



Trevanion House Holidays

Wadebridge, Cornwall

Holiday Diary



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THE GUESTS

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FRIDAY

P_____ with Mandy and Martyn went to Tingles at Dingles.

The Tingles at Dingles was busy remarked as they arrived. _____ was helping the driver point out the signs to Dingles and was delighted when to be visiting today.

For _____, it was their first time.



They were met by count Dracula as they made their way to the penny machines. _____ adored the costume and posed for a photo.



The old bingo game reminded _____ of days gone by. Spotting a cowboy on a horse, _____ was keen to get a closer look and discovered it was part of a switchback ride. _____ thought they had improved the heritage centre since his last visit.



A model tank drew the guests in closer and all enjoyed sitting in it. Next, _____ tried to blow into a pipe belonging to another tank, the echo, this made her giggle.



The group progressed further as they entered the picture museum. _____ pointed to a big wheel which reminded her of her childhood.



Finding a group of witches, _____ laughed and joked that they looked like someone she knew! _____ spotted the ghost train ride but there weren't any takers today!



was eager to have a go on the hook a duck game and she won a prize. This prompted and to have a go too.



Finding the hall of mirrors had everyone laughing. and enjoyed seeing their legs stretched long and their bodies squished small.



Meanwhile, and chatted to some of the staff members who were in full dress up gear.



Time for a dodgem ride for who referred to it as white knuckle riding! The group watched him speed around the circuit.



Approaching the shooting range, and were keen to have a go, watched on by the men. was busy playing on the penny machines but once hearing the laughter from the girls, she went over to have a go on the shooting range herself. And she scored two strikes!



The group all agreed that today had been a great day, full of laughter and surprises, it was soon time to head back to the hotel.

G

Veronica and Mandy went to Halloween at Eden.

The excitement built as , , and entered Eden and saw on the advertising boards all it had to offer.

was so excited at the prospect of going down to the Biomes on the New Holland Tractor Land train! What he didn't know about it wasn't worth knowing!



In the Halloween tent introduced himself to Drake the Dragon which was covered with a blanket and sat on the knee of a member of staff! was stood off to one side and didn't believe it was alive until Veronica took him over to stroke it!



had been round the tent snapping photographs and enjoyed the huge Halloween Cauldron the best, describing it as the "Hallowed Eden Cauldron".



On entering the Rain Forest Biome took a 'visit' to the Tropics, looking in at Galapagos and Hawaii to name but a few of the amazing islands.

enjoyed looking at the Bottle Gourds, banana and sugar cane plants, but due to the mist in the biome the picture was a bit hazy.



spotted an actual tree with bananas on growing.

Moving on to the 'hut' the group met a lady who said she'd lived in one like the one featured whilst in Malaysia and although it was on stilts, similar to the one shown, snakes still got in.



laughed out loud when he stood by the Nomadic Penan hunter-gatherer in his loincloth made from a long strip of soft beaten bark!



Going further into the biome was pleased he had made it as far as the Walkway in the heat.

called herself, and the 3 Amigos as they stood at the top of the Rain Forest.

bravely walked along the trapeze bridge and enjoyed walking through the steam holes coming up from the floor, which looked like she was a ghost!



The Mediterranean Biome was next. spotted the olives growing on the trees which he had not seen before. and shared a photo opportunity under the Grapevine!



loved taking pictures of the Satsuma tree and surprised all the group with the fact that the word orange comes from the Persian narang, but oranges in fact originated in China.



posed by the Western Australian garden which was apparently shaped by fire! found the Artwork Chair she wanted to curl up in, as cats do!



and found the Mediterranean garden and pointed to the purple tomato plant which was specially bred for extra nutrition. had an action photo with the natives and after all that excitement the free samples of Pukka tea did just the trick!

This evening the group enjoyed their Rock'n'Roll night. After eating and all relaxed and watched TV. and joined in with the evening entertainment of karaoke.



started off with a song by Donna Summer, followed by singing the Ghost Busters' theme song.



sang the Wurzels which had everyone up dancing.



After karaoke the group enjoyed hot drinks before heading to bed.

SATURDAY

M with Pat A and Elaine went to Bodmin and Wenford Steam Train.

