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Dear Peter,

We will all be thinking of you on your 30th birthday. Hope you have a great day. Your computer paper letter was tremendous - thank you. We are looking forward to having you here next month. At present I'm waiting for Bill to arrive so that I can type a letter for him. Thought I'd have a practice on the machine while I'm waiting - this really is an old chaff cutter.

We have just had a phone call from Lance Cowled inviting us over on the 8th September to his new house in Werribee. The occasion is a surprise party for his Dad. Should be a good night.

About the best news I can tell you is that your father has given up smoking!! He has not smoked his pipe for a whole week - mind you he is still missing the thing and suffering withdrawal symptoms. It was his own idea to give up and he now is talking about getting fit again when the cold he has is completely better. Actually I think it may have been due to his bad cough that he gave up his pipe.

Jenny and Bill have their house on the market and would like to sell before the end of this month. They have signed up with a builder who is starting on a house of their design and hopefully everything will turn out okay but it all hinges on them selling their present house.

Graeme has taken this week off to study, and he certainly is getting stuck into it. As I've been home most days this week with a cold (caught from your father I guess) I have wished that our neighbours the Merretts were a bit more considerate. Young Justin has just bought himself a car and being too young to take off down the road he runs it up and down the drive all day, revving it up then braking etc. What really got us hot around the collar was when he decided to do a bit of panel beating until 1.30 a.m. Graeme seems to think the way he's thrashing the car it won't last too long.

Peter I'm so glad you are able to at least have a holiday in Tasmania. It should be lovely in Spring with the apple blossoms out. Your intended tour for next year looks great. Your cousin Ann did one with Contiki, perhaps she could tell you a bit about hers. She found some travellers were not as happy as she was with the Contiki tour she took.

Well, Bill has arrived, so I'd better have a bash at his letter.

We really are looking forward to seeing you again Peter.

Love from

*Mum xxx*