

North Dorcan Senior Citizen's 27th April 2018 Mystery Trip

The trip reminds me of a song sung by Toyah in the late 1970s. Boy, it certainly was a mystery where we went on this day-trip into the..... "unknown".

The day started overcast – very overcast – with slight drizzle. Our coach journey started, took the A420 towards Oxford. Something told us we would not be going there. That proved correct. We turned off at the first Shrivenham turning, and then immediately right to Bourton.

We went through Lambourn, with the (apparent intention of the coach driver) to go on to Hungerford. This did not immediately happen as the road we were travelling on was completely blocked with signs saying "road works". Diversion signs were posted, so we travelled back through Lambourn, turned left at the crossroads in Lambourn and ended up turning left again onto the old B4000 old Ermin Street Roman Road.

It was very peaceful going along these country roads with very little traffic on them. The coach took us under the M4 motorway, through to Hungerford, - through Hungerford and on up the A4 to, and through Marlborough, through Calne, and into Chippenham.

The weather was getting cloudier (if it could get any cloudier) and a bit more drizzly. We stopped for two hours at a pub in the town for lunch, and then the coach carried us on northwards, through the Cepen area of Chippenham, onto the dual carriage taking us back over the M4 and northwards towards Malmesbury.

We passed through the outskirts of Malmesbury on the bypass, carried on northwards, until the coach transgressed the A40, turned right and ended up in Burford, where we stopped for a cup o' char.

By this time it was raining properly. Some people stretched their legs for a minute or two... or three... others had a good walk in the rain along the high street.

By then, perhaps because of the steady rain that was now falling, everybody appeared to have had enough and were ready to go home. So the coach took us back to Swindon, Direct.

Yes. It was a good day out in the rain, where we all stayed dry – while we were in the coach.