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I have just had Mothers Day with nice presents  
Flowers Pen Plant fig saw which I find time  
to do and five lovely cards & a Dairy.

The time keeps going on & on times does not stop  
for no one. There are lots of old people about &  
they seem to be living quite a long time now.

I had a nice trip to Leeds in Dott & Peters car  
It was amazing to me at the Prices I don't know  
how they do it everything much cheaper than  
here at Rorkdale. The markets are fantastic.

We called at a little Pub & had a butty & drink  
which was very nice too. It is ok if you have  
a car & they are very considerate in taking

me. I was ill 10 weeks & did not want to go  
into Hospital so Dorothy looked after me with her  
hubbie & Peter my Grands on I had Heart ~~Failure~~  
Failure & had to get down 11-8 to 9-stones which

my Doctor gave did. I am lucky to get over  
that really. Well, I am back at my bungalow  
& have just 2 hrs Home Help but she is a  
very good one. My Son Siel & wife Doneen came  
upto see me from Stafford in their car & took me out  
in the car for a meal to Gale Inn up Whitworth road  
it was a lovely meal & plenty of it & reasonable

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While I sat waiting for my meal a lady came & said Lily I said to my son this lady Clara was my bridesmaid & I had not seen her for ages well we got talking & when they going they said we are going to Todmorden market so our Vic said we will go (after our meal) it was a lovely ride pass Walsden where I was born onto Todmorden & while on there I met another old friend Ann & her mum & sister Chris time I used to always go on to Tod with Ann in years gone by she lives at Rochdale but goes to see her mum & Dad & then does her shopping & then gets her meat & takes it back to Rochdale good market Tod cheap & has never altered at all over all the years. Well, we back over Bacup way home & it was lovely country I really enjoyed it all we got back to Rochdale & Dorree bought some wool to make some baby clothes for another Grand child which is due & that will be Grandchild 5 & September another one to be born so that will be 6 - I am going for a weeks holiday to Stafford to Richard & Carol Tatters all after I may goes out. It is very nice of them to ask me down as I like Stafford it is on the level & that is the weather is much warmer down there.

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I do not see much of the old faces of my childhood you move away & loose touch but one I met was Margaret Simpson she used to be on a farm at top of Wardle Road nice girl & she has done well she has married but not till late on a auction man she told my daughter about me. They are good friends now of Dot & Peter. Cur Graham has become a Director for Sharnock's Painters & has just been to Saudia on a Weeks Business. Wendy is working at yellow-way coaches she his wife & a very nice woman. My friend Jessie Davenport & me are going to visit Manchester Cathedral on Tuesday which will be 6th. we are going on Ellen Smiths coaches with our club leader Mrs. Mills J. P. & then for our Tea. it is the Federation of Pensions club. We meet every Wednesday afternoon at Sea Hall in Rochdale. Jessie my friend has brought her family up & her hubbie died just after Sidney my hubbie so two widows go to pass a bit of time and she is a good friend & a nice knitter & has knit for me a few nice & warm things. We go bus rides sometimes weather permitting & her family have turned out quite good like mine & we both had it hard bringing our families up on Greave avenue. Anyway, we try to keep



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Happy as we only live once. My sister will be 78 yrs next & I am approaching 75 years never thought I would get so far at all I have a good family & good Doctors & I try to do as I am told. Tuesday afternoon April 26<sup>th</sup> I am going with our Leader of the Federation's Pensions on a coach to view Manchester Cathedral I hope it will be a nice day. It be interesting as I have not seen it before. We might go for our tea some where & that will make the day O.K. I like to go to over 60 club as you get  $\frac{1}{2}$  day out cup of tea & meet all our friends there I just go to the one where as some of our members go nearly every day to one I am satisfied just the one. Wednesday afternoon Mrs Mills is our Leader & a J.P. for the county Court too quite a nice Lady always helping with Charities etc. My friend Jessie & I went to a Ballers tea party it was really fun if you did anything wrong at the tea table you a fine a coffee we had to have a pile of coffers on the table and some men acted as policemen it was a good laugh with a good tea Salad ~~meat~~ beef boiled ham lettuce cress cumpers beet root & we did enjoy it we were eating from 5 o'clock to 6 and the vicar was coming round

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the teapot felling are cups up we had  
Crown bread & white trifle & nice home made  
cake with a confirmation piece of cake to  
bring home a boy had guess the weight correct  
10lbs & he gave it back so we could all have  
a piece & it delicious  
The vicar took a good part singing & playing  
his Garter with a another playing one he  
was good & then we had a concert of Albert  
& the Dean the vicar was the Lion & ~~Mr~~ Mr  
Huckinson was Abbest it was a good laugh  
Then Mrs hills got us all transport home she  
is so good she always sees you get home  
safe. We went to a play Brass Tacks &  
that the best laugh of all it a nice church  
St Anns Belfield & it gets me out of the bungalow  
for a change. My second Son Suelway Winstons  
Tattersall is a Sheet Metal Teacher at the Collage  
at Stafford & his Son got married last October  
So they have invited me to for weeks holiday to  
them they are buying a nice House at Stafford & he  
works in the Lodges Bank is 25 yrs old & has married  
a nice girl Carol & she is expecting her 1<sup>st</sup> baby September  
I will also see while I am down at Stafford  
my grand aughter & Ruffie & Emma their little grand

