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August 23rd Friday. Ready for off by 4 pm, after 2 days of frenzied packing by Mummy - unsupported by other members of the family. Very hot. Set off at 6.30, seen off by Julie, Angela, Grandpa & the Glovers. Lovely evening. Shubblefields being burnt on way over Cotswolds.



Stopped at Chipping Norton, for fish and chippings. Telephoned St. Neots to book hotel. Then night drive via Ayrton & Buckleigh to St. Neots. Stayed night at the New Inn. Rather hot & primitive.

but adequate.
Sat. Aug. 24th

Up at 8 o'clock after morning tea. Breakfast rather slow - one elderly furbered waitress. Then off via Cambridge & through lovely Suffolk scenery to Harwich. Saw some of Constable's country & stopped at Stoke-by-Nayland to shop & look in church. Famous medieval brasses. Beautiful half-timbered brick buildings. Passed East Bergholt. Numerous combine harvesters - vast grain fields. Peewits. Lunch at 1.30 on Harwich

front. bread and cheese
- apple pie & cream.

Alongside Parkstone Quay
at 2.30 pm. Sailed at 4.
Luxurious boat geared to
cruises, with deck games,
piped music, dancing etc.
Sat in sun, & pottered about
all afternoon. Nice small
cabins with own showers & wash
room.



Stoke-by-Nayland



Sir William Tendring
d. 1408
Stoke by Nayland. Suffolk.



Supper in cafeteria (gag with pub plants). Hamburgers + chips. Steady as a rock but Michael sick in the night - probably from too much fish fingers.
Music over loud-speakers all the time.



Sunday August 25th. Calm as a millpond - beautiful morning.
Porridge egg + bacon + continental breakfast in cafeteria.
Morning reading + playing games. Lunch at 12.30 + Smørbrød + coffee.
Arrived Kristiansand 2.15. Very impressive harbour full of little
islands with racing yachts, pine trees on cliffs. Went alongside in
reverse + sideways with great aplomb. Off boat and into town
within minutes - No customs. Fell in love with Norway at once. Empty
roads, clean wooden buildings, mostly painted olive green, yellow

ochre, white & scarlet & burnt sienna. Patches of flowers but no garden boundaries - just patches of rock. Strong smell of pines, went to look at first campsite at Aros, & took at once to right situation. Sea like a blue lagoon, dotted with little islands, some rocky, some with trees & an occasional house. White sand. Only other inhabitants obviously Sunday visitors. Tent up & into water by 4 pm. Out 60 seconds later when Nicky stung by large jellyfish. Sea full of jelly-fish hunting in packs, also starfish, hermit crabs & shoals of toddlers which terns were attacking. Sea clear as gin. Canoeed out round first island. Niall lost his fishing net. Then landed on 2nd rocky island, & climbed up to top through dwarf prostrate conifers, silver birches, bilberries, sea campion & heather. Little piles of cherry-stones? regurgitated by birds. Beautiful sunset - sea very calm with occasional fishing boat. English family arrived called Douglas. Radiologist at St George's, having spent a year at Oslo. Nice doctor wife & 3 small children.

Supper. Bacon, black pudding, courgette & mushrooms. Early bed.

Monday. Aug. 26th. Beautiful morning. Hot & silent with smell of pines. Canoeed out & spent morning lazily on island - see opposite. Back for lunch. Walked with Alison across shallow estuary to Hölle. Small village with boating harbour. John & Nicky came in canoes.



ON ISLAND
OFF HOLMEN

Did some shopping - bought fishing line, then went out in lagoon & fished. Caught one machereh - much to our amazement. Canoeed back & cooked it for supper over pinerood fire in camp, under to consternation of proprietors, who thought we would set the camp alight. Also had hamburgers grilled over camp fire.

