



Daisy's First Picnic

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"Wake up Daisy, time to get up," said Nanny Pam as she pulled back the curtains and looked out of the window.



"It's a beautiful day, the sun is shining and there are no clouds in the sky. Let's put your pretty red bow in your hair. Then we can go and find Big Doug and see if he could take us for a picnic."

Daisy thought this sounded quite exciting, as she had never been on a picnic before.

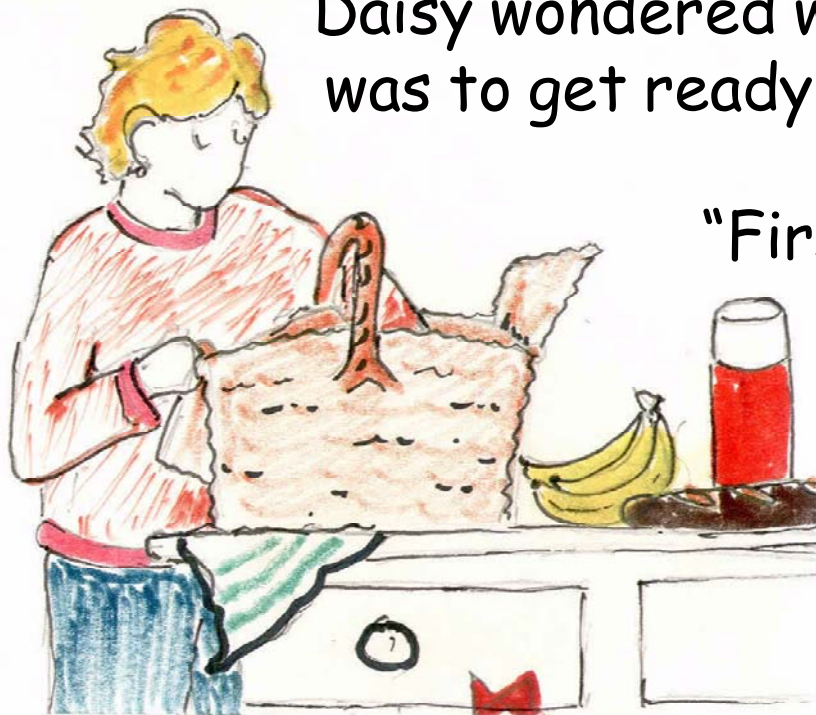
In fact she wasn't quite sure what a picnic was. Did you play with it, did it

take long, did you eat it? Anyway it must be alright if Nanny Pam was going to go too.

Off she ran and found Big Doug who was busy working on his computer. Nanny Pam was already asking him if he thought it was a good day to go somewhere in the car.

"I know just the place," said Big Doug "You get everything ready, and we'll have a lovely picnic".

Daisy wondered what there was to get ready.



"First we must pack some lunch," said Nanny

Pam as she got out a big basket. Into it she put some bread and butter,

some cheese and cold chicken, and some yoghurt and bananas.

"This looks good," thought Daisy, "Those are all my favourite foods."

She was just thinking that some biscuits might be nice too when Nanny Pam reached up high in the cupboard and smiling at Daisy said "Oh we had



better not forget some biscuits and some crisps too. I know you like those."

Daisy danced round and round Nanny Pam. Nanny Pam picked her up and gave her a big kiss.

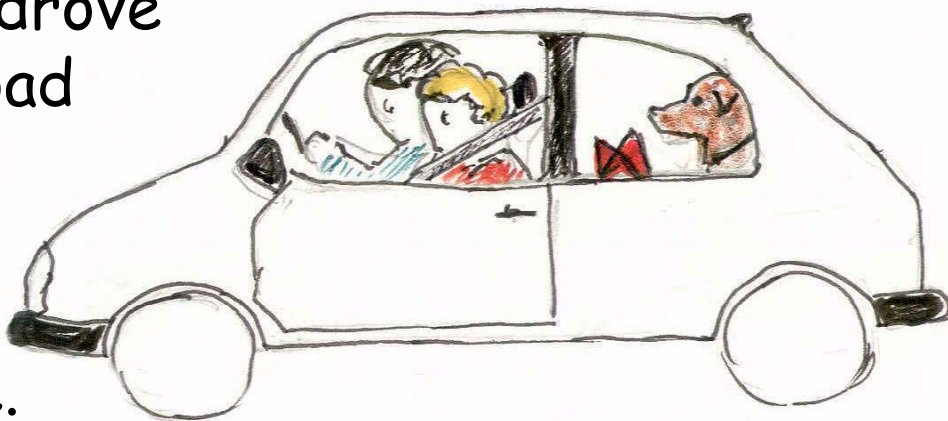
"Hurry up" said Big Doug.

