

UK/Norway Trip 26 April – 13 May 2003

DIARY

Thursday 24 April 2003.

Paul Winsor picked me up at about 8am and drove me to Bonds Corner to get the bus to Boston. Went via Nashua. From South Station I went to the Athenaeum where I worked on Harvard Travellers Club research. At lunch went down to Durgin Park, first time in many years. Had my usual of chicken livers and bacon, still the same. Back to the Athenaeum where I stayed until past 5. Over to the airport. Left at 8:45. Uneventful flight.

Friday 25 April 2003.

Arrived at Heathrow at 8:30 or so. Through customs, etc., quickly. Tube to Victoria and walked to Julia Bradford's office and left my bags. Then back to Victoria and tube to Green Park. Went to Christie's to see about the VAT refund. Then to the British then to Norwegian tourist boards in Lower Regent Street. From there to Sotheran's in Sackville Street (Stuart Leggatt not in). Then to my bank in Curzon Street. From there to the Red Lion in Waverton Street, arriving at noon. Conrad Paulus was there and we had a beer and waited for the others to arrive. Had a sausage and mash lunch. The others—Claire Bean, Jinnie Russell, Leandra Macdonald, Melinda Stuk, Mary Payson and Cyn Oliver—showed up in time. About 1:30 we I and 3 others took a taxi to Julia's office to pick up my bags, then to Victoria. We all met again there and took the 2:23 train to East Grinstead. Walked from the rail station to Sackville House, about 20 minutes. Lovely house and setting. Pub next door and across the street. Beautiful kitchen. After getting settled we went to a nearby Safeway and shopped. Then drinks. Went up the road to a good Indian restaurant (Nazim) for dinner. Home and later to bed.

Saturday 26 April 2003.

Slept until nearly 10. Breakfast. I went off to the Library to get tourist brochures. Then some shopping around town. Had a look at the church. A wedding about to happen (the wedding party all in the pub). Lunch at the house. Jinnie, Claire, Mary and I walked to Standen, a lovely National Trust arts & crafts house about 2 or so miles south. Sometime in the countryside, sometimes on sidewalks. Retraced our steps stopping briefly at a pub along the way. For dinner we cooked up roast chicken.

Sunday 27 April 2003.

Pretty good weather. Mary, Cyn, Claire, Melinda and I went to the 10am church service (St Swithins). Well attended. Started preparing for the garden party. More shopping. Party at 4. Those who came: David Wilson and his friend Duncan, Wendy Driver and Cathy Cooper and Cathy's boyfriend Rob. Martha Brummer, Katherine Michele. I think that's it. Most stayed well into the evening.

Monday 28 April 2003.

Rainy and cold. Conrad, Mary, Cyn and I took the bus into Royal Tunbridge Wells, ca. one hour away. Walked to the tourist office and The Pantiles. Visited the museum. Had lunch at the Opera House, a pub in what was once an opera house. Took the bus back to East Grinstead. Conrad fixed a very good salmon dish for dinner.

Tuesday 29 April 2003.

bed.

Wednesday 30 April 2003.

Up

Thursday 1 May 2003.

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Friday 2 May 2003.

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Saturday 3 May 2003.

again.

Sunday 4 May 2003.

Up

Monday 5 May 2003.

bed.

Tuesday 6 May 2003.

bed.

Wednesday 7 May 2003.

Up

Thursday 8 May 2003.

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Friday 9 May 2003.

A

Saturday 10 May 2003.

again.

Sunday 11 May 2003.

Up

Monday 12 May 2003.

bed.

Tuesday 13 May 2003.

bed.