

Paris, Canal du Bourgogne, Rheims, Aachen, Mont D'Or
Pat's Diary 1987

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Holiday Monday 13th July

Monday No green card at PO sorting office

so left about 6.15.

Coffee at Jo's, then - just saw 3 before work.

- traffic jam on M1

Dartford tunnel - hot + sunny

lots of coffee

Arrived Dover 11.45 Houscroft 12.30

v swift + easy - lunch first

Non motorway to Paris - stopped for drink

Agincourt - (site of battle)

juice tea outside Chateau de Chantilly

- via St Dennis to Melles Jct. - Paris

- talked late + drank lots of whiskey!

14th July

Tuesday up late, heavy breakfast

watched "Jly Post" but missed procession on TV

To Vaux le Vicomte

lunch in the park (picnic)

round chateau - v. hot + sunshine

out for lovely dinner at Cote de Seine

- watch finale of fireworks

Wed Peter & Kiddy + Orsay
me & Musée d'Orsay

Out to drink on Rue St Honoré - by car
Amsterdam
dove down Champs Elysée

Thurs left Paris 10.30 to ^{Montbard}
Montbard
picnic lunch.

Found Eric + Pat + Ultra
stopping before Amsterdam - the blocks.
lovely dinner - lots of talk - novered by house
or

Friday dull day - after raining & not
too warm 17 locks to

Pouillenay (lunch & discussed
brick + tile works) - hard work but
great fun

Out to drink at Bar de la Gare

Saturday after shopping - taxi to

Semur en Auxois

coffee, bought picnic lunch, visited church.

- kind & sunshine on ramparts

(also odd v. heavy showers)

shopping - 'hen' by bus

Dinner out again

Sunday busy with locks - 20 all day

- morning quite nice - odd some showers

long lunch on deck (as I swam)

locks after lunch followed floating platform -

very leisurely) - stopped (forced)

because of ~~gate~~ yacht aground + parasite
stuck in lock)

lots to eat - cold chicken.

Monday - on up to ladders to Port Royal

(dull) (dull weather too) - interesting cutting

next ladders (with 2 other boats)

- finally to top at Pouilly en Auxois

(18 locks) - quite late

Tuesday hot showers (to work in!!)

washing done + lots of heavy rain
slippy - after lunch - set off

1.35 to into tunnel (took ~ 1 hr)

tea in heavy rain

10 laks - then we self generated

+ hard work Pat + I in back

Eric + Peter on lead

Stopped with view of Chateau neuf

- stack -

weather a bit better on this side

Wednesday - weather improving - some warm

sun walked up to Chateau neuf.

coffee - long elaborate lunch (lick mouse
dunk)

visited Chateau church, walked
round town - lots of jokes about
Pat -

lazy evening - after light neck
- chilly

Thursday

Hot & mostly sunny - at least at first
 confusion over bus for we should go, - as
 (luncheon table 36 closed) - but in successfully
 - bought goats cheese & lettuce at one table.

Hot lunch outside - moved down side road -
 part factory, but no traffic. - met Ouch.

stopped early then afternoon + Peter +
 I stopped in small shops. - ham & tomatoes
 melon, pears cheese, (outside)

at La Forge - Les Broussiers swim before
 dinner - walk after to [↑] abbey,
 warm delightful evening.

Friday packed before breakfast -

in reasonable weather to look 32 at 12°K
 our last.

look outside - poté etc + last of bread.

walked up to village to catch bus at 1.08
 successfully - to Dijon

Left bags at station & explored to town

Very hot & sunny.

To cathedral, St Michael - around old
type fountains. - tea & bought
mashed potatoes.

Train to Montbard & pick up car.
picnic tea by canal - in to Châtillon-s. Seine
& get last room at nice hotel outside town.

Saturday Peter got appt with doctor

To museum to see Treasure of Vix

Just a tin large bronze vase 1.6 m high.

walked round market & coffee - P to doctor, I
shopped for lunch. Lunch at St Veres in
top of hill, but church shut.

Shopping for tea & drove north - stopped for
bolt of us to sleep!

Tea at Méry by canal

night at Montmart-Lucy - chateau

- with -

To Troyes - visited museum of Modern Art -
lovely building
& cathedral

Sunday To Epenay - visited caves
 of Mont-Chandon - free taste of champagne
 - interesting visit - 80,000,000 bottles!

Rheims - round cathedral
 good lunch - set off north Sedan
 via Belgin - La Roche en Ardennes
 Stavelot + Malmedy to Aachen.
 Good hotel

Receipts for expenses at guest home

Monday 16th Int. Conf. on Shark Tubes + Waves
 8.30 start
 Peter gave our paper this morning - went well.
 To Monza for lunch - heavy rain most of day

Receipts in Neue Galerie - welcomed by Mayor
 lots of talk + drink
 out afterwards to Goldenes Schwann - sat with
 Roths' + Russel's
 home late

Tuesday no sick to the night

didn't miss the 8 o'clock start !!

attended lectures all morning. Ate sandwiches
outside Cathedral - raining but not cold then
lunch after half the afternoon (w/ sleep - good meal at
our hotel - walk to railway station - bed early.