"Nearly ready." replied Nanny Pam "We just need a flask of hot coffee and some milk for Daisy"

Big Doug was busy putting a car safety harness on Fly the Dog who was getting very excited and couldn't wait to get in the car.

"Come on Daisy you must have your harness on too. Big Doug and I are putting on car harnesses," said Nanny Pam. "We can't drive to the picnic without them on."

As soon as everybody was safely strapped in Big Doug drove along the road out of the village and into the countryside.



"Oh dear." said Nanny Pam "I don't think we have a ball to play with. Can we stop at a shop and buy one?"

Big Doug said "There is a shop quite close to the picnic site. We'll see if they have one."



The car
stopped on
a big grassy
slope under
some
trees
along
the side
of a canal.

"Here we are." said Nanny Pam, "Come on Daisy, let's go and see if we can buy a ball."

Daisy chose a bright red one to match the red bow in her hair. This was going to be fun.

Fly the Dog was having fun too. Big Doug was throwing a stick.

Splash! went the stick into the water.

Splash!
Splash! went
Fly the Dog,
chasing the
stick into
the water
and bringing
it back to
Big Doug.



Daisy wondered if Nanny Pam would be cross that Fly the Dog was getting wet and shaking water all over everyone. No, she and Big Doug were laughing.

"I'm hungry," said Big Doug "Let's have our picnic."

Daisy, Nanny Pam and Big Doug sat on a rug, and ate the picnic food that Nanny Pam had packed



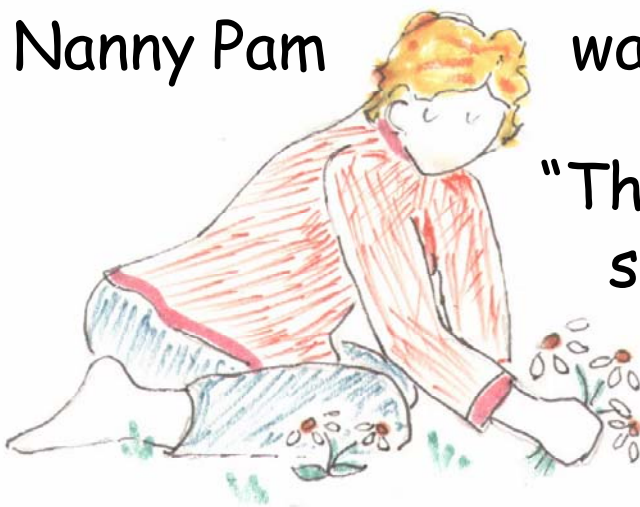
in the basket. Daisy particularly liked the chicken and crisps.

Fly the Dog had to sit on the grass, as she was still wet but she had a little taste of everything.

"Let's go for a walk along the tow path," said Big Doug.

Fly the Dog ran and bounced out in front.

Nanny Pam



was picking flowers.

"These are daisies," she said. "They are little and pretty, just like you."

But Daisy didn't hear. She was busy playing with her new ball. Every now and then she'd run back to Big Doug and Nanny Pam who were walking behind.

She knew she would get a big smile and a cuddle from Nanny Pam, or sometimes a "Hello Daisy-button" from Big Doug.

"Picnics seem to make everyone happy. Even the sun is smiling," thought Daisy.

Soon it was time to go home.

The picnic basket was packed with all the paper that the food had been wrapped in and put in the car.

Fly the Dog was strapped in her seat.



"We'll put your ball in the back of the car Daisy. Then we will have it next time we

go for a picnic," said Nanny Pam.

"All aboard! Do up your harnesses and

home we go!" smiled Big Doug.
Daisy was so tired she slept all the way home.

Nanny Pam gently carried her into the house saying "Just time to have some milk, clean your face, and brush your teeth."

At bedtime Nanny Pam gave her a warm snuggly hug and a big kiss.

"I love you lots and lots," she said as she put her to bed.



Daisy cuddled into Moth and Pumpkin, her very best friends, and dreamt of picnic baskets full of chicken and chasing red balls.



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