



Trevanion House Holidays Ltd

Holiday Diary



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Friday

'Tingles at Dingles' Heritage Fairground

Clive helped the driver on the way there, pointing out the signs to Dingles, and was delighted to be visiting this attraction again.

"The tingles at Dingles is busy," remarked Nigel as they arrived.

For Phyllis, Becky and Shirley, it was their first time.



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



They were met by Count Dracula as they made their way to the penny machines. Clive and Phyllis really liked the costumes and posed for a photo.



The group moved on to the picture museum.

Phyllis pointed to a big wheel which reminded her of her childhood.



The old bingo game reminded Nigel of days gone by.

Spotting a cowboy on a horse, Shirley was keen to get a closer look and discovered it was part of a switchback ride.

Michael thought they had improved the heritage centre since his last visit.



Finding a group of witches, Becky laughed and joked that they looked like someone she knew!

Shirley spotted the ghost train ride but there weren't any takers today!



Phyllis was eager to have a go on the 'Hook a Duck' game and she won a prize. This prompted Shirley and Becky to have a go too.



Finding the Hall of Mirrors had everyone laughing. Clive and Michael enjoyed seeing their legs stretched long and their bodies squished small.



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



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



At the shooting range, Becky and Phyllis were keen to have a go, watched on by the gents.

Shirley was busy playing on the penny machines but hearing the laughter from the girls, she went over to have a go herself. And she scored two strikes!



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

Halloween at the Eden Project

The excitement built as Bryan, Gill, Ed and Shane entered Eden and saw all it had to offer.

Bryan 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 Ed introduced himself to Drake the Dragon, which was covered with a blanket and sat on the knee of a member of staff.

Shane stood off to one side and didn't believe it was alive until Veronica took him over to stroke it!



Gill 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 Bryan took a 'visit' to the Tropics, looking in at the Galapagos and Hawaii to name but a few of the amazing islands.

Ed enjoyed looking at the bottle gourds, banana and sugar cane plants.



Gill spotted a banana plants laden with bananas.

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



Shane liked the Nomadic Penan hunter-gatherer in his loincloth made from a long strip of soft beaten bark.



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

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

Ed bravely walked along the trapeze bridge and Gill enjoyed walking through the steam coming up from the bridge.



The Mediterranean Biome was next, after lunch in the vegetable gardens.

Bryan spotted the olives growing on the trees which he had not seen before.

Ed and Shane shared a photo opportunity under the grapevine.



Gill loved taking pictures of the satsuma tree and surprised everyone with the fact that the word orange comes from the Persian 'narang', but oranges in fact originated in China.



Bryan posed by the Western Australian garden which was apparently shaped by fire!

Gill found a chair carved artistically from a tree trunk and curled up in it like a cat for a rest.

Shane and Ed found the Mediterranean garden and Ed pointed to the purple tomato plant which was specially bred for extra nutrition.



Shane had an action photo with the natives and after all that excitement the free samples of Pukka tea did just the trick!

The group enjoyed their Rock'n'Roll themed evening meal. After dinner, Edward, Nigel, Michael, Clive, Phyllis, Shirley, Rebecca and Shane all relaxed and watched TV.

Gill, Bryan and Daniel joined in with the evening entertainment of karaoke.



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



Bryan sang the Wurzels which had everyone up dancing.



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

Saturday

Bodmin & 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 the train arrived.

Bryan told the group about his interest in trains and the models which he collects, whilst Clive and Michael told the group that the steam train was one of their favourite trips.



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

Everyone heard it tooting before 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.



They were all surprised at how warm it was on board, with heating under the seats.

As the train left the station the hail stones were beating against the windows. Clive and Michael commented on the open countryside and Gill 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. 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 Nigel noticed that someone had been playing noughts and crosses in the condensation on the window, which made everyone laugh.

Then they set off on 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 Bryan and Gill both spotted the Bodmin to Liskeard road and the tall trees which surrounded it.



As they started their walk around the park, they first noticed Lemur Island. They were all making a bit of a racket!

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



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 Shirley, Daniel and Ed had fun watching the goats and giving them a pet.

Newquay Zoo

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

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



Into the tropical house and the humid atmosphere hit them immediately, much warmer than outside! Shirley 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.



after each other in the water and it was great to watch.



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

The meerkats were about to be fed and the group got to help throw some veggies into the enclosure as the staff member gave a talk about them.



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

Next up were the lions. They have 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 meat ready for the lions to devour.



Over to the penguins and the group watched them intently. Two of the penguins were chasing

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.

'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. Daniel and Ed 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. Daniel sorted out a jigsaw to do. He was joined by Shane doing the edges. Phyllis tuned into the X Factor and was soon joined by Bryan. They both agreed on all the singers' abilities. They almost sounded like professional judges as they chatted away.

Sunday

Jamaica Inn & Bodmin Moor

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



The 'haunted' Inn was looking spookier than usual. It was not only for Halloween. There had been a ghost hunting event the night before at the Inn! This turned the conversation to tales of spooky events. This was of no interest to Michael and Clive who both decided to head to the gift shop.



Shane and Nigel took themselves off to visit the bar then the farm shop. That left the hardened story tellers all vying to scare their friends. Before long Clive returned with his purchases and wondering what was next on the agenda.



Another moorland drive back to Trevanion was the unanimous decision. 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.

Also everyone had their eyes peeled for the Beast of Bodmin - a large cat like creature that roams the moor, although no true sightings have been made.



Those sightings reported have been thought to be just large wild cats - or were they?!

Screech Owl Sanctuary

This morning the group took a trip to a Trevanion favourite, to see the owls and other animals that live. It was a sunny day but the wind was chilling.



Stepping out of the cafe, they were greeted by two small Shetland ponies. Shirley and Ed 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 is. Phyllis 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. Shirley liked the big white snowy owls.



Becky and Shirley 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. Shirley won a teddy bear and Phyllis, 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.

Afterwards everyone agreed what a great lunch it was, as they retired to the lounges to let their dinner settle.



Craft tables were set up in the restaurant and Becky and Clive enjoyed making some Christmas themed cards.

Shirley was busy sewing her dalmation dog which she said was going to go on her bed when she had finished.



Bryan and Gill were challenging each other to a game of pool, in fact, several games!

Daniel had fun doing a Halloween themed word search.

The rest of the guests relaxed in front of the TV, some even had a snooze.

Monday

North Cornwall mystery tour

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



After lunch Bryan and Gill 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.



Phyllis 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!





For a complete contrast the tour then headed to Trevoze 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. Bryan said it was quite a sight.



Photos were taken of the group on the cliffs overlooking the RNLI Lifeboat Station.

Gill and Bryan, with Marion, went down the long flight of steps in the cliff face to visit the station.



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



Bryan 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 Gills CD, made their way back to the hotel.

Pumpkin carving & trip to Wadebridge

The group spent the morning at the hotel carving pumpkins in preparation for Halloween, then went in to Wadebridge after lunch to browse the shops and have a drink.



The group enjoyed their evening meal as they happily chatted about their day.

Afterwards Edward, Nigel, Gill, Brian, Michael, Clive, Shirley, Rebecca and Shane all relaxed and watched TV.

Daniel and Phyllis took part in a Halloween quiz.



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



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

Tuesday

Coastal Drive

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



Shane and Becky took the opportunity to blow away a few cobwebs and have a breezy walk across the sand.

The rest of the group chatted to each other and Shirley started talking about deer and how she loves them. Marion knew just the place to take them next.



Prideaux Place has been home to the Prideaux family for over 400 years. Across from their large stately home, they have a huge field in which deer roam freely. Shirley was delighted to see them. She took some photos with her own camera and was really pleased with the results.



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



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

Michael and Shane 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.



They finished their trip by driving to Bedruthan Steps. Shirley and Michael sat on the bench

whilst Shane and Becky 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.

Bodmin Jail

Nothing could be spookier, with Halloween looming, than a trip to Bodmin Jail.

Phyllis and Dan had a go in the stocks. Luckily they were able to negotiate their release in time to join the others for drinks, or in Dan's case a rather messy toffee apple!



Nigel posed by the man known as The Ferret, and was 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 jail's Christmas dinner enough to get himself incarcerated. Nigel wondered if the same would work for Trevanion, making the group laugh.



There were ghostly and gruesome goings ons and the group posed for photos at various displays.

Bryan commented of the punishments that those were cruel times to be alive.



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 Nonna's Church which nestles in the valley and is the backdrop to some Doc Martin scenes.



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



The afternoon was spent on Bodmin Moor at Davidstow War Museum, in complete contrast to the morning's activities. There was lots to look at and learn from, and a chance to swap stories about relatives who had been in the forces. Nigel's dad had been in the 3rd Parachute Regiment, famous for their red beret. Nigel posed by a mannequin dressed much like his dad's uniform would have been.



Gill gazed into the paranormal mirror, what did she see?



Bryan's 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. Bryan quizzed him on the huge Scammell truck, clearly his favourite.



Clive and Nigel boarded their planes with salutes.



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



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

This evening the group enjoyed a buffet supper.



After eating the band 'The Retrobates' came to perform.



The guests were all up dancing along and singing. Everyone was in high spirits enjoying the evening entertainment.

Gill was showing the group her dance moves whilst Daniel and Michael showed off their air guitar skills.

After the band had finished the group enjoyed a hot drink before bed.



Wednesday

St Austell & Par Market

Everyone was looking forward to visiting Par Market today, having all visited before.

They all had a shopping list of things they wanted to buy and look at. As they arrived, Clive mentioned that it had changed a bit since he was last here, but it looked good.



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



Becky and Shirley 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.



Phyllis 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.



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



Daniel 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'n'mix stall, they could not resist having a look around. Ed picked up a nice tin of mints.

With everyone regrouped at the entrance, they chatted to each other and talked about what they had bought. Gill 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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