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Friday 1 January	Dull. Stayed at home all day. Joan called in the morning.	
Monday 4 January	Dull. Stayed at home in the morning. Went to London in the afternoon and I found all well.	
Thursday 7 January	Quite sunny. Had my hair done in the morning and went to the pictures in the afternoon.	<i>Swingtime</i> Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers <i>Mr Cinderella</i>
Monday 11 January	Dull. Went to the dentist in the morning and met Ruth and went to the National Gallery. Shopped in the afternoon then went to a News Reel theatre in the evening.	

Thursday 14 January	Dull and rainy. Stayed at home in the morning. Came home in the afternoon to Gorleston.	
Tuesday 19 January	Sunny. Went to school in the morning. Went to Patsy's to tea in the afternoon and then went to the pictures. Met Joan Dick.	<i>The Trail of the Lonesome Pine</i> <i>Too Many Parents</i>
Thursday 28 January	Dull and cold. I went to school in the morning. Mummy and I went to the pictures in the afternoon.	<i>Anthony Adverse</i> Fredric March
Tuesday 2 February	Quite sunny. Went to school in the morning. Went to the pictures with Joan in the afternoon; Mrs [Tompson?] came too.	<i>Mary Of Scotland</i> Katharine Hepburn <i>Piccadilly Playtime</i>
Saturday 13 February	Dull. Went to Yarmouth in the morning. Went to the pictures with mummy in the afternoon.	<i>My Man Godfrey</i> William Powell <i>Two in a Crowd</i>
Thursday 18 February	Dull. Went to school on the morning. Mum and I took Mrs Packer to the pictures in the afternoon.	<i>Big Brown Eyes</i> <i>Border Flight</i>
Sunday 27 February	Sunny. Went to Yarmouth in the morning. Joan came to tea and we went to the pictures [illegible: in the evening?]	<i>His Brother's Wife</i> <i>Ticket of Leave</i>
Saturday 6 March	Dull. Stayed at home in the morning. Went to the pictures in the afternoon with mummy.	<i>Everything is Rhythm</i> <i>Hard Rock Harrigan</i>
Wednesday 17 March	Sunny. Stayed at home in the morning. Went to the pictures with Ellen in the afternoon.	<i>Guilty Melody</i> <i>The Case of Mrs Pembroke</i>

Thursday 18 March	Sunny. Went to Yarmouth in the morning. J and G came for lunch and tea and we went to the pictures in the afternoon. Went to Mrs Sutton's to dinner.	<i>Chick</i> <i>Ticket to Paradise</i>
Friday 26 March	[Good Friday] Sunny. Stayed at home in the morning. Went out in the car in the afternoon. Went with Joan to the pictures in the evening.	<i>Broken Melody</i> <i>In a Monastery Garden</i>
Saturday 3 April	Sunny. Went to Yarmouth in the morning. Went to the pictures in the afternoon.	<i>Swingtime</i> Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers <i>High Beer Pressure</i>
Saturday 10 April	Dull. Went for a short walk in the morning. Went to the pictures with Joan in the afternoon.	<i>The Gorgeous Hussey</i> <i>Sitting On the Moon</i>
Thursday 15 April	Sunny. Went to Yarmouth in the morning. Took Joan and Ann (who is staying with Joan) to the pictures in the afternoon.	<i>Beloved Vagabond</i> <i>Tomorrow We Live</i>
Saturday 17 April	Dull and rainy. Had my hair done in the morning. Took Joan and Ann to the pictures in the afternoon.	<i>Craig's Wife</i> <i>It's in the Bag</i>
Thursday 22 April	Dull. Went to school in the morning. Went to the pictures with Gay in the afternoon.	<i>The Lonely Road</i> <i>The Girl from Mandalay</i>
Wednesday 5 May	Sunny. Went to school all day. Went to the pictures in the evening.	<i>Sweet Aloes</i> <i>To Catch a Thief</i>

Saturday 8 May	Dull. Went to school in the morning. Went to the pictures in the afternoon and took Jo.	<i>This'll Make You Whistle</i> <i>Sea Spoilers</i>
Saturday 15 May	Dull. Went to school in the morning. Went to the pictures in the afternoon with [illegible: Mummy?]	<i>More Than a Secretary</i> <i>Counterfeit Lady</i>
Saturday 22 May	Sunny. Went to school in the morning. Ellen and I went to the pictures in the afternoon.	<i>Accused</i> <i>Happiness Ahead</i>
Saturday 5 June	Sunny. Went to Yarmouth in the morning. Went to the pictures in the afternoon.	<i>Pennies From Heaven</i> <i>No Exit</i>
Saturday 12 June	Dull. Went to Yarmouth in the morning. Took Jo to the pictures in the afternoon.	<i>Libelled Lady</i> Spencer Tracy Myrna Loy
Saturday 19 June	Mostly dull. Went to Yarmouth in the morning. Played tennis with Ida in the afternoon. Went to the pictures in [illegible: the evening?]	<i>Tarzan Escapes</i> <i>Three On the Trail</i>
Monday 21 June	Quite sunny. Went to school all day. Went to the pictures with Ida in the evening.	<i>The Great Barrier</i> <i>Sporting Love</i>
Monday 28 June	Sunny. Went to school all day. Went to the pictures in the evening with Ida.	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i> Leslie Howard, Norma Shearer <i>Our Royal Heritage</i>