Tuesday Aug. 27th. Another glorious morning. Silvery seascape canoeed out at 7.30 with Michael & Jill to another island tree covered and with a secret lagoon harbour for a last look at this perfect place. salmon leaping. terns. gulls oystercatchers



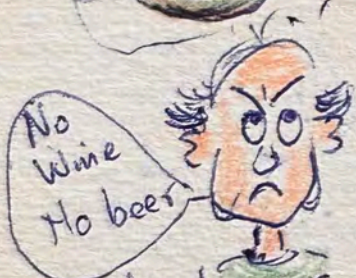
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VELKOMMEN TIL
ÅROS MOTELL-CAMPING
 SØGNE

ring plover and ? dunlin. Back at 9 am + off by 11 am. to Christiansand & up Setesdal. Open valley at first then higher hills. river falling down huge long flat staircases of rock. Hamlets masquerading as towns. white churches. Stopped for lunch by waterfall between Evje & Byglandsfjord, lake half empty due to 7 weeks drought. Road went thro tunnel at Fanefjell. Silversmiths at roadside between Ose and Helle and we stopped to buy pendant in filigree silver & viking boat in pewter. & on to Valle where we did not like look of camp in village & so on to

Flatland where we camped in a meadow. jutting out into lake.



Wednesday, Aug. 28th. Dawned cloudless & sunny, went to Valle - small collection of stores. - women in national dress shy of being photographed. Bought footpaths map but local girls knew nothing of walks. Decided to walk up to Stavskirhytta - drove up rough track towards borg. Left car in village & walked up steep ascent at first past waterfall - old mill - stopped for drink & cool down. Large ants cotton grass, bilberrries (huckleberry) silver birches, pines. - way marked track then flattened out in upland valley - wide rocky, getting above tree line. By 1 p.m. tired out reached mountain torrent. Sat in rock in middle of stream to avoid ants. Hardy sunsild (sweet pickled hennings with onions), cheese & tomatoes & crumbly guises cake & coca-cola. Decided not to go onto hut as so exhausted so descended in a



Ryquestad.
Open Air
Museum.
in Stronghold
of Buigand.
Vonde Gornund.
(16th.

leisurely fashion. Saw several Tjöring (? spelling) horses - cream coloured with black stripe in mane. Saw footed mountain breed like the Austrian Häftinger. Back early to camp. restaurant (a sort of transport cafe) where we had high tea before it closed at 5.30 pm for 10/- each plateful of potatoes, sauerkraut, & a small piece of veal or goat.

Played cards in van & early bed.
Thursday Aug. 29th Another beautiful morning. Off by 10 am. Drove up to Ryquestad museum. Collection of Setesdal Houses & furniture. hoopholes in main house, box beds, working mill, household implements. lovely drive up gorge & past lake to Bykle. Stopped to see church with party of Australian girlguides Rose painting all over interior. At Houden a



from Camp at Røldal.



Inside museum at Rygnestad.

tunnels ascending steadily to highest point of the pass at 1085 metres. Then down a series of hairpin bends past a nice wild camp at Valldalen entrance, so down to Røddal. Village by lake surrounded by high mountains. Stayed in campsite by lakeside but decided not to stay long because of barking dog & gypsy like Netherland family. Dinner at fish stew, mashed potatoes, cheese sauce - all from deep freeze from a store. There are no meat shops or bread shops in the villages only one village store. What do the locals eat?? (More cocoa!!)

Friday, Aug. 30th. Another beautiful morning. Dog still barking. Decamped by 10.15. & along

