

Cumbria Classic Coaches NEWSLETTER



TRIP TO DENMARK

Steve Reed of Steve Reid Tourism and Frank Rhan of the Jutland Tourist Board organised a familiarisation trip for Group Tour Organisers and we were asked to provide vintage transport around Jutland, Denmark. As the ferry to Denmark leaves from Harwich this



THE TRAVELS OF THE GUY ARAB

In September this year Cumbria Classic Coaches' much advertised tour of Scotland took place. Staying at Wyndales Country House Hotel in Lanarkshire our group had a very enjoyable week visiting woollen mills, Falkirk Wheel, museums, steam trains, garden centres, Scotland's great cities and of course eating their way through the fantastic menu at Wyndales. The Guy Arab behaved itself perfectly, helped by Bob who kindly took it upon himself to keep it clean. Old friends from our previous tours met up and renewed acquaintances and made new ones.



The Guy Arab (Laurence) has clocked up the most miles this year (9000 Km). Between the Scotland Tour and weddings as far away as Manchester. Even a tournament at Harewood House! He has been very in demand, so in the middle of the summer Alison re-covered the moquette on the ceiling in the back as time had taken its' toll. Steps were also taken to seal, repaint and cover in clear vinyl the seams on the roof to prevent leaks and future damage to the moquette. Plans for next year include a repaint and we desperately need a picture or copy of the LUT logo to reproduce.

However, the Arab hasn't been the furthest this year, that prize goes to Florence. Again in September Anthony took our AEC Regal to Denmark. Sailing from Harwich, we took part in an exciting 3 day Steve Reed familiarisation Tour of Denmark. Florence was well received by the Danes who loved the old bus, see Anthony's article next.

is too long a journey for old "Florence" so we borrowed a low loader wagon of Steve Morris of Quantock Motor Services (Thanks Steve). At Harwich we unloaded the coach and put it on the ferry but on the way down and we ended up sleeping in a lay-by in the wagon - and it was Lindsay's birthday - Anthony thinks he is forgiven now!

Due to bad weather the sailing was delayed so we had a tour of Harwich by the Local History Society, hastily arranged by Steve Reid, as well as a fantastic meal.

The crossing to Esbjerg was extremely rough but the ferry was excellent. The reception given to us and the interest generated by Florence was just amazing. We stayed at the Becks Hotel in Tarm and were looked after very well. We visited some fabulous places, including an Iron Age Museum, a Viking Museum and a fantastic Antiques House where Anthony and Lindsay bought a kitchen dresser, but you can imagine the problems getting it back in the bus!

Lunch was provided in a very special Inn with lots of history and local volunteers made traditional omelettes, which were absolutely gorgeous but they got carried away and could not seem to stop bringing them to the dining room - it was like a never ending supply and combined with a local homemade firewater we all the really enjoyed ourselves - except Anthony did not have the firewater!

There was also an exhibition in a local leisure centre of local tourist attractions and the effort put in by the Danes was just incredible.

Anthony would recommend anyone to visit Denmark the people and scenery are both extraordinary

By the way, Frank is now looking for a Bristol Lodekka if anyone knows of one for sale.

MERRY XMAS EVERYONE
from all at Cumbria Classic Coaches

KLIPPERROOF

For a while now the Klipper roof has needed some attention - slightly saggy in the middle! So, in a moment of enthusiasm Anthony took down a panel on the inside only to find the problem was much bigger than first anticipated. After removal of all the panels, front to back for the full length of the Klipper, it was decided to replace all the timber framing.

On close examination the old sunroof was still there, just covered up with plywood so in another moment of complete insanity, Anthony decided to reinstate the whole sliding sunroof arrangement. Some timber framing was ordered from a Joiners Shop and some sliding door gear was bought from the Builder's Merchants and a copy of the sliding roof on the old Commer Commando was constructed.

The new timber framing was bolted in place and all metalwork was treated with zinc paint and the cavity of the whole roof was insulated with fireproof polyurethane sheets.

The new sliding sunroof was lifted in place and to everyone's amazement it fitted then we found some American leather cloth to match the original and this was glued to the aluminium roof sheets which was a very difficult job!

Oak was used for all timber capping and varnished.

It makes a huge difference on the Kendal Klipper route in the hot summer to the comfort of the passengers

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