Braving the cold weather the guests boarded the minibus and made their way to Bodmin and Wenford, all looking forward to a ride on the steam train.

On arrival there was time for teas and coffees in Steamers cafe before they waited on the platform for the train to arrive.

told the group about his interest in trains and the models which he collects, whilst and told the group that the Steam Train was one of their favourite trips.



looked at the old fashioned suitcases piled up on display whilst commented on an old bicycle.

Toot! Toot! Everyone looked as they saw the train coming into sight.

The guard told the group that the train had two engines - a steam engine at one end and a diesel engine at the other so the engines would not have to be shunted.



Climbing into the train and choosing seats they were all surprised at how warm it was with heating under the seats.

As the train left the station the hail stones were beating against the windows. and commented on the open countryside and could just see a river meandering below in the valley.



Soon they arrived at Boscarne Junction, a pretty little station by the Camel Trail. After a few minutes the train was on the return journey, with the hail stones still beating against the windows!

The guests chatted amongst themselves until the train arrived back at Bodmin General.



Passengers got off whilst the guests stayed on in the warmth and noticed that someone had been playing noughts and crosses in the condensation on the window, which made everyone laugh.

The train commenced the final lap of the journey. They could see hail stones had collected at the side of the track which made it look like it had been snowing.



The train arrived at Colesloggett Halt adjacent to Cardinham Woods and then made its way through a very long dark tunnel before arriving at Bodmin Parkway, the main line station.

It was time for the return journey where and both spotted the Bodmin to Liskeard road and the tall trees which surrounded it.



Arriving back at Bodmin General they finished off with a browse in the gift shop before returning home and all agreed it had been a brilliant day.



Over to the farm next and , and had fun watching the goats and giving them a pet.

P

with Sarah H and Becky went to Newquay Zoo.

The guys were excited to visit the zoo today and chatted on the bus journey there, what animals they were looking forward to seeing most.

As they arrived, the heavens opened and everyone dived for the cafe. Cup of tea time first to let the rain pass.



In to the tropical house and the humid atmosphere hit them immediately, much warmer than outside! tried to spot the birds and the two resident sloths. The group had great fun trying to spot the tiny animals including frogs, snakes and spiders.



As they started their walk around the park, they first noticed the lemurs on lemur island. They were all making a bit of a racket!

led the group through toad hall where there were several tanks of interesting creatures. liked the newts.



After lunch, the group made their way to the Savannah to see the Zebras and the wildebeests. enjoyed watching the zebras.



As they passed the dragon maze, [redacted] was excited to go in. Followed by [redacted], [redacted] and Sarah, they made their way through the fairly overgrown maze and cheered once they found the exit!

enclosure as the staff member gave a talk about them.



Next up were the lions. They had 3 at Newquay zoo, all siblings and they were about to be fed. The group watched as the staff members cleaned out their enclosure first before leaving chunks of horse ready for the lions to devour.



Over to the penguins and the group watched them intently. Two of the penguins were chasing after each other in the water and it was great to watch.



Everyone was keen for a look around the shop. And they spent some time in there finding things to dress up in and having a laugh. Although the day was wet and cold, the group still managed to have fun and it was not long before they were returning to Trevanion.



The meerkats were about to be fed and the group got to help throw some veggies into the

Strictly Come Dancing Halloween Special won the vote for the evening entertainment. There was lots of cheering and clapping as one couple scored thirty nine, one point off the highest score. [redacted] and [redacted] both did a little jig to the music to show the contestants exactly how the dances should be done. The end of the program saw a few of the guests turn in. [redacted] sorted out a jigsaw to do. He was joined by [redacted] doing the edges. [redacted] tuned into the X Factor and was soon joined by [redacted]. They both agreed on all the

singers' abilities. They almost sounded like professional judges as they chatted away.

Before long returned with his purchases and wondering what was next on the agenda.

SUNDAY

G with Wendy and Elaine went to Jamaica Inn.

The group headed onto the moors to take a more scenic route to Jamaica Inn. had made a Halloween CD to listen to on the way which had , and singing along to all the way to the Inn.



Another moorland drive back to Trevanion was the unanimous decision.

The Inn was looking even spookier than usual. It was not only for Halloween. There had been one of ghost hunting weekends that is held at the Inn.