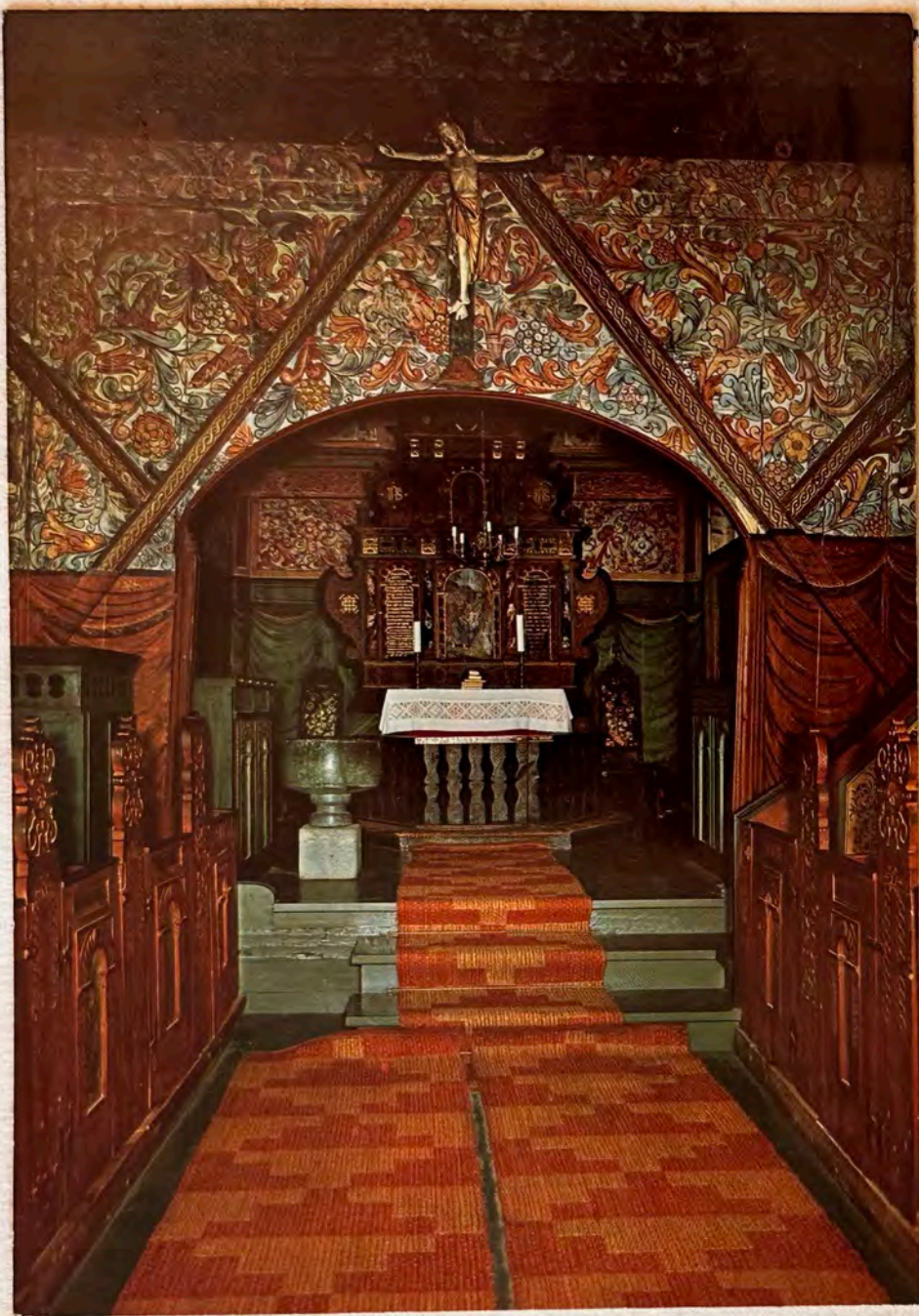
reindeer walked across the road high moorland village. Seaplane on lake. Stopped at highest point Sessvatn touristhytte for a drink. English speaking? Englishman with American wife who spent half the year in London. High mountains sticking out through moorland upland. Goats on road. Dropped down hairpin bends to valley at Haukeligrønd. lovely valley drive past a series of small lakes to Haukelisetet & stopped at lake beyond for lunch at 2.30 pm. Mickey & Michael played flying saucers - some became flying boats, landed in the lake. Snow. Drove on through new



