



2009 Trip Diary

Destination:
Rheinsberg, Germany



Jumba Jumba (Jumbulance) © Alan G Brydon

We all from the Borders and we'd like to sing a song
We're going on a holiday and you can come along
If you want to have some fun, just come wi us
For we're going away on a big white bus.

Chorus

Jumba Jumba Jumba Jumba
Jumba Jumba Jumba Jumba
Jumba Jumba Jumba Jumbulance (repeat)

All the way from Scotland, oov the whole world to see
And this year oor away on a trip to Germany
Oor bus is big and comfy, the best oov ever had
Lesley takes the photos, and she snaps away like mad

Pauline plays her cards right, as a dealer she'll go far
Especially if you want to know directions to the bar
Linda is fri Gala, to pack she disni fail
Never mind the kitchen sink she even packs a pale

Lorna likes her Chocolate she eats it by the brick
An'on somebody's T Shirt, she spread it nice and thick
For Gordon is oor leader, but his T Shirt wasni clean
And it was judged the muckiest that oo had ever seen

Derek tries his best to keep oor Keith away fri booze
When Pauline was the dealer, hei even won a cruise
Sheena, Peter, Gillian, have joined a special club
Tony Broon and Blair keep them company in the pub

Geoff and Joe and Brendan, have driven us round the bends
We've even had the flowerpot men wi drivers Bill & Ben
Glenise keeps oo entertained, she daes it on her own
Oo think she'd lose her hied, if it wasni bolted on

Its a busmen's holiday, for us this is the best
For we all get to travel and oor carers get
a rest

We're with the Borders Holiday Group,
they're simply number one
But best of all, for everyone, we're
having lots of fun

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Thank You



**the
Border
Holiday
Group**

**Rheinsberg
2009**

**Picture
Disc**



11am The Jumbulance sets off for
Rheinsberg



TREPIDATION?



MISS B.M.I. BABY

Rheinsberg Travel



TROLLEY DOLLY DEALER



THE TV CREW

Where has the last two years gone, it seems only a few months since we said our sad farewells to Geoff & Zoe after another memorable trip to Lofar a thought echoed by all who travelled.

But this is the trip of News, a new song, a new destination, Rheinsberg, a new driver, Brendan, and last but not least, a new Jumbulance to travel in. Assembled at 10.30am the excited families and friends of the VIP's and carers, the Honorary Provost, and a film crew from Border Television watched as the coach was loaded, luggage underneath then it was the turn of the VIP's, some of whom had waited over a year for this moment. Shortly after 11am our 2009 holiday started as the Jumbulance moved out the car park.



MS BRANSTON 'PICKLE'



O'RE GAUN AWAY ON A BIG WHITE BUS

'Exits at the Rear....'

For the first 30 minutes of our outward journey we were joined by the TV crew who interviewed Linda & Pauline and filmed the group singing our new song Jumba, Jumba, Jumba (Jumbulance), it was shown on the local news programme that evening. Leaving the TV crew at Jedburgh we continued to Washington services south of Newcastle for our lunch stop. After lunch we were in the hands of Rheinsberg travel, with Trolley Dollies Lorna, Pauline, Blair and Glenise. Next stop Hull, to board the Pride of Rotterdam for our overnight sailing to Holland. Cabins allocated we all enjoyed a superb evening meal, and then for the first time travellers a tour of the ship, for others a game of bingo was order of the day. It was then the turn of the ship's dance floor to witness the fun and laughter with the able bodied dancing the night away with the VIP's. A great start to our 2009 holiday.



UP ON DECK

That's Us on The Telly



A QUIET NIGHT
ONBOARD THE
FERRY!!!



EYES DOWN FOR BINGO



MURDER ON ...



...THE DANCE FLOOR



THE PROFESSIONALS



DANCING
CHEEK 2 CHEEK

Gordon Jackson, Group Leader



Group Leader Robbie makes sure everyone is off the ferry & onto the bus



The drivers hard at work



Saturday 19th September

Robbie's day started with a practice of bell ringing before he got up. The bell had been handed to him in the group leader's bell ceremony the evening before. I wanted him washed and ready for breakfast, however Robbie wanted a bell ringing session, from the cabin to the dining room the bell rang loud.



