

Dear Friends,

I just wanted to say hello and let you know how I am doing.

I went on vacation to England for the month of June with my daughters Caroline and Gillian and enjoyed the trip very much.

We stayed in Chailey, Sussex which is in the southern part of England not far from the coast. We had a lovely house all to ourselves in the middle of the countryside and enjoyed listening to all the birds singing.

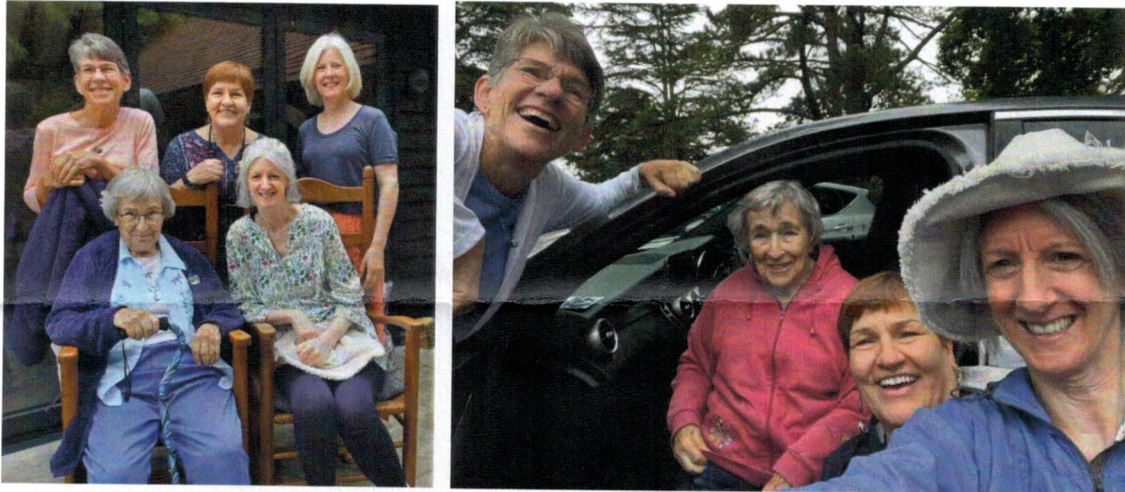
We took several day trips to some beautiful gardens and the flowers were in full bloom.



We also went to Seaford, which is on the coast, where we lived for a few years in the 70's, and visited the thatched house that was owned by my parents at that time.



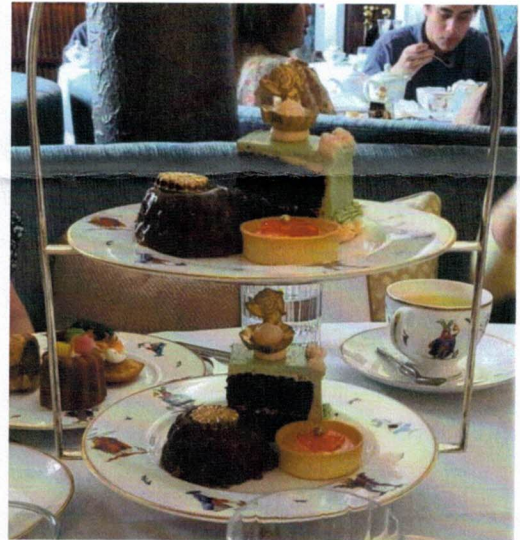
One of the best things to happen while on this trip was that we were able to re-connect with some dear friends that we hadn't seen in over 40 years. Nuala and Ita Lavery and their parents were great friends of ours and the children were like cousins. So it was lovely to see them again and catch up on all that had been happening in their lives.



Before leaving England, we spent several days in London and had an exciting surprise while passing Buckingham Palace. We had just intended to pass by the palace on our way to a store and, as it was a long journey, I was using a wheelchair to get around. Then, a wonderful policewoman on horseback saw us (and my wheelchair) and asked if we were trying to view the event. We – of course – said “Yes!” (even though we were not even sure what the “event” was!). She proceeded to yell at all the other tourists to get out of the way and took us to a spot in front of everyone else so we could view the Changing of the Guard. It was fabulous! If we had been any closer, we would have been trampled by the horses.



On the last day before going home we had a glorious afternoon tea at the Theatre Royal with Nuala. The tea was amazing and it was a wonderful way to end the trip.



We were all sad to leave, however, we have great memories of this vacation.

I hope you are well and enjoying the summer. Please write to tell me how you are if you have a chance. I really love receiving letters and cards from all my friends.

Love always,

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Additional pictures added;

Beautiful gardens:





Visiting the coast:



London:



Gillian, Nuala, Caroline and myself