lake to Horda & thence by a fantastic series of hairpin bends over a pass to Solfonn. Used to be an old bridle track. From the top view of the Folgefonn ice cap & glaciers. Dropped down to regain the road which had gone thru a tunnel through the mountain, to Solfonn a fine series of camping, hotel, chairlift, fishing etc. - the only really developed tourist hotel so far. Hatetoss. The double waterfall thundering down by the roadside. Had delicious nutty icecream & climbed an agile goat track to an upper level spurred on by Hicky. Down the valley to Odda & into the smog of odda - Smogudda produced by melting works. The down otherwise like something in Alaska. 6,000 inhabitants. A cinema. A MEAT SHOP. Some lovely bronze sculptures. Asked for details in the tourist office. Tried in vain to get more gas for our lights & stove, failed so in desperation bought a little stove to tide us over. Got pork chops, black pudding which we later found was sweet! a roasted chicken - delicious. cauliflower, left Odda - food van right along the fjord for most of the way to Hottus a fruit growing centre. Heavily laden apple and pear trees. birchess pines. No roads but only footpaths up the mountain. Folgefonn glacier in view - Small steamers on the fjord. At Segelgjerd. went to lakeside

Few fjordside hamlets but a house wherever a flat bit of land was. No roads but only footpaths up the mountain. Folgefonn glacier in view - Small steamers on the fjord. At Segelgjerd. went to lakeside



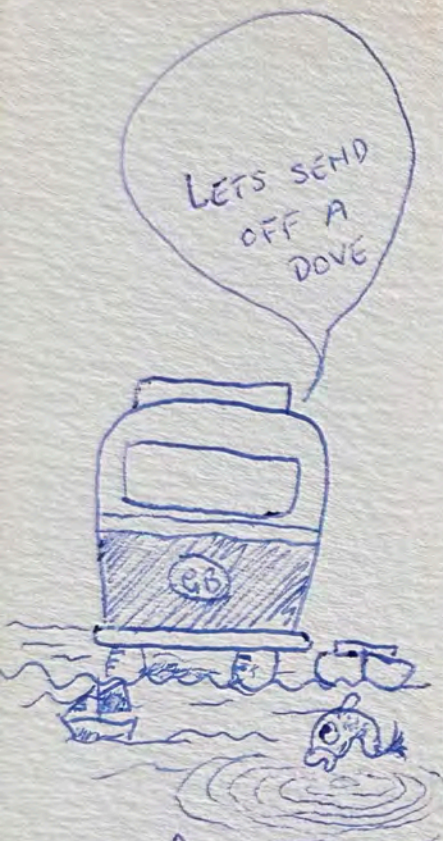


Interior of Røddal 800 year old church.

Campsite for lunch. Wasps. On to Lofthus, where was a hut where Grieg composed some of his music & so to Kinsarvik. Deerskins. Woodcunning. Pewter work. Liked look of campsites but decided to see what the others looked like. Beautiful evening. At Eidfjord, the campsite was in the centre of the village - Higher up the valley by the lake the campsites had no water & so on to Fossli. A hairraising hairpin drive - nearly pushed off the road by a large lorry, then the roof rack broke !! At Fossli a snooty hotel and no campsite. It was closed this year. Young man carrying suitcases full of quartz. Spirits at low ebb so raised them with brandy. Drove all the way back to Kinsarvik. Soup & chicken for supper. & so to bed.

Saturday. 31st August

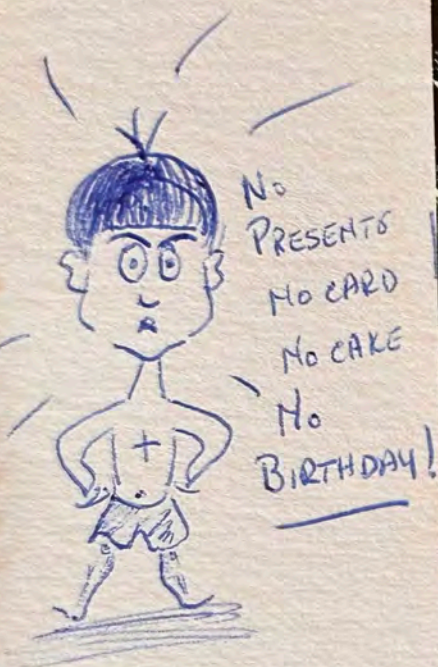
Sunny morning. Decided to have a walk day. Visited stores & bought sursild & peaches for lunch. Drove van a little way up the valley into the pine woods. People picking bilberries. Along track by a foment for a mile to camouflaged power station. The path then ascended steeply by the side of the pipeline alongside a waterfall & by an ant truck. Steep ascent. At the top another bigger waterfall. Climbed up beside this to a plateau alpine valley with a shepherds cottage some sheep a small lake a view of another