LUNCH IS SERVED!

After a hearty breakfast Robbie gave the order to disembark from the ferry and regroup in the waiting area outside passport control, Robbie rang the bell making the other passengers what the hell was going on. On the Jumbulance the bell kept ringing, it was rung so much Robbie started to get a blister on his thumb.

SSH!

Lorna's sleeping!



TROLLEY DOLLIES



ZOE ACTS AS TOUR GUIDE

Through Holland and into Germany Robbie gave us one liners like Pete or Gunter or Flag Up!! This went on all day, Robbie never faltering from his task as group leader, passing on information to the rest of the group.

Once we arrived in Rheinsberg, Robbie announced dinner would be served in the dining room, still ringing the bell. Robbie enjoyed another hearty meal before retiring to his room for a well earned rest.



KITCHEN SUNSET

Robbie Young & Peter Little



We made it, Rheinsberg, 8pm ish!



OH! Tony's bag went missing at the hotel, Don't Panic!!!!

"What a beautiful sunset. You know what, there is one every night. We'll have to remember that."

Words of wisdom from Pauline.

Group Leader Tony Brown receiving the bell from Robbie



Tony's Bag was found in an empty hotel room, 332 instead of 323

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER



The town Church



The Castle grounds

THE MORNING BEGAN WITH ROBBIE PASSING ON THE GROUP LEADER BELL TO ME IN THE DINING ROOM AT BREAKFAST. THEN I WENT TO VISIT A REALLY ANCIENT LOOKING AND RATHER SMALL CHURCH WITH COBBLED PASSAGES GIVING WHEELCHAIR ACCESS FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT: LIKE ME. PAULINE AND GLENISE CAME TO THE CHURCH WITH ME.

THE WHOLE GROUP THEN MET UP FOR LUNCH AT THE HOTEL CAFE, HOWEVER THINGS DID NOT GO SMOOTHLY MEANING SOME OF THE GROUP HAD TO GET THERE FOOD TO GO AS WE WERE DUE ON THE BOAT.

AFTER A BIT OF A SCRAMBLE WE EACH FOUND A SUITABLE SEAT ON THE BOAT AND THE CAPTAIN TOOK US ALL ON A TRIP ROUND THE WATER (AND THEN) HE FOUND A TURN OFF WHICH TOOK US UNDER THREE VERY NARROW BRIDGES: BEFORE RETURNING TO HAUS RHEINSBERG.

AFTER OUR EVENING MEAL WE ALL WENT DOWNSTAIRS TO HAVE A GAME OF BOWLS, WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE GOOD FUN FOR EVERYONE PLAYING.

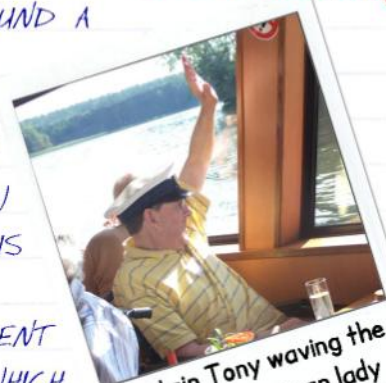
I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY HOW MUCH I HAVE ENJOYED THIS TRIP.

TONY BROWN



On the boat

Topless German Lady!



Captain Tony waving the (topless) German lady



Views from the Boat



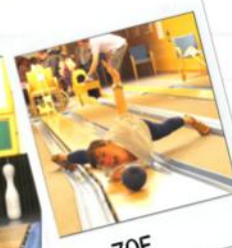
How to Bowl
How NOT to Bowl!!!



PETE



And still he missed



ZOE



HEADING FOR ONE OF THE BRIDGES



Robbie the Bowling Champ



GROUP LEADER BUYS THE TICKETS



GLENISE'S EX



Zoe's Prince Charming?