Wednesday 29 didn't heavy again - arrived in

~ 10 (left car in parkhouse) raining again

attended lectures. Lunch with Jim Southland in tea shop.

Outing to Kloster Steinfeld

- long drive thro' Eifel to visit to Munster
- drive to Monschau - quick climb up to
castle - drive back to Aachen (

hosty picks up car, hotel, wash & change - for
Benjamin

- interesting group - John Kiefer, Michael Frankleck,
Tittelbaum, Thomas Just, Roehr (fr Stuttgart) Jim Southland
Paul Roth, + Ron Hansen - a marvelous evening

+ fantastic food - lots + unlimited drink too

left late ~ 12 - still raining

Thursday packed & left hotel

I went on ladies programme to Schatzkammer & Dom - very interesting.

Light lunch in tea shop.

Peter attended meeting & I did some shopping - the good last 2 lectures

Forewell party at guest house.

left ~ 4.40 - drove south to Rhein

stopped at Oberwesel - walk up to chapel this way (↑ Schönberg an Rhein)

not raining - but only just -

very murky.

saw deer

Friday long talk at breakfast with car

kindly for Benzig - weather looks better

but forecast is not good - so onwards -

Along the Rhine to Bingen and the south.

across the Rhine & into France at Mulhausen.

Peage towards Soane & went off to look

for Eric & Pat at St Jean de Leone - they had (5.15-)

So left this morning - en via Semore +

Vesdun^{sur} des Dambes but we couldn't find
 the - had a dinner there & stayed the
 night - OK but I felt rather miserable & worried
 - cheered up at 12 1/2 when we had a mosquito
 hunt !!!

Saturday decided to go to Le Mont Doré
 looked at bad road at Chalon sur Saône, but P+R
 not there either. - so onwards.

dull & raining - via Roanne, to
 Clémont - Ferrard. Up into mountain
 via tedious road - arrived at Mont Doré
 ~5 & found nice hotel with bath 1150m.

Out to dinner - nice - but poorly
 with rain !!!

Sunday blue sky with odd clouds - also
 quite warm!

Took picnic up to Les Cascades - walked on
 up to Roc-de-_____ a bit
 misty here - bunch down a little from the top
 & as we were feeling OK walked on round the
 horseshoe - via Puy de Sancy 1884m.

the highest peak in the Massif Central - "covered" with
people who had come up the telepherique.

still rocky climb to summit + down steps.

Along ridge (hazy!) to complete the round but I had
pain in leg when going steeply down - so it wasn't too easy.

- but successful + enjoyable + strenuous day out

210 miles + 3000 ft -

Nice dinner - 6 legs ached.

Monday Easy day

clear - lots of warm sunshine.

legs ached a bit + I found difficulty walking downhill

- up to Chemin des Artistes.

lunch + read - with bottle + wine + cherries

on way the valley + back along the path

- hot + sunny - rest - clock golf

+ ride on rodelbahn - slightly deeper dinner

Tuesday still some blue sky but more cloud

apprecy. My legs felt even worse today

but we set off to climb the other ridge towards

La Bretonnelle + see the lac du Guesy -

Sunny - lovely look in dappled shade +

on up (this part not too painful but I

must go slowly - to top * then in down
 other side - day round hill & back to
 Mont-Dore - my legs still hurt & I must walk
 back slowly - ~ 8 miles * ~ 2000 feet.

but I ~~don't~~ felt very tired.

Wednesday Rest day !!

Shopping - duck golf -

wandered up the Chemin des Artistes & ate lunch
 in hut - sunny - blue sky - but quite
 chilly & with wind

walked on up Chemin des Medecins & back
 down Funicular - quite exciting
 ride on ropelbahn after a rest

nice last dinner - (my legs still ache!)

Thursday up early & off. - cold but sunny
 (legs feel much better today !!)

drove via La Bourbole Auberssen & visited
 Tapissierie Museum. Pierre's lunch.

tea at Charbord round Bois

Stayed in Motel just south of Rouen.

interesting but tiring day.

Friday up early - buffet breakfast -

through ~~Recon~~ Rouen.

Stopped at Supermarket - Abbeville for picnic & wine

- took rather a long time - so med road to Calais

arrived 12.15 - so had to take 1.0% horsecraft.

- very smooth quick crossing

Lunch on sea front at Dover & sunshine

+ paddled

drove home via motorways

- off MT at Dartford - but so much
traffic. - all the way to Stoke

home ~ 7.45.
+ rain

Steve & Jo here

supper - little

777 miles

for Mat Dere.