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Dear Alex

Greetings. Thank you for your warm letter. I'm afraid I'm not a very good letter writer so bear with me if I waffle on.

Life in Oswestry is at a much slower pace to London, but still there never seems to be enough time excuse! excuse! I do work full time though, I have done for the last 3 years I supervise over 3 nurseries & a crèche on a community programme, which is under threat at the moment by the government to be converted to a united Training Scheme, a jumped up Y.T.S more like!

Oswestry is a strange place on the border of Shropshire & Wales. It is known for the amount of pubs it has which reflects the locals habits, which we are adjusting

to without too much difficulty. Oswestry is ~~a~~ not a tourist town but is surrounded by beautiful countryside. Apart from the locals there are a high % of ex-hippies in and around Oswestry who never made the big move to communes around the 60's but slowly filtered out of London & other cities to a safe border town before buying land & a derelict cottage to renovate while eating health food etc. I suppose I almost fit into that category, but I'm being unfair those people are my friends & many sympathetic to craft. We have ~~at least~~ a May day celebration each year, this year will be the 5th. We have a May Pole in a friend's field & meet rain or shine to dance around the maypole everyone brings food & drink &

we have games, races, music, bonfire & food. Two of us bless the wine in the horn after the first dance & keep it glowing as long as it lasts (Paul's favourite job!). It would be good to hold an outer festival on each major Sabbath day.

Occasionally we have arranged things parties, picnics, walks & bonfires, but so far only May Day has become a yearly tradition.

Hal & I went into partnership with friends last year & leased a wine bar. It was hard work but we had some great evenings. But Alas! due to competition (which as I mentioned there is a lot in Oswestry) & overheads we had to close. A financial disaster which we will take quite a while to recover from, but it was fun while it lasted.

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It would be good to get together
sometime but everyone is so spread
out it wouldn't be easy, any ideas?
I must close now but I'll
write again soon

Love & Smiles

Wendy
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Blessed Be x.