Monday 21st September

Today was a beautiful warm sunny day, after a lazy morning we boarded the bus and set off for a nearby zoo. Went got off the bus and went for lunch at the cafe before heading down into the zoo. It was a shame but it was not really suitable for wheelchairs, but it did not stop everyone enjoying the day.

We returned to the hotel a little earlier than expected but this gave people time to do what they wanted. Robbie got the chance to go swimming, doing five laps of the pool.

After dinner the group spent the evening in the bowling alley only this time it was a chance for everyone to do a small turn, some sang others read out funny stories and some recited poetry. A good day and evening was had by all.

Cynthia Percival

I can't believe he did that, IN GERMANY!



God Save The Queen



MUSICIAN



DAMN BUSTERS



ETHEL RED



POSER



SHE WHO SMELT IT DEALT IT



WOODEN HEART

Tuesday 22nd September

My big day, today is my day as group leader, we are up early to get showered and ready to go down for breakfast. After receiving the bell from Cynthia, Monday's leader, I wish everyone a good morning and hope they enjoy breakfast and say we have a big day ahead. I ask our drivers, Zoe and Brendan, if they could please take us all on a day out to Berlin on the Jumbulance. Without hesitation they say they would be pleased to do so and I ask everyone to meet outside the hotel for 9am to board the bus.

We have a guest on board the bus today, Marita the group organiser from the hotel. Marita decided to give up her day off and travel into Berlin with us. On the way there Marita tells us of the times before the Berlin wall came down, and how because her father owned a business they were frowned upon by East Germans. How her family had been split up by the wall and what they had to do to see one another. However when the wall came down things got better.

On arriving in Berlin the enormity of the place, the buildings and the bizz was something else, many of the huge buildings were embassies and banks. We booked a tour guide who came on board the bus for 2 hours and he was able to enlighten us all on the history – not only the sadness of the history but he had a few funny stories to tell us also. The highlights, we would say were the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin Wall and Check Point Charlie, which we spent time hearing about.

Once the guide had left us it was time for lunch where we the bus and made for a huge shopping mall and beer garden, where we had a variety of meals to choose from, Burgers, Kebabs, Italian, Chinese or German sausages, and of course a beer or two. Marita's partners joined us for lunch; he lives in Berlin and is also wheelchair bound. We welcomed him into our company and thought it was very nice that they had made such an effort to join us; we would say this was exceptional.

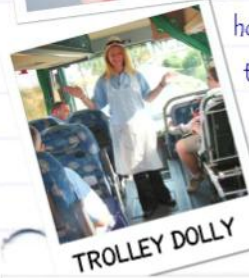
After lunch it was off into the mall. Linda and I went and got my photos developed and then had a look at the shops. I spent some money on treating myself to some new tops: we dodged in and out of the shops all afternoon having a couple of ciggie breaks and enjoying the different styles. We arranged to meet everyone back at the bus at 4pm where we exchanged our stories and had a look at what everyone had bought. Heading to the hotel now we have a rest, get back and get ready for the evening meal where we all get together after it.

It was a great day; one I never thought I would lie on, who would have thought it what a day, what a holiday.

Marina Webster & Linda Beaumont

Chris set fire to the napkin at dinner, Kenny & Derek put it out, & neither Chris nor Anne batted an eyelid, they just kept eating!

Another beautiful sunset



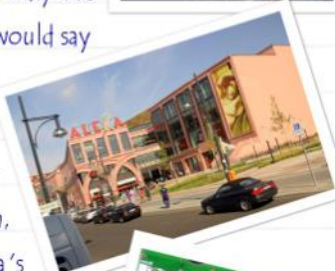
TROLLEY DOLLY



WHERE THERE NO MORE SEATS?



ENGLISHMAN ON HOLIDAY



GORDON, OLAF, MARITA



FIRE STARTER CHRIS



CHANGE OF LEADER



RUBBER DUCKIE



CEEEEEE!!!!

Altes Museum



Berlin Cathedral



House of World Cultures



Bundesberg



Brandenburg Gate



German Chancellery



Mexican Embassy



Line of Berlin Wall



Matthakirche



Siegesule (Victory Column)



Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church



Deutsches Dom



Fredrick II Prussia



Television Tower



Check Point Charlie



Schloss Bellevue



Berlin Wall

Rote Rathaus



"What a lot of Charlies!"
Robbie

He's got
Gillian's top on



Diary for Wednesday 23rd September.

