

WISH YOU WERE HERE!



Colin & Jean Brenchley - Immediately following the reunion at Portsmouth in September 2006 we travelled to Heathrow to join our flight to New York for a 6 day city break. I had almost visited NY in 1975 whilst in Norfolk VA, but although I had a reservation booked for a 2 day visit for £25; work got in the way and I never did visit NY. So 30 years later found us in NY - me to enjoy photographing the sights and Jean attempting to visit as many theatres on 42nd Street/Broadway as possible. The pictures show Jean on the Brooklyn Bridge with Manhattan in the background. The other shot was taken on the 85th floor of the Empire State Building

John & Dorothy Woolgar are lucky enough to be closer to South America than most of us! Living in Bermuda has it's benefits, it's tough but someone has to do it! Machu Picchu is some 14000ft up in the Andes - We did not take the Inca Trail - we did it the easy way arriving at Machu Picchu by coach with a group of friends and timed it well as there were not many people at the site. The insert, taken in Ecuador, shows us both straddling the Equator with one foot in the Northern hemisphere and the other in the southern hemisphere! This was taken after we had done the trick of balancing an egg on end which can only be done on the exact equator line!





Phil & Val Gillett enjoyed a holiday at Sao Rafael, just outside Albufeira following their Wedding



Jean & Colin Brenchley. The tour of Japan in September 2007 included visits to Tokyo, Hakone, Takayama, Kyoto and Hiroshima. Jean is seen on the island of Miyajima and Colin in front of the Castle at Matsumoto.

Canada & Hawaii - Another cloudobservers couple who both served in the Met branch - Michael and Joyce Johnson. Seen here on the Athabasca Glacier in Canada in 2007. They followed this by a visit to Hawaii (Diamond Head is in the background)



MEXICO - John and Dorothy Woolgar recently toured through Mexico, Guatemala and Belize visiting Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza in Mexico and climbed the ruins at Tikal and Yaxha in Guatemala and Caracol in Belize.



SCANDINAVIA - *Colin and Jean Brenchley* crossed the Arctic Circle and visited the most northern part of Europe at the Nordkapp in Norway (latitude 71 degrees 10 minutes North). Sleeping was strange at this latitude as we were in continuous daylight, 24 hours a day for 10 days. The weather changed from 32 deg C at Stockholm and Helsinki falling to 01 deg C with a fresh to strong wind with rain at Nordkapp. Before reaching Nordkapp there was snow observed at Saariselka in Finland on the evening of July 2nd. We did, however, manage to photograph the Midnight Sun on several occasions with pictures being taken at 1 o'clock in the morning!

Ireland - Liz Deley writes, while visiting Ireland this summer on our way to Innishannon Steam Rally I managed to catch up with Ann Curran nee Gwilliam (Seahawk 1969 - Daedalus 1973) and her husband. We just managed to catch them as they were about to leave on a walking weekend in Donegal. I think I last saw them in Elgin main street while I was with other Lossie friends nearly 40 years ago! We were also going to the far Northwest as I wanted to see Black Sod Point and not just their weather to be plotted on the Ship Board at 3-hourly intervals. Liz sent the photograph above. Anybody remember the Station Number?



USA - September 2010 - Colin and Jean Brenchley were travelling around Arizona at the same time as Liz and John Deley visiting the Hoover Dam the week before. Landing in Las Vegas on the 4th September where an "Extreme Weather Warning" had been issued for the temperature which was 107 deg F on landing.



USA - Liz and John Deley visiting the USA had to put a fleece on in the hills of Yellowstone then had temperatures of over 100F at the Hoover Dam on Lake Mead in Arizona during September



Germany - Peter and Mairi Squibb -Others may have been stranded, but not Peter and Mairi Squibb, these intrepid travellers managed to spend the pre-Christmas weekend in Cologne visiting the Christmas Markets - they managed six out of the seven. The journey by Eurostar was uneventful and only an hour late in both directions, not bad considering the problems and delays others suffered. By all accounts it was just as cold in Germany but keeping warm was not an issue with frequent stops for Glühwein! Just to keep out the cold you understand.



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