Friday 16 July	Sunny. Sold flags in the morning and bathed with Ida. Went to Ida's for tea and we played tennis and went to the pictures.	
Wednesday 21 July	Dull, rain in the afternoon. Went to Yarmouth in the morning. Went to the School sports in the afternoon. Went to the pictures with Ida in the evening.	<i>Bulldog Drummond At Bay</i> <i>Don't Tell the Wife</i>
Thursday 22 July	Dull. Went to Norwich in the morning. Went to the pictures in the afternoon with Ida.	<i>Love From a Stranger</i> Basil Rathbone, Ann Harding
Sunday 24 July	Dull. Stayed at home in the morning. Ida came round. Went to London in the afternoon to stay.	
Saturday 31 July	Dull. Went to the dentist in the morning and then had lunch in [illegible]. Went to the Academy [possibly referring to the Royal Academy] in the afternoon.	
Tuesday 3 August	Sunny. Went up to the West End in the morning to meet Mrs [Case?] and Joan. We went to the pictures in the afternoon.	<i>The Man in Possession</i> <i>Stowaway</i> Shirley Temple
Thursday 5 August	Mostly sunny. Stayed home in the morning. Went home in the afternoon to Gorleston.	

Saturday 7 August	Sunny. Went to Yarmouth in the morning. Ida came to tea and we bathed and went to the pictures.	<i>Camille</i> Greta Garbo, Robert Taylor
Monday 9 August	Sunny. Bathed with Ida in the morning. Went to the pictures with Jo in the afternoon.	<i>The Garden of Allah</i> Marlene Dietrich
Saturday 21 August	Showery. Stayed at home in the morning. Gay and [D?] went to the pictures in Lowestoft in the afternoon.	<i>Fire Over England</i> Flora Robson, Errol Flynn
Thursday 9 September	Dull and cold. Stayed at home in the morning. Went to the pictures with Jo in the afternoon and she came back to tea.	<i>After the Thin Man</i> William Powell, Myrna Loy
Saturday 11 September	Dull and showery. Went to Yarmouth in the morning. Went to the pictures in the afternoon.	<i>Wings of the Morning</i> <i>Variety Hour</i>
Thursday 16 September	Sunny in morning. Went to school in the morning. Went to the pictures in the afternoon.	<i>OHMS</i> <i>The Mighty Tundra</i>
Thursday 23 September	Sunny. Went to school in the morning. Went to the flicks in the afternoon with Mummy.	<i>Three Smart Girls</i> Deanna Durbin <i>Sensation</i>
Friday 24 September	Sunny. Went to school in the morning. Went to the pictures with Mercia in the afternoon. Went to a meeting of the art club in the evening.	<i>On the Avenue</i> <i>The Outcast of Poker Flats</i> [sic]

Tuesday 28 September	Sunny. Went to school all day. Went to Ida's to tea and pictures in the evening.	<i>The Street Singer</i> [illegible] Tracy
Wednesday 29 September	Sunny. Went to school all day. Went to the pictures with Patsy in the evening.	<i>The 39 Steps</i> Robert Donat, Madeleine Carroll <i>Where There's a Will</i> (Will Hay)
Monday 11 October	Quite sunny. Went to school all day. Went to the picture with Mercia in the evening.	<i>Swing High, Swing Low</i> <i>The Windmill</i>
Tuesday 19 October	Sunny. Went to school all day. Ida came to tea and we went to the pictures in the evening.	<i>Jump for Glory</i> <i>Melody for Two</i>
Saturday 23 October	Dull. Went roller skating with Ida in the morning. Jo came to tea and pictures in the afternoon.	<i>Lloyds of London</i> Tyrone Powell [sic]
Tuesday 26 October	Rain in morning. Sunny. Went to school all day. Went to Ida's to tea and to the pictures.	<i>Ladies in Love</i> <i>The Angelus</i>
Saturday 13 November	Dull. Went to school in the morning. Went roller skating with Ida in the afternoon and we went to the pictures in the evening.	<i>Calling All Stars</i>
Monday 22 November	Dull. Went to school all day. Went to the flicks with Ida in the evening.	<i>Woman Chases Man</i>

Monday 29 November	Dull. Went to school all day. Mum and dad went to London to stay. Went to the pictures with Ida in the evening and to hers to supper.	<i>Waikiki Wedding</i> <i>Murder Goes to College</i>
Wednesday 1 December	Dull. Stayed at home in the morning. Went to school in the afternoon. Went to the pictures with Ellen in the evening.	<i>Midnight Taxi</i> <i>Merry[?] Goes to Town</i>
Thursday 2 December	Dull. Went to school in the morning. Gay George and Winnie came over to the pictures and tea in the afternoon.	<i>Born to Dance</i> <i>Clarence</i>
Friday 31 December	Dull and wet. Stayed at home during the day. Went to a dance in Halesworth in the evening and then on to the Red House.	