Roldal. The
Custmannli
hairpin bends
on the Hardanger
Telemark Rd.

waterfall and beyond that another waterfall tumbling over the escarpment another 1,000 feet above us. lunch on a queen sward by the side of the torrent. Descended Quite tired. Early supper of pork chops, applesauce, etc. then played Helmsman. Mickey won. then John then Jill. & so to bed. It started raining & poured cats & dogs.

Sunday 1st September. Raining with rain. Got up late. Tent in a lake. Drained the lake by channels with much effort & Michael's spade which broke!! John, Jill & Michael. played Scrabble. Mickey & Alison played Helmsman. Went out for a walk to get an appetite. Small walk along the lake & looked in the Church after the service (2-3pm). Fine wall



Seljestadjuvet The steep decline on the Rpldal - Odda Rd. Folge Fossen mountain ridge in the background.

WHAT ABOUT
A
COCA COLA

paintings & Romanesque doorway. 16th painted altar & pulpit. Solid hewn out rock font. lunch at 4 p.m. Rain cleared & so went for a walk up the hillside with Jill. to a bluff overlooking the confluence of the fjords. lovely autumnal after the rain smells. Back at camp a calm clear evening so launched the canoe and went along the lakeside braving the swells of the wake of the ferry which was working overtime to cope with the traffic from Bergen to Hardanger Fjord. Supper of macaroni. ~~disappointing~~ fishcakes stew. delicious. Bed. Beautiful sunset.

Monday. 2nd September. { Michael's Birthday } No presents. no card. no cake. Sunshine



Dried out. Packed 11.45 Ferry to Kvamdal. American tourists. Had a drink. $\frac{1}{2}$ hour ferry trip. Beautiful fjordside drive to head of a side arm. at Elde. looked at a campsite at Granvin & decided to camp at Ulvik. Went over a little pass by two fishing lakes. A lovely drive through the pine woods with fine views on the descent to Ulvik. on the Osafjord. A most attractive little resort. Open valley pastures & seaside atmosphere. Nice shops. Bought lunch & enquired at the Tourist Office where we found sitting outside the tourist office & were completely misinformed on every point. Bought expensive fishing licence. - about 25/- at Post Office then went to Campsite. A lovely looking site alongside the fjord. but closed with a padlocked chain across it. Went back to tourist office - now in the tourist office to ascertain that the camp was open. Drove up to the house of the owner & finally tracked him down in a boat on the campsite. A very surly rude Norwegian who said the Tourist Office could - itself. & that he was shut. Despondent. Depressed. Drove back over the pass. Had lunch by lakeside fishing hut & fished. Two bites from tiddlers & at 5pm with sky clouding over a fantastic drive via Voss. - a shocking road with a hairpin ascent up by a waterfall. & some trout lakes. Voss a wide open upland valley rather built up & a bit industrial if you could call it that. Via Tunde still mounting to Stakerin where a fearsome terrifying descent of hairpin bends to Gudvangen. 20% gradient. down a mountainside. Campsite in meadow in valley & got tent up just as the rain started. Supper of disappointing fish cakes, marmalade meat sauce & potato soup (should have been mashed potatoe.) Rain poured down all night.



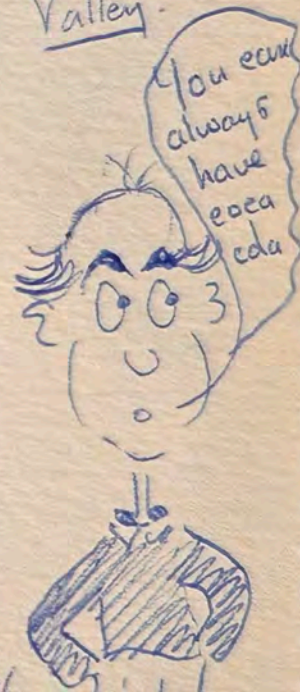
Stalheim Hotel
Naerøyal Valley
& Jordalsnuten
peak. Voss -
Lutvangen Rd.



