



Mr + Mrs S. Hewson

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Dear Susan + Geoff. The above is the right address, the one I gave last week is incorrect. We came here with Harold in the car on Monday, leaving Castell Farm at 9 in the morning (really 7 o'clock) + we got to the house of the farmer who owns this house at 3.45 - we had to go there for Pies + milk. + they very kindly gave us all a very nice + welcome tea, then we came here, the man had that day put in a new ^{hot water} boiler in the kitchen, behind the grate + the Sweep had also been so the kitchen was decidedly dirty! The house was built in 1631 + is very quaint, it has an immense kitchen with stone floor, also a large living room with stone floor, + a sitting room rather smaller off the living room, each of the bigger rooms having an outer door at front of house, there is a long passage behind with stairs to bedroom, ladder with stone slabs all round, also door to cellar or dairy with stone slabs

round, + stone slabs at table height down one side
of the passage - Upstairs there are three large
bedrooms all to the front, + a long passage connect-
ing them with small room, used at present as
a box room. There are a very great number of
outbuildings for numerous cattle + horses +
a huge, high implement building with great
high roof. The farmer (Mr. Walker) who owns this
has another house with all modern improvements,
on the main road, + he farms this land. There is
a big motor house - a well walled garden in front
of the house + just across the very broad road.
Way another large garden with potatoes (+ weeds)
growing in it - there are gates at the entrances
to the roadway so it is safe for the children,
+ they much enjoy riding bicycle or wheeling
toy train up + down the long passages + by rooms
There is quite a lot of furniture - some very old -
a grandfather's chair with high back + arms
+ a sort of half roof to it, covered all in calf skin.
Several old rocking chairs, a dower chest in oak
+ plate rack in oak with old china dishes, also
a sort of tallboy - drawers underneath + roomy cups.

ward above, some ladder back oak chairs, & two large wardrobes in black oak with wooden knobs inside to hang clothes on. several fixed cupboards & drawers down stairs. Thick oak beams across the ceilings. Plenty of plates & many dishes etc. I expect the floors will be cold in winter. We have 5 tons of coal in & a quantity of wood. We found a valon perfecting stove in one outhouse & are using it. There is a washhand basin on the upstairs landing & hot cold tap. also hot & cold water in the kitchen over the immense sink. Dad hopes to get a woman to come to clean a day a fortnight. we are very busy getting things arranged. Food cards had to be re-registered & we have temporary food cards for a month. It has been very peaceful all right quite a change & a very welcome one. We were lucky to have lovely weather since & just before coming here.

The views are very pretty back & front. all the rooms upstairs & down are all the year, & the passages at the back with small windows. Harold has just bought a new wireless, with dry batteries, self contained & very simple.

the batteries last 3 months. We are a long way from shops & have to go down one or two fields before we reach the road - there are several farms not far away. Milk is the problem! There was a cow here & a man milked it but the milk had a peculiar taste, it was very yellow & the man said he did not think it fit for children. The cow was nearly dry - so we have to get milk elsewhere. There will be plenty to do here, but the children will not need to be taken out as they get plenty of exercise with the spacious places & outdoors & they have bicycle, motor car etc. Geoff is busy gardening. I had a nice letter from Brian this morning & one from Aunties at Aekworth. They have let their house £2-2-0 per week - a very low rental, but they do not want to impose a high rental on bombed out people. I rather wish my house to be let too but am awaiting news from Mr. Pugham (Aunties' neighbour) who wanted it for a bombed out Wesleyan Minister. I had so often invited the Coles to come but they have not decided to come but I must write to them when I hear from Mr. Pugham. I had a letter

from Mrs Waigh - Geoffrey has been on
border of Thailand in Siam but ever
fringed to be moved - his wife is with
her mother. They are very anxious to
hear how she gets on she was so ill when
the first child was born. Lawrence's
eldest is in hospital with abscess
on ~~throat~~ neck. They (Waighs) had
another blitz a week ago, several
killed dear by - they hope they won't
have to move. Their garden is full of
vegetables etc. they have worked so
hard at it. Mrs Barr also wrote, she
says she often has had to get up at
night & go into a ~~street~~ street shelter
near - very hard as she is consider-
ably over 80. Aunties have got back
to Aekworth from Meolo - they had
an alarm at night when they were
there. & are glad to be away from it.

I wish I could see Brian, but I don't think he will mind so very much now that he is so much at liberty.

Harold has a portable wireless for here, his Leebee one is no use here - it is very simple to work, it has dry batteries which are supposed to last 3 months.

We have been very busy getting settled.

Harold bought some drapery for the two big rooms as the floors are stone & he has distempered a bedroom. We have been to Northley & to Elkley at different times to shop. Both are good sized towns. We have had lovely weather - no rain - but the ground is very dry. All houses are built of stone & stone-walls - look as if they will last for ever. I am thinking of you Susan & will be very glad to hear good news of you. Thank you for letter rec^d yesterday written June 1st, it had been redirected to Cilce & then again to here with dear love from

Your loving Mother.