

Pescing Cottage
Lyonsville Tee.

Bude - Cornwall

9.30 p.m. - July
23.

My dear Daisy (one) -

I went with Sylvia to a picture Anna had seen before & said was good, while I put the children to bed - we went 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. have since had supper & now the girls have gone for a dip so I have peace & quiet for a time to you -

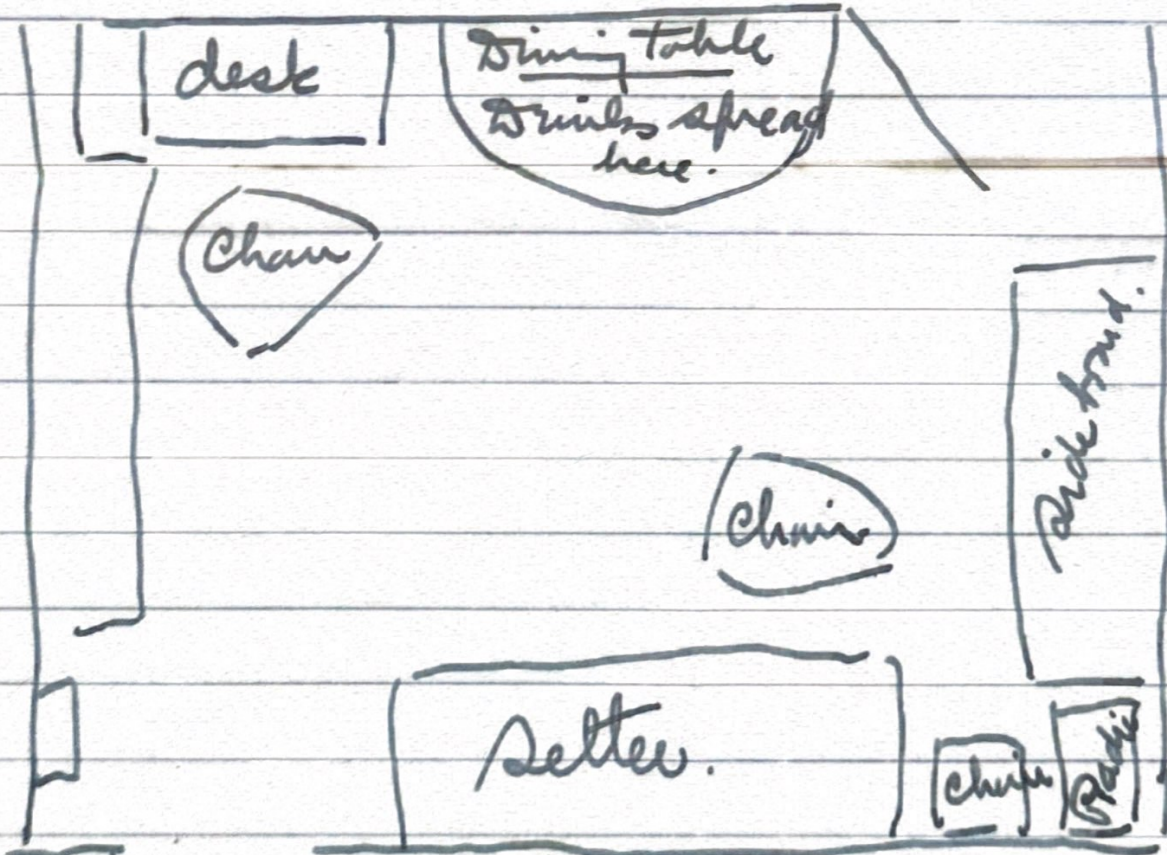
Thank you for Monday letter - I can see how hectic life must be with Sunday visitations, visitors, etc etc - And for myself it is difficult to find time to read any letters that come, let alone write -

That midnight call was good - but I hope you slept after it - You said on Monday you were going to bed early & get a good night - but I'm afraid Jerry planned otherwise - I do hope not too much damage was done -

