

Clevency, 93 Wesgate, Chichester. PO 19 3HB
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Dear Joe

Subject – Clevency Cottage, Norfolk

A Review of the facts which will, I believe be interesting, and, I hope, helpful.

When it became obvious that none of the present-day Wanseys would wish to live in Norfolk, Edith Lethbridge helped me to sell the cottage. One of Hugh Wansey-Bayly's daughters, Betty, bought it and has now passed it on to her son - a sequence of events which, Edith thinks, would have pleased Hugh very much at the time of his death he did not have a grandson.

Betty and I agreed on a price of £37,500. With this money we were able to buy our present house, with about £4000 left over. This amount, you will remember, I distributed to each of you - £1000 each.

Hugh was extremely interested in the Wansey Family and I think that it would be in accordance with his wishes that the present Wanseys should all share in the proceeds of the sale of the Norfolk house. Accordingly the plan was made whereby when this house in Chichester is eventually sold – presumably when Muriel and I are dead and buried - the £30,000 of Clevency money should be divided between the Wanseys. 5 into 30 goes 6.

But Muriel and I would forgo our share and so 4 into 30 goes 7.5. Working on this basis, when Joe was buying his new house we “advanced his interest” by sending him – in installments – his £7,500. Similarly when Alaric died and Mary was left not at all well off, we were glad to be able to arrange a Bank standing order, which in several years time will mean that she too will have received £7,500.

So far so good!

But what about Peter and Paul? When this house is sold £7,500 will be available for each. But if money is needed before it could only come out of the savings which Muriel and I have in building Societies. (It would have been a different story if, when our Bosham cottage was sold last year we could have had quite a bit of “lovely money”. But things did not work out like that. The money was Joy's and there has been a very long and most difficult time of legal formalities which are still going on with the Inland Revenue - as Joy does, of course wish us to benefit to some extent from the sale of the cottage.) But, come next March (28th February actually) there will be some interest on some of the capital coming through the post: no-one knows how much - but it will be easier for us then for us to meet any moderate specific wish of Peter or Paul. Please P. And P. dont feel that you are left out in the cold.

So there it is. We look forward to hearing from you all in due course.

P.S. In order to keep alive the name of our benefactor M & I would like to give a legacy entailing a sum, still undetermined, to David and/ or Jonathan to be passed down to the eldest son.

God bless you, Yourd with much love.
John