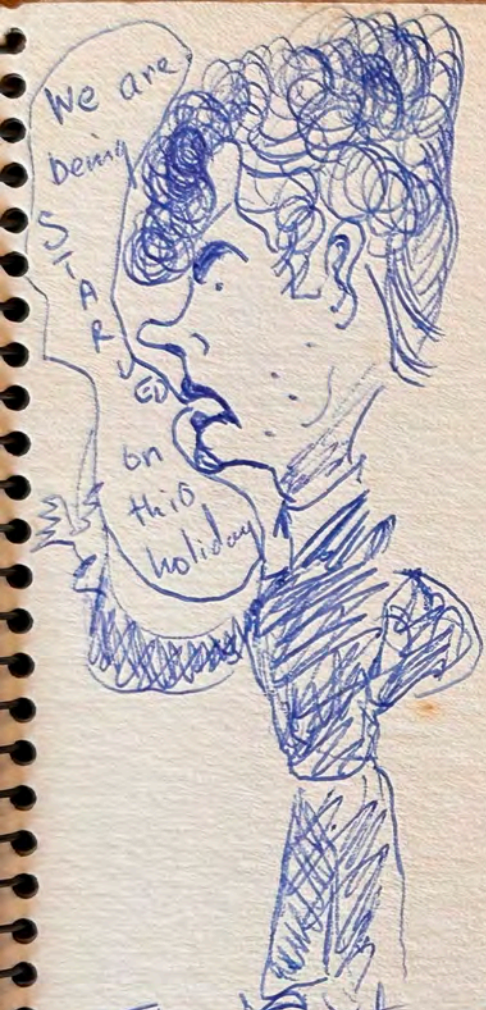
Tuesday 3rd September. Cloudy but not raining at first. Late breakfast then launched canoes & canoed down the fjord. Nicky and Allison put out the line but got no bite. We learnt later that one should fish within 6-9 feet of the shore. They also use a spinner for trout which are in the semi salt semi-fresh water. Came on to rain for the last 10 mins. of the trip & we got v. wet. Back to dry out at the camp. - had lunch then caught boat down the Fjord to do a round trip to Kaupanger. First down the Nærøy Fjord to where it joined the Flam Fjord. There we stopped to drop off some passengers. in mid fjord onto a smaller ferry. Steep sided mountains dropping sheer into the water. No roads & an



View of
Gudvangen
& Haersdal
Valley.



occasional. hamlet with access only by water. Two or three houses. with a bit of grass. a goat or two and either a rowing boat or a fishing boat. What do they live on? Into the wider Sognefjord but equally inaccessible. Comfortable warm cabin + snackbar. No seals. No food. No sun. Called in at Vesjes. (for haerdal) then on to Kaupanger where three ferries converged together. Sawmills + open valley. Ferry turned round. Boarded by boy scouts + group of teenagers. who sang to a guitar. They monopolized the dining room + we couldn't get anything to eat. Arrived back at Gudvangen at 8.30 + tried to get meal but no guests so no meal.



Fishing boats fishing by floodlight at the head of the fjord. Back to camp created a meal & had spaghetti, meat sauce, meat vegetable soup. Just stowed off a mutiny by Hickey.

Wed. 4th. September. Cloudy but the rain stopped & sun came out. Dried out. Had a little walk along the side of the fjord. Bought lunch & a sprayer for catching trout. Packed up & drove out of valley. Only met one bus on Stalheim which we managed in bottom gear & not so bad on the way up as down. Rested our shattered nerves at the top. Then back to Voss. On the way had lunch by a bridge over a waterfall, in between two most attractive campsites. One of them by a waterfall. From Voss the weather improved & we had a lovely drive back along

ON THE BOAT ON THE WAY OVER



Different environments, different sea depths. Sturgeon - gift from Kruschev. 2 year old salmon about 3 ins. long. Octopi. How old is a 20 lb salmon. Regenerating starfish. Shrimps. Watched the seals being fