  
second birthday (although his birth date  
is 18th July)

Libby is at present in Tamworth  
attending a number's Conference. She  
came out to Nurbke to address

an English teacher's conference a few weeks ago & had two nights here with us.

Jill & Paul have just come back from 5 weeks in America. They flew to San Francisco & had about 5 days with friends, then flew off to New Mexico & drove around visiting Santa Fe which by all accounts is a lovely city - then on to Denver to visit a famous book shop - then they flew to Washington. They stayed with Mike & Soph - then they went on to Savannah & Charleston. Jill loved them both but particularly the former - lovely squares & gardens. On returning to Washington they had 2 day trips away coming back to Washington. So they got to know James very well.

John & Judy & Amanda are fine Amanda is now 8 months old & of course delighting her parents. Margie Leon & Co go to Nessa to escape Albany at this time so I will see them soon. I'm coming back to Leuko after I get Jenny into hospital. Margie is driving here for about 4 days & will stay

in the house & will be here for  
their second night. The beds are  
lovely Rebecca is Jason & Alexander  
a very talkative 2 3/4!!!  
& haven't come very much

was year really accept help from  
the garden is a mess but I  
think I'm about it too much.

the kids are lovely & the twins  
get more. Fortunately such  
and grandma don't need  
much talking after.

will let you know how Jenny  
gets on.

must go. Research love to you both.  
Bygones x x.

P.S. Mike & Sophie took you & Frank to  
the White House (conspicuous absence  
of dinner (the evening took me to  
last year) they don't meet the  
President however there were  
lots of more people there & John  
& Jill had their photos taken  
with Anthony Hopkins? Very thick!