The moor is very large so there was no problem in finding a different route. The journey was made more interesting as they came across ponies and sheep wandering the roads.

This turned the conversation to tales of spooky events. This was of no interest to and who both decided to head to the gift shop.



Also everyone had their eyes peeled for the Beast of Bodmin. Which is meant to be a large cat like creature that roams the moor although no true sightings have been made. Those sightings that have been reported have been thought to be just large cats or were they?!

and took themselves off to visit the bar then the farm shop. Leaving the hardened ghost story tellers trying to spook each other.

E with Sarah H and Becky went to the Owl Sanctuary.

This morning the group took a trip to a Trevanion favourite, the Screech owl sanctuary. It was a sunny Autumn day but the wind was chilling.



Stepping out the cafe, they were greeted by two small Shetland ponies. and gave their noses a gentle stroke.



Around the corner, the guests wondered what the two resident goats were up to. They were poking their heads through the fence trying to grab the leaves on the floor. They then had a bit of a battle with one another!

The meerkats were great to watch as usual. They had gained 5 more baby meerkats earlier on in June and watching these babies run around had the group cooing.



The emus were inquisitive, and the group chatted about how dinosaur like their feet were and how funny the fluffy hair on their heads was. thought they were cute.

Now onto the owls, they all walked around the pens looking at each owl. They were all different, some were large, others were small. liked the big white snowy owls.



and were keen to look around the shop. There was plenty to see, all owl related! All three ladies had a go at the tombola game that was set up.

won a teddy bear and , a DVD. With an hour left before lunch, they took the coastal route home taking in the sights of the beaches and the glistening sea.



Back at the hotel and lunch was served. Sunday roast with all the trimmings, followed by puddings. After everyone agreed what a great lunch it was, they retired to the lounges to let their dinner settle!



and were challenging each other to a game of pool, in fact, several games! had fun doing a Halloween themed word search. The rest of the guests relaxed in front of the TV, some even had a snooze.



Craft tables were set up in the restaurant and and enjoyed making some Christmas themed cards. was busy sewing her dalmation dog which she said was going to go on her bed when she had finished.

MONDAY

G with David and Marion went on a mystery tour.

The group set off to find somewhere nice for their picnic lunch. was soon taking advantage of the sunny weather to have his lunch on a bench in the park.



After lunch and set off to explore the ancient church of St Mawgan in Pydar.



Then the minibus wound its way along the country lanes of the north coast. They stopped for a look around the Cornish Stonehenge. This atmospheric creation is full of great photo opportunities.

For a complete contrast the tour then headed to Trevose Head to take in some magnificent views of the coast. The guests spotted a buzzard, and then a hovering kestrel as still as can be. said it was quite a sight.



tried to move the rocking stone and succeeded much to her enjoyment - it is said that only the pure of heart can get it to move!

Photos were taken of the group on the cliffs overlooking the RNLi Lifeboat Station. and , with Marion, went down the long flight of steps in the cliff face to visit the station.



posed at the top with arms outstretched like Rose from Titanic.



was so pleased with the two lifeboat models that he bought for his model collection.



The cheerful group, singing along to some great classics on CD, made their way back to the hotel.

D

with Mel did Pumpkin Carving and went to Wadebridge.





dressed up in her witch outfit and shocked himself getting nearly all of the questions right.



After the quiz the group relaxed with hot drinks before bed.



This evening the group enjoyed their evening meal as they happily chatted about their day. After eating [redacted] and [redacted] all relaxed and watched TV. [redacted] and [redacted] took part in a Halloween quiz.

M with Marion went on a coastal drive.

The group departed the hotel and headed out towards the coast. Everyone was looking forward to seeing some sights of the sea today. They pulled in at Trevone bay as the sun was shining.



and took the opportunity to blow away a few cobwebs and have a breezy walk across the sand. The rest of the group chit chatted to each other and started talking about deer and how she loves them. Marion knew just the place to take them next.



Prideaux house has been home to the Prideaux family for over 400 years. Across from their large stately home, they have a huge field in which they keep deer!

was delighted at the sight of the deer grazing. took some photos with her own camera and was really pleased to see them.



