Normally when we come to dinner Elfrida bangs a few pots and pans together and a quite exceptional and exquisite masterpiece appears. Last night she adopted a rather more remote approach but much the same happened. It was a little unfortunate that her own experience of your masterly efforts had to wait until the rest of us were well into the liqueurs. I can only hope that her inner ear problem has not, as a result, been forcibly transferred to you.

We had a lovely evening - thank you