



SUNDAY 10th June

Dear Lois & Peter, This is the middle of a long week-end for us - Queen's birthday. We are also having another burst of sunny weather and mild days.

Tuesday was world environment day. It was suggested that people leave their cars at home and ride bicycles to work. I didn't think that my exercise bike would make it, so I travelled in the usual way. He also used the car in the evening to go over and enlighten a group at the Dalwyn Community Centre on the wonders of Japan. Mum & I were the only two there who had been to Japan - which allowed me to use a bit of licence in re-arranging the facts. I had made quite a few notes, because some of the Japanese names were foreign to me, but there was no way of referring to the notes once the slides started <sup>(ing. Li Gao)</sup>. A certain amount of ad-libbing took place, but the evening seemed to go quite well.

As we said that we might, we went

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into the question of central heating the old homestead. I spoke to one of my lunchtime friends, who is a director of the Gas & Fuel Corp., and he organised some quick service. Their expert called here yesterday, measured up & quoted, and we accepted the quote. The work should start in about a month. He will be heated from above rather than below because of lack of access to the space under the house. (There is not much space there anyway.) The delay in starting is caused by a material shortage.

Mum now has her enlarged rings back on her enlarged fingers. The level of circulation has returned to normal.

Amongst mum's birthday presents were five rose bushes. The only problem was lack of space to plant them, so, yesterday morning the silver birch tree in the front lawn paid the supreme sacrifice. It got chopped down & dug out, making space for a rose bed, which has been dug and made ready for the new roses. I hope that they grow.

Later in the afternoon we went to the Retains art show at the Box Hill Town Hall - very good standard of paintings, but few sales so far. I guess that the economic climate is against people spending money on unessentials. Mum has three flower studies in the show, which ends tomorrow night.

We had our evening meal out on the way home, or at least the first course of it, at the local McDonald's health food restaurant. I don't think that we will make a habit of doing so.

Ian, Ronnie, Glen & Michael were otherwise engaged today; Jenny, Bill, Beth, David & Ann were coming, but rang this morning to say that Beth wasn't feeling well; so we settled for having Naeme, Bronnie, Claire & Jayne. All is well with them. Naeme is talking of selling the golf, and buying a better example of the same car - presumably with 4 doors for better access for the kids. Love,  
Jane & Glen