Group Leader Linda Forrest.



It was another dry and quite warm day in Rheinsberg with long sunny spells. The morning was free so many took advantage to visit the shops or see the sights in Rheinsberg. Some relaxed on their balconies, others used the facilities in the hotel, such as the swimming pool, and Brendan and Zoe headed out on a bicycle made for two!



Lunch was taken in the hotel and enjoyed by all. The afternoon was taken up with sports, with most of the group taking part. Blair won the archery competition, with Alex second and Gordon third, although Gordon was lucky to take part, after a near(ish!) miss with a stray arrow 'fired' by Linda.



After the archery, two teams were picked to play boules, which the red team, captained by Pauline, won by 21 points to Linda's blue team's 9. However, I think the blue team won more ends!



2009
Sports Champion,
Cynthia

After dinner, the quiz night took place in the bowling alley, with many high scores attained. The team of Blair, Tony and Laura won with drivers Zoe and Brendan in second place. There was much 'discussion' about who was driving the bus and when! The booky prize went to Robbie and Peter.



Not Chris's day, his
teeth fell out in the
pool!!!

"I'm putting
my trainers on to stop my fingers
getting hurt at the archery"
Gillian's reason for her choice of
footwear.



CONGRATULATORY
KISS



LINDA PASSES THE BELL
ON TO SUSAN



WOODEN SPOON WINNERS



GILLIAN THINKING





GROUP LEADER SUSAN



Waren



Thursday 24th September

I was presented with the bell on Wednesday night. Up for breakfast early as we were leaving at 9am for Waren. Everyone was on a high as it's the fancy dress party tonight. On the bus Gordon told us about Waren, and we enjoyed a cuppa and treat.



On arriving in Waren we made our way to the marina where we enjoyed a lovely lunch. We then lined up and got the group photo taken before heading to the shops. We were all back on the bus by 3pm for the journey back to the hotel. We arrived at 5.15pm leaving us all plenty of time to get ready for our big night.



GLENISE'S NEW MAN

We all met in the reception at 7pm, in fancy dress, the congaed round the dining room before having dinner. After dinner the parish group and hotel staff joined us in fancy dress and we had a big party in the dining room. Photos were taken by the hundreds, dancing and singing meant a good night was had by all.



Before the end of the night I handed the bell onto Anne, Friday's group Leader.

Susan McCain.



GREEN FROG SONG



YOU'RE NICKED



LAST TRAIN FOR HAWICK



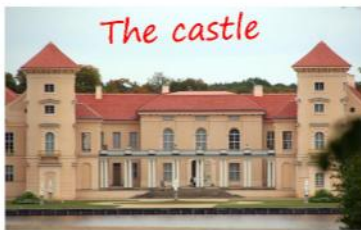
Securing the wheelchairs



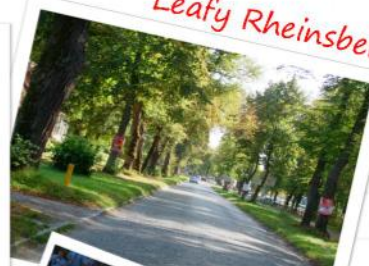
The pony & cart



The castle



Leafy Rheinsberg



FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

ON FRIDAY MORNING ONCE AGAIN WE HAD A HEARTY BREAKFAST, WHERE AFTER WE ALL MET FOR OUR DIFFERENT DESTINATIONS. 1 GROUP WENT FOR A PONY & CART RIDE ROUND THE LAKE, THE OTHER WENT TO THE CASTLE. OUR GROUP HAD A TRIP ROUND THE LAKE IN THE MORNING, WHICH WAS ABLY LED BY PAULINE. THE TRIP WAS A GREAT IDEA BECAUSE THE FRESH AIR WOKE EVERYBODY UP.