Next the group drove into Padstow to look at the boats in the harbour. It was quite busy full of tourists so the group moved on.



They arrived at Trevoise lighthouse, situated on the cliffs, the views from here were amazing.

and enjoyed looking over the sea to Booby's Bay. It was then time for coffee and cake which they enjoyed at Trevisker Garden Centre just outside Padstow. and bought a lovely cat money box to save their pennies!



They finished their trip by driving to Bedruthan Steps. and sat on the bench whilst and walked along the path to get some sea air!



They all posed for a photo on the bench to round off what was a lovely day viewing Cornwall's spectacular coastline.

B with David and Michele went to Bodmin Jail and Bodmin Moor Mystery Tour.

Nothing could be spookier, with Halloween looming, than a trip to Bodmin Jail. and had a go in the stocks. Luckily they were able to negotiate their release in time to join the others for drinks, or in case a rather messy toffee apple!



posed by the man known as The Ferret, and greatly amused by his story - he spent a record breaking 31 Christmases as an inmate of Bodmin Jail! On each occasion he was sent down for punching a policeman in November. Apparently

The Ferret liked the jails Christmas dinner enough to get himself incarcerated. wondered if the same would work for Trevanion, making the group laugh.



There were ghostly and gruesome goings on and the group posed for photos at various displays. commented of the punishments that those were cruel times to be alive.



spotted a bat high up in the rafters - must be a bat out of hell!



gazed into the paranormal mirror, what did she see?



Moving on, a picnic lunch was enjoyed at Altarnun village green beside a brook.

There was a chance to explore and get some autumn photos.

The group had a look around St Nonnas Church which nestles in the valley and is the backdrop to some Doc Martin scenes.



The afternoon was spent on Bodmin Moor at Davidstow War Museum, in complete contrast to the mornings activities.

There was lots to look at and learn from, and a chance to swap stories about relatives who had been in the forces.

dad had been in the 3rd Parachute Regiment, famous for their red beret. Nigel posed by a mannequin dressed much like his dads uniform would have been.



dad had been in service with the Search & Rescue team. The curator of the museum, an interesting and knowledgeable gent, was on hand to talk to the guests and answer questions. quizzed him on the huge Scammell truck, clearly his favourite.



and boarded their planes with salutes.



posed by the large cow in the milking parlour, while through the window in the distance could be seen the massive factory where Davidstow cheddar is made.



and both had a go at ringing the massive red fire bell outside - time to go home!

This evening the group enjoyed a buffet tea. After eating the band 'The Retrobates' came to perform. The group were all up dancing along and singing. Everyone was in high spirits enjoying the evening entertainment. was showing the group her dance moves whilst and showed off their air guitar skills. After the band had finished the group enjoyed a hot drink before bed.



Mⁱ

with Sarah H, Elaine, Pat A and Martyn went to Par Market.

All the group were looking forward to visiting Par market today, and everyone had visited before. They all had a shopping list of things they wanted to buy and look at. As they arrived, mentioned that it had changed a bit since he was last here, but it looked good.



went off to get a coffee before starting his walk around. and arranged to meet up with the group later as they went off in search of some bargains - looking for models of trains and wanted to find a new jacket.



and found the CD stall and were busily rummaging through them to find the CDs they wanted, they ended up buying quite a few and were happy with their purchases.



spotted a man selling poppy related items just in time for Remembrance Day. She picked a beautiful poppy brooch and pinned it to her coat with pride.



and were on the lookout for a new wallet which they each found at the bag stall. also managed to pick up a Christmas present for a family member! He was on the ball! as per usual was keen to find a new wrestling DVD which he didn't already have.



was on the lookout for presents for his two nieces. He found them some books which would

go nicely with the pencils he bought them from the zoo earlier in the week. He also picked up a present for his cat.

The group stopped for a coffee break before back to the bargain hunting. Passing the big pick and mix stall, they could not resist having a look around. picked up a nice tin of wintergreen mints.

With everyone regrouped at the entrance, they chatted to each other and talked about what they had bought. enjoyed a coffee and a great slice of lemon cake before returning home.

After dinner was the Halloween party!



The End

All the staff hope that you have enjoyed your holiday here with us at Trevanion House



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