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Christine Lubbe is a Police man at Burton-on-Trent so I shall go to her for 2 days & I shall visit Son my other Grand daughter Lindsay & Kathy too. & there is one more to yet Angie who is engaged to Martin she is at Wedgewood Potteries. Of course they have cars & I will go in them. Anyway, it will I will in July when they have their Holidays when I go - I am looking forward to seeing them all at Stafford as I like the Place my mother was born there & it is more on a level better for getting about. I had a ride with my daughter Dorothy to fetch her Dog a Pedigree Springer Spaniel as she had taken her for a shampoo up Waddle just round by the chapel & it brought memories back to me when as a little lass when I was on the farm with my aunt & Uncle who brought me up & I used to go down to the Stream which ran from Roads Mill along the valley & then I walk up the Hill to Middle Hill the farm where we lived it was nice in the Summer time all the marsh marigolds & violets & wild flowers were all there. Many Bells very pale blue & blue bells Primroses all Gods wild flowers growing on their own & Blackberry bushes full of fruit. Rubberries blue on the Hill side & Rave cates



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many of them & they were so dry & tasty. They have all gone as the mill went for the Reservoir to be put there. My childhood was full of all these beautiful things Larks singing & Cuckoos calling it was wonderful but now all that has gone. If we could only put all these back as they were all the village Mams Little shop in Wardle she sold every thing Lamp Oil even for a candle oil lamp for the farm there were no Electric or Gas them up one the farms there were Taylors Farm Tophams Farm Scots cote Farm Middle Earth Farm Mades Hill Farm all nice people my uncle was an Ex. Policeman & he bought this Farm Middle Hill for my benefit as I had lost our father in darningalles war & my mother died at 33 yrs old & left my sister Welle & Wilfred my brother went to my Grandma Fielder at Todmorden & my Aunt & Uncle had 2 girls & my auntie had one of her own cousin Nora who is living today in their Bungalow at Lancaster & we two were adopted. With my aunt & Uncle he was a nice chap of Heart He was a Minnow chap Fred Stott & my aunt was my mothers sister.

In the 60s ever they have brought it up about the Flooded Village of Watergrove & when I saw & read it all the memories



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came back to me. Surprising how you remember things like that after all this time! The Little Pub Globe Inn is still in Wardle & the Chapel across from it is still good shape yet. Wardle Parish Church is further down the road & The Rev Mr Mac. & Trigg was vicar there he used to come up to farm on Sundays sometimes & used to have a drink & a piece of my aunt Vinnie's cake we used to have to play out was not allowed to listen to conversation. As you entered the Poach of the Farm we had a Dog Kennel & our dog was on a lead near the door it was a lovely dog its name was Trousers a collie dog & when the sheep from Taylors Farm Brown Wardle used to re-pass my uncle would say Lily take the dog & run them off my land & it would do as it was told for me and never did touch anyone of them. I was wiry & so this those childhood days but was very active too. My sister was Plump & she could eat like an elephant we used to call her the big Bear my aunt & me. My uncle made a big water wheel to generate lights for his hen cotes he had Pens & good white Leghorns hens, & Rhode Island hens too we had a few ducks but it was

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mostly hens. Plenty of cleaning the Porches out. He was always busy also my auntee Vinnie who died in her 90<sup>th</sup> year. To say she was a cook for the Police at Aston Police Station & my uncle Fred was a P.C. in the Police there too. He was born in Midnrow near Rordale & knew quite a lot of Police at Rordale one came up to the farm to visit him I will always remember him he had 2 surnames P.C. Smith Wild. My uncle died after he had a bad Stomach operation while he was at West Bank Lane Slyre Lancaster a 3 bedroom Bungalow & his only daughter still lives there & is a cook at 'Grey Courts Hotel Lancaster. A lot of my aunt & Uncle furniture still is in their Bungalow good stuff a lot she brought from Middle Hill Farm as she kept what we called the Front room with all her good stuff in there my auntee Vinnie lived till she was 89 yrs old. And she had blood pressure very bad for years while we lived at the farm. I have had a letter just recently from my cousin Nora & she was telling me that she had a holiday due and she was going to hike up from Lancaster to the Lakes which she often

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does. She loves those walks up to the Lakes & gets some good friends which she has made up there & meals too which she enjoys being waited on with always making food at Grey Court Hotel her job. Anyway she said she had not too good year this year although I do not know how it does it at all because she had a tumor at the back of her neck & was in Preston Hospital for the operations. & then had to keep going back for a check up. And then again she is going no younger as we all grow older. My family keeps expanding I now have got six Great Grand children & there is another due at Xmas my Son's Daughter Kathleen her 1<sup>st</sup> baby. The long winter nights are coming again & we all seem to look ourselves in our Bungalows with the chairs on & try to keep as warm as we can. I generally find something to pass the time away I have made 2 peg rugs in the winter time & cushions covers. I shall have to think what to do next. I could do to get some nice velvet & make some warm curtains for the windows & line them I can buy it a reasonable price at Rainshore Mill Shop up Norder. It will keep me busy