IN THE AFTERNOON WE ALL MET UP AT THE ICE CREAM PARLOUR FOR LUNCH WHERE ONCE AGAIN WE WERE TREATED LIKE ROYALTY BY GORDON AND HIS TEAM.

AFTERWARDS WE VISITED THE CASTLE OF CROWN PRINCE FREDRIC II, WHILE THE OTHER GROUP WENT FOR THEIR PONY & CART RIDE. ON ARRIVING AT THE CASTLE WE WERE INFORMED BY GLENISE THAT THE COMMENTARY HEADPHONES WERE ACTIVATED BY PRESSING SOMETHING, SOMETHING, THREE. WHERE IN FACT IT WAS SOMETHING, SOMETHING GREEN! THIS MEANT WE MISSED THE FIRST HALF OF THE COMMENTARY, (THANKS GLENISE).

AT NIGHT WE HAD A PRESENTATION NIGHT, WHERE WE THANKED MARITA AND HER STAFF FOR THEIR KINDNESS AND HELP THROUGHOUT OUR HOLIDAY, WHICH WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL. THEN IT WAS TIME TO PREPARE FOR OUR JOURNEY HOME, EARLY NEXT MORNING.

ANNE & KENNY WARDLE



Marita and staff



CHRIS & DEREK



ANNE & KENNY



TONY & BLAIR



MARINA & LINDA



LINDA & ALEX



ROBBIE SAYS THANK YOU



CYNTHIA & GILLIAN



SUSAN & SHEENA



CHEEKY



HEY THAT'S MINE



LINDA & LESLEY



WHAT'S HE GOING TO SAY NOW?



5 AM!!!!!!

GETUP

An Early Start



SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Gillian the bus



GILLIAN

AN EARLY START TO A LONG DAYS TRAVEL. EVERYONE WAS BRIGHT AND BREEZY DESPITE THE 5AM WAKE UP CALL. BRENDAN AND ZOE LOADED THE BUS WHILE BREAKFAST WAS BEING SERVED. SET OFF FROM THE HOTEL AT 7.05AM WITH A FOND FAREWELL FROM MARITA.

ONLY 45 MINUTES INTO THE JOURNEY WHEN WE HIT A MAJOR ACCIDENT DELAYING THE BUS 20MINUTES WHILE EMERGENCY SERVICES CLEARED THE ROAD. THE INITIAL JOURNEY WAS SMOOTH EXCEPT FOR A SUDDEN EMERGENCY STOP AND CHANGE OF LANES WHICH LEFT GILLIAN UPSIDE DOWN BETWEEN TWO TROLLEY BEDS.

HALF WAY UP THE AUTOBAHN AND WE STOPPED TO EAT OUR PACKED LUNCHES SUPPLIED BY MARITA. WE THEN CONTINUED ON OUR WAY TO ROTTERDAM, ARRIVING AT THE DOCK 20 MINUTES EARLY TO IT WAS A GOOD CALL TO LEAVE EARLY. THERE WAS A SLIGHT MIX UP WITH THE

ROOM ALLOCATION ON THE BOAT, WHICH WAS SOON SORTED OUT. DINNER WAS SET FOR 7.30PM WHICH LEFT SOME TIME FOR DUTY FREE SHOPPING.

AFTER ANOTHER EXCELLENT MEAL THE GROUP RETIRED TO THE BAR, CABARET AREA. SOME OF THE GROUP PLAYED BINGO TRYING IN VAIN TO WIN ANOTHER HOLIDAY. AFTER THE BINGO EVERYONE TALKED OF THEIR FAVOURITE MOMENTS ON THE

HOLIDAY. SOME RETIRED TO THEIR CABINS WHILE OTHERS DANCED THE NIGHT AWAY, LIVING EVERY LAST MOMENT OF THE HOLIDAY TILL THE END,



OUR OWN TONY - BI AIR



LINDA



CHEERS LORNA & GORDON



LINDA & MARINA



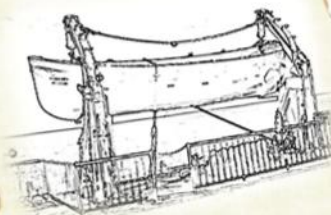
ZOE & TONY HIT THE DANCE FLOOR



CHRIS BRIGGS



& DEREK INGLIS



*This was nearly Anne & Kenny's room on the ferry.
Nice sea View!*

"I love waking up tomorrow morning and seeing the White cliffs of Dover"
Glense on the Ferry to Hull.



