

Postcards from the High Weald



OCTOBER 3RD AD765

DEAR MOTHER,
 (WELL, HERE I AM AT THE DEN IT TOOK
 AGES TO MOVE THE PIGS THIS MORNING, NOT
 LIKE LAST AUTUMN. THE TRACK WAS VERY
 WET AND I'VE LOST BOTH OF MY SHOES IN
 THE MUD. THE ROOF OF THE TEMPORARY
 SHELTER WE MADE LAST YEAR LEAKS, SO
 WE WILL HAVE TO MEND IT BEFORE IT RAINS
 AGAIN. DAD SAYS WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT
 BUILDING SOMETHING MORE PERMANENT,
 SINCE WE COME BACK HERE YEAR AFTER
 YEAR.
 I'D SEND THIS BACK WITH BIG BROTHER
 JOHN. HE ISN'T HANGING AROUND TO WATCH
 PIGS EAT ACORNS THIS YEAR, HE SAYS.
 LOVE TO ALL MY 14 LITTLE BROTHERS
 AND SISTERS,
 MARTIN



MISTRESS BROWN
 The Hovel
 DOWNHURST VILLAGE
 SOUTH DOWNS
 SUSSEX



January 28, 2003

Whose stupid idea was it to do oasts? It's an
 absolute nightmare! Andy's given himself a
 hernia struggling to get an MDF fire
 surround to fit against the wall and Linda's got
 a migraine after trying to hang striped
 wallpaper. Meanwhile, my Louis XV
 bedroom, complete with four posters, isn't
 working at all.
 I want a raise. My agent will be in touch.
 Fondest love,



The Controller of BBC1
 Broadcasting House
 London



April 1st 2003

Dear Ruth & David,
 I'm spending a few days in the
 High Weald AONB getting some
 marketing ideas for our Hasset
 Hills Lamb. Pat and Tony would
 like it here. So would Tommy -
 they seem very keen on pigs for
 some reason. But Roy, Hayley
 and Phoebe would find it just as
 hard to find affordable housing
 here as in Ambridge. I must tell
 Mum to look at the AONB's new
 website - I hear Lynda Snell is
 already talking about doing a
 village!
 See you soon, Debbie



D & R Archer
 Brookfield Farm
 Ambridge
 Borsetshire



August 12th 2003
 Dear Dad, Mos Big & Little, Zoe and
 Lynne,

What's going on in Walford? It's very
 quiet here. Anthony would like it. Not a
 club in sight - well, I haven't found one
 yet. Missing Angie's Den. Tranquil, that's
 what they call it - and I'm not sure how
 much more of it I can stand. Mind you,
 looking around, I can see why it's an
 official Area of Outstanding Natural
 Beauty... Get an eyeful of all those fit
 farmers and woodworkers toiling away
 on the land!!
 Think I'll stay on a bit longer!
 Lots of Love, Kat



The Slater family
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 Walford
 London E20



CAPTAIN'S LEAVE LOG. STARDATE 3141.9
 (23 JUNE 2269)

DEAR SPOCK,
 EARTH SURE LOOKS DIFFERENT! GLOBAL WARMING
 HAS TAKEN ITS TOLL. I'VE BEAMED OVER TO THE
 HIGH WEALD AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL
 BEAUTY TO BUY SOME FRESH FRUIT. THIS IS NOW
 THE UK'S MOST IMPORTANT BANANA GROWING
 REGION. I REALLY MISS BANANAS ON LONG SPACE
 VOYAGES. DON'T YOU? (DO BANANAS GROW ON
 VULCAN?) WELL, WHILE I'M HERE, I'LL PICK UP
 SOME ORANGES AND FIGS AS WELL. THIS AREA'S
 NOT CALLED THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND FOR
 NOTHING!
 REGARDS, JIM



THE SCIENCE OFFICER
 STARSHIP ENTERPRISE
 GAMMA QUADRANT