

TEA – Tim’s England Adventure

London – Before & After



A group of 7 of us met in London and did two days of touring around there and then taking the train to Bath where Tim picked us up



After our two weeks of biking and touring with our FCBA friends, the rest of the group either headed home or headed out for more touring of other places. Dave and I headed back to London for 4 more days which happened to coincide with Queen Elizabeth's funeral.

Waiting for the train in Bath to take us back to London

London– 8/30-9/2/2022

Seven of us began the adventure by doing some site-seeing in London a few days before meeting up with the rest of the group in Chilcompton.

Dave and I arrived in London Heathrow @ 10 AM Wednesday morning and met up with several other Fuller friends to spend two days together touring London. Our first tour was the London Rock Legends Tour. Most fun part of the tour was reenacting the Beatles' "Abbey Road" album cover near the Abbey Road Studio.

1960s

1962

Four lads from Liverpool audition at The Studios

1964

EMI REDD.51 mixing desks- used on the majority of The Beatles sessions- arrive at Abbey Road

1966

Technical Engineer Ken Townsend invents Artificial Double Tracking which saves precious studio time

1967

Pink Floyd record "Piper at the Gates of Dawn" in Studio Three

1967

The Beatles premiere "All You Need Is Love," during the world's first international satellite TV broadcast

1969

The Beatles' "Abbey Road" album released



We had fun trying to fit all of us into a London phone booth.



Our group in front of Big Ben

London– Cabinet War Rooms (CWR)

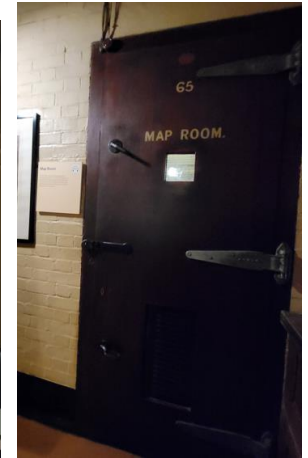
One of the interesting places we visited was Churchill's Cabinet War Rooms where he, his wife, and many of his staff lived and worked during WWII, especially during the heavy bombings.

The Cabinet War Rooms

The Cabinet War Rooms provided a secret underground headquarters for the core of the British Government throughout the Second World War. The rooms accommodated a wide cross-section of staff ranging from Generals and the Cabinet Secretary, to Royal Marine guards and typists. The site was originally a basement store and was chosen because of its location, being near to Parliament and Number 10 Downing Street.

On becoming Prime Minister in May 1940, Winston Churchill visited his underground Cabinet Room and proclaimed 'This is the room from which I will direct the war.' In fact, he generally disliked it, preferring to be above ground and to maintain a high profile as a fearless war leader.

This site was used most intensely during the 'Blitz', the heavy enemy bombing raids between September 1940 and May 1941, and the V-weapon raids from June 1944 to March 1945. In October 1940, Number 10 Downing Street was severely damaged during an air raid and Churchill subsequently began using the Cabinet War Rooms on a regular basis. Astonishingly the Cabinet War Rooms and the building above them never took a serious hit throughout the war, although one large bomb landed near the steps outside the (modern) entrance.



SCHEDULE OF ALARM SIGNALS	
MEANING	SIGNAL
FIRE IN C.W.R.	AUDIBLE BLASTS - WHISTLE
AIR RAID WARNINGS	NONE (SIREN OUTSIDE)
ALERT (RED)	NONE (SIREN OUTSIDE)
ALL CLEAR (GREEN)	ELECTRIC BELL (INTERMITTENT BLOW)
IMMINENT DANGER OVERHEAD	ELECTRIC BELL (CONTINUOUS BLOW)
URGENT DANGER OVERHEAD	BATTLES
(GAS) ALARM	HAND BELLS
CLEAR	
GROUND ATTACK FROM OUTSIDE	
OR INSIDE THE BUILDING.	
ATTACK BEING MADE	KLAXON - CONTINUOUS SOUNDING FOR TWO MINUTES DURATION
ALL CLEAR	MESSAGE BY TELEPHONE



In 1938, with a war in Europe threatening, the basement of a Whitehall building was chosen as a 'temporary' shelter for the heart of government and military command, their 'Central Emergency Headquarters'.

Over the next six years, hundreds of men and women, civilian and uniformed, would spend thousands of vital working – and sleeping – hours here, in the Cabinet War Rooms, or CWR.

Some worked in offices nearby and took shelter in the Cabinet War Rooms when bombing raids were expected. Whilst others, core staff of the Cabinet War Rooms, were permanently posted underground. Here are some of the stories of those staff – the War Cabinet and its Secretariat, Chiefs of Staff and Map Room officers, Joint Planners, Joint Intelligence staff, telephonists and shorthand typists, orderlies, guards, and even Churchill himself.



Churchill's wife's bedroom



Churchill's bedroom



Kitchen

Piccadilly Circus – looks a bit like NYC



London Overview–9/1/2022



Prime Minister guards



Thursday we take the Big Bus Hop On/Off to get an overview of the London sites



St Mary's hospital where Alexander Fleming discovered Penicillin in 1928



<King's Guard
Horse Guard →



The Mall – road leading down to Buckingham Palace –made red to give the effect of a giant “red carpet” leading to the palace

&

Memorial to Queen Victoria in front of Buckingham Palace, one of the best monuments honoring Victoria In London.