We did not even have sirens. But Kingsbridge near Lyones place had a direct hit by an aerial torpedo. Anna has written to Lyones to enquire -

Chalfont family are still enjoying themselves - Came over on Tuesday - this

time enjoyed the Breakwater Beach - which Winnie likes best of all. At Widemouth Bay have discovered the McCarty folk so have tennis. Winnie says they are fed so well - Chicken, Cherry pie etc. They plan to come over here tomorrow again as a last trip - they go on Friday 8 a.m. - same train as Anna & Sylvia. They all fit in beautifully here. We arranged in sitting room so: -



It is only used as a passage to outside also drinks (they bring their own cats) and a place for Clement to listen

to the news.

The garden & Verandah are arranged - see over: - next page.

Keop

Me.

Trolley for Winnie's cats

Winnie or room chair.

Green house.

Penner

Small oval table with cats

Clement or Lays Camp chair.

Grace

Table.

Heather

Wood table
Clement
& stand in glass w.

Sylvia

Small childrens table
foldy

Hayel

Winnie & I dispense food which is passed on by Anna Sylvia & Heather. No one moves after sitting down.

Eylharsh

Michael

Pigshair

Beet

Behns garden

Winnie & Sam bathe both morning & afternoon - (Over
two and I rest till 3 p.m. - then join them
on the beach returning for garden tea at
5 p.m. unless they want to go before
tea as they do tomorrow in order to pack.

Michael & Gillian are great friends as
Gillian has given Michael her shrimp
net - casually remarks "You might bring
a few fish you have caught next time
you come."

Grace's name is Eleanor Grace Headon -
There is a lot to be thought out about
her which would fill a letter and I'll tell
you all before fixing anything. Meanwhile
she breaks up on Friday ^{for 3 weeks} and I
propose to have her here that three weeks &
try her out.

I've taken a few of your suggestions.

1. relays Grace will not leave school
- cannot at 13 - She is to help me
in the mornings and when she comes back
from school (in the winter 3.30 p.m. now 4 p.m.)
Also Sat & Sundays - She has dinner
at school (Strutton) Her work is mainly
helping me with the children & getting breakfast
& tea. Mrs. Tafe comes 4 days of cleaning

and does drinks these days -

I'm wondering about wage of Grace. Feel inclined to give only 6³ or 1/- a week pocket money and provide her clothes which I'd mostly make over from ours & be grateful if any left off of the family i.e. Anna, Heather, Sylvia, Chris.

I reckon that the help she gives me in the morning & evening would be worth her keep - but she must be better clad than she is - and do not feel we should give her a wage big enough to clothe her until she leaves school & gives us full time job. And if we did her father would probably drink it. By next Autumn she should leave school - and by that time she might start a wage and so gradually take on her own wardrobe -

Dear, these things are only in my mind rather vaguely. I must talk it over with her mother - but she is only too pleased to agree with anything I suggest she is so grateful for what I'm doing with Grace - Of course, I don't ~~but~~ expect maids work for her yet - but the sort of help I used to give mother at Bath & that Heather has given Winnie -

When the time to see what I've got in the way of clothes etc, I can count up the cost more - Roughly I fancy I've got enough clothes set her up now - but shoes, & possibly a mac etc might want up -

The whole success of the plan will depend on whether Grace is what I judge her to be + so far she is true to type - or rather what I think her type is -

~~but~~ I am not doing it for Charity any more than we adapted the children out of kindness - but so far I believe Grace feels she has been transported to a sort of dream world - I'm finding it quite fascinating to see how her mind is unfolding like a flower in sunlight -

But it is 10:30 now - so I must begin to block out -

How I wish you were here now with Winnie + Mary's girls - yet the holiday atmosphere they enjoy is not quite the kind you and I like. How I will look forward to another weekend if possible before summer is quite gone - All my love
Ada -