

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES: MISS PYM'S DAY OUT

23 Nov 1977 was the day of the Booker Prize banquet
Holy Trinity churchyard, Finstock; voiceover from the
1978 radio talk 'Finding a Voice'

Hilary Pym in Barn Cottage, Finstock, Oxon.

The woman in the scarf bicycling to church is **Belinda Bede**

Holy Trinity church, Finstock, sermon from CTS
The blonde in the fur hat is **Allegra Gray**,
Barbara is sitting with **Dora Caldicote**

Church lane, Finstock; dialogue from EW

Hilary making breakfast in the cottage

Henry Harvey at the flower stall and in taxi

Barbara and Dora see **Bishop Grote** going in to
propose to Belinda Bede in STG

Henry Harvey greets Barbara outside her cottage

'A woman living in the country who has had a
hopeless love for a man...' AVPE (22 March
1962)

'What is the heart? A damp cave with things growing
in it...' AVPE (May 1939)

Henry and Hilary talking in the kitchen

'Some tame gazelle' poem by Thomas Haynes Bayly,
quote from NFRL

Bazaar in Finstock village hall:

'People blame one for dwelling on trivialities...'
– Dulcie in NFRL

Sending relations to jumble sales – **Wilmet** and
Winifred in EW

'So you've made one of *your* sponges...' – **Sister
Dew** and **Sophia Ainger** in AUA

Marmalade – **Dulcie** and **Viola** in NFRL

Novelist **Jilly Cooper** introduces herself

Finstock train platform

Doctor visit: the pacemaker conversation is in AVPE
(28 April 1978)

'On the crowded train...' AUA

Paddington Station, London

St Mary's church, Paddington Green, prayer from the
Book of Common Prayer, Order for the Visitation
of the Sick.

Hazel Holt at the IAI (filmed at the LSE)

Bishop Grote's lantern lecture from STG

Hypothermia conversation from QIA

'The things people say' AVPE (23 September 1978)

Reading Coventry Patmore – **Prudence Bates** in J&P

Dominion of the Birds – **Mrs Bone & Mildred** in EW

'Perhaps it is better to die in one's sixties...' – January
1979 letter to Philip Larkin (ALTA)

TV interview with **Will Wyatt** from the BBC (he was
the producer of *Tea with Miss Pym*)

At the hairdresser – more from 'Finding a Voice'

Maschler Pudding recipe is in the Pym cookery book

Tom Maschler: 'I regret the fact that I didn't read the
book at the time'

Repeated rejections of *Unsuitable Attachment* – ALTA
(1963)

The Booker Prize dinner was at Claridge's

'If I were to choose I'd certainly choose Barbara Pym'
– novelist **A.N. Wilson**

'The strength of her manner...' – novelist **Penelope
Lively**

Philip Larkin in cab

Dora making a hot milky drink

'November roses...' – Miss Grundy in AFGL

'When I wake now in the small hours...' – AVPE (5
March 1978)

'I work all day, and get half-drunk at night...' – Philip
Larkin poem, *Aubade*

'One of my favourite quiz games...' – 'Finding a
Voice'

Cast

Barbara Pym: Patricia Routledge

Dora Caldicote: Marcia Warren

Bishop Grote: John Bott

Belinda Bede: Susan Wooldridge

Vicar of Finstock: Ian McNeice

Allegra Gray: Ann Penfold

Mildred Lathbury: Ann Windsor

Dr. Simpson: Hugh Dickson

Mrs. Bone: Mary Wimbush

Couple on bus: Avril Elgab, Norman Bird

As themselves:

Hilary Pym Henry Harvey

Hazel Holt Jilly Cooper

Will Wyatt Tom Maschler

A.N. Wilson Penelope Lively

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AFGL=*A Few Green Leaves*, ALTA=*A Lot to Ask*, AUA=*An Un-
suitable Attachment*, AVPE=*A Very Private Eye*, CTS=*Civil to
Strangers*, EW=*Excellent Women*, IAI=International African Insti-
tute, J&P=*Jane and Prudence*, NFRL=*No Fond Return of Love*,
QIA= *Quartet in Autumn*, STG=*Some Tame Gazelle*.