CHRIS & ZOE



TONY



PAULINE & GLENISE



CHRIS HAS ONE LAST RING OF THE BELL



NIGHT NIGHT GORDON



KENNY & ANNE

The Pride Of Hull



Peter fell
out his
bunk last
night!

So much
for him
having
been in
the Navy!



ON THE BUS FOR THE FINAL LEG
OF THE JOURNEY

Sunday 27th September



DO YOU COME HERE
OFTEN?

And so, after a quiet, early night, feeling all bright and breezy, the group descend the ferry stairs to the restaurant for a hearty breakfast. We eat as much as we can to see us all up to the border!!

As we gather our luggage and head for the disembarkation and head towards the Jumbulance for the last time, we see the smart mini belonging to Ramsay. He had spoken to us the night before and was interested enough in us all to give Gordon a sumly donation. He just emptied his pockets! He speeds of and we all wave.

Once we are all safely boarded on the bus we talk further of the idea to all go to the Olympics with Robbie. We all throw change and money to the pile that Ramsay gave us and before long we have a kitty of 150. We can't believe it.

Suddenly the bus goes very quiet as Brendan takes to the microphone. He explains that he and Zoe have been discussing Robbie's dream and that they would love to take us all to the Olympics and volunteered their services for free if that was a way that could make it all more affordable. There is a deafening cheer and we are all very excited. Could this be a new venture for the Border Holiday Group? We stop for fuel and while we are stationary we learn a little more of the life of Blair.

1. His house is parked next to the bus and is being transported north for him... We all have a nosy!!

2. He is going to "FREEZE" his ferry key when he gets home!!

As we restart our journey, Robbie manages to stretch the microphone close enough for him to say a heartfelt thank you to the drivers and we all cheer and clap.

All too soon we are at Bolton services and Zoe has to leave the merry band of travellers. We all kiss and cuddle and cry and say goodbye. Brendan's wife is there to pick her up as well as Patrick his son. A "Little Brendan". He is distraught as daddy has to get back on the big bus!

Not long to go now, as we turn onto the BACK ROAD to Hawick. It's all too close to the end. Gordon says all his thank yous, and we say all our thank yous, and we are all quite pathetic but happy. Not wanting to think that the holiday is just about over.

We turn into the car park in Hawick having brushed our hair and applied lipstick, so that we can greet our friends and family looking like we have just been on a wee jaunt to Carlisle. It's great to see everyone and I'm sure that the holiday will continue in story form for a long time backed up with photos, fun and laughter.

All that is left to do is for Brendan to put on all the lights and sirens and we wave him off.

Goodbye!

As if we were
never there

Pauline More, Jumbulance Nurse



CYNTHIA



BRENDAN & HIS SON



BLAIR



His House



A NEW DRIVER?

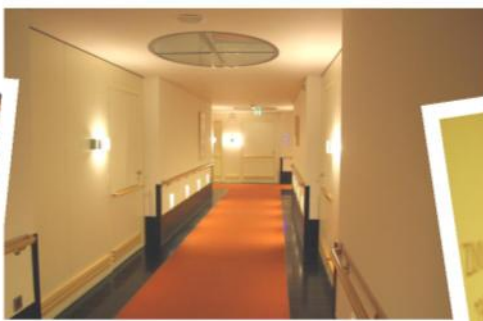


WARMING UP



HOME AGAIN







THE BORDER HOLIDAY GROUP, 2009

ZOE, KENNY, PAULINE, LINDA, GLENISE, DEREK, BLAIR, PETER, LESLEY, LINDA, ALEX, SHEENA, GILLIAN, GORDON, LORNA, BRENDAN
ANNE, MARINA, CHRIS, TONY, ROBBIE, SUSAN, CYNTHIA