Westminster Abbey



Big Ben (the bell) in Elizabeth Tower (renamed in 2012)



The Tower of London has been a fortress, palace, and prison for over 1000 years



Surprised to find this around a corner in the palace



London Eye ferris wheel with Elizabeth Tower and Westminster Abbey in background



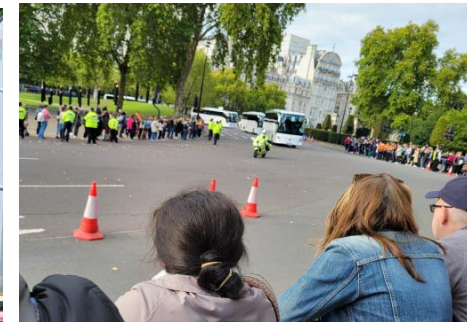
Who knew Fuller had a brewery in England ☺? We learned that “Free House” meant a pub could sell any companies’ products. This pub could sell only Fuller brewery products.

9/18/2022 Back in London

Our first day back in London after the bike trip we toured the Sherlock Holmes museum and took a walk around. We walked close to the house where Biden was staying for the Queen's funeral but could not see it because there were guards all around. We saw some of the set up in Hyde Park and watched buses bringing dignitaries in to Buckingham Palace for a reception the night before the funeral.



Regents Park



9/18/2022 Back in London

We toured the acres of flowers and other mementos left for the queen in Green Park and other places



9/19/2022 Day of Queen's Funeral

We walked to Hyde Park to watch the funeral on the big jumbotrons with a couple thousand other folks then walked down to Queen's Gate to watch the hearse on its way to Windsor Castle



Bus trip to Dover White Cliffs, Canterbury Cathedral & Leeds Castle 9/20/2022



White Cliffs of Dover – there is a walk along the top of the cliffs, a tour of Dover Castle, and a tour of underground tunnels built during WWII . Unfortunately, we only got about 10 minutes to hop out of the bus and spend about 10 minutes on the beach.



1170
Conflict with the King

As a close friend of King Henry II, Thomas Becket was appointed Chancellor of England and then Archbishop of Canterbury. To the King's frustration, Becket supported the rights of the Church over the monarchy, leading to his murder in the Cathedral by four of the King's knights. Very soon after his death numerous healings and other miracles were reported and he was declared a saint.



Since Mrs Hunt's original bequest the dog collar collection has more than doubled in size, by collars donated by members of the public and by new purchases made by the Leeds Castle Foundation. The collection now numbers 138 individual collars spanning five centuries, from fifteenth-century iron collars with fearsome spikes to twentieth century examples fashioned from tyres, beads and plastic. It is now the largest collection of its type on public display in Europe.



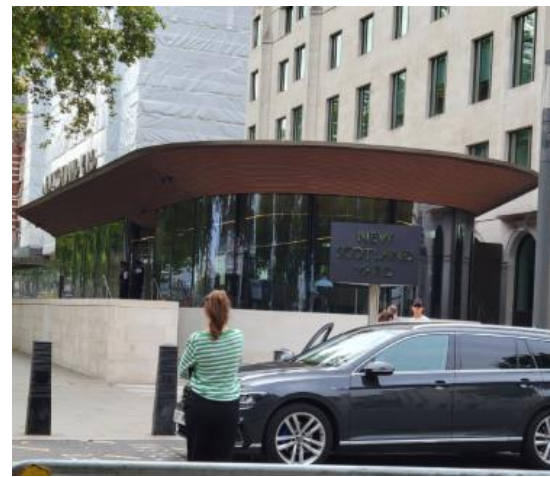
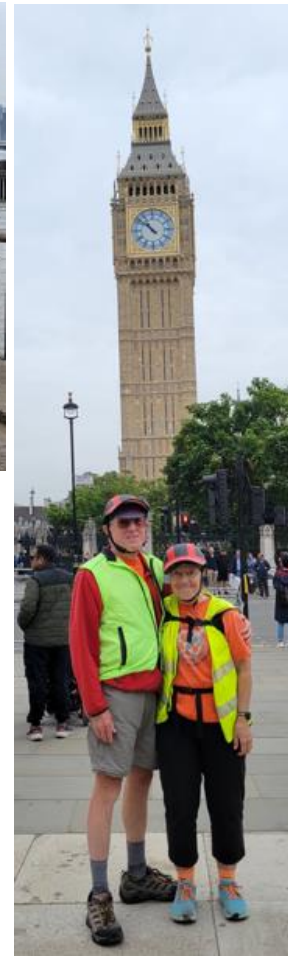
Renaissance Collars



The Dog Collar in Tudor Times

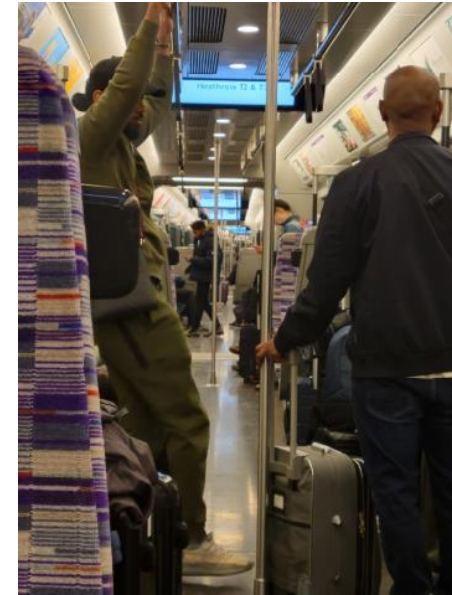


9/21/2022 – London Bike Tour



After bike ride, took Thames River cruise

9/22/2022 Head home



We leave our Comfort Inn hotel in London near Hyde Park and the Paddington Station to walk to the Paddington Train Station. At Paddington (where Paddington Bear got his name) we catch the Underground to Heathrow Airport. On the way to the train station we bought a post card for Diane's Mom and mailed it at the airport. Diane thought it was cool that she could look in the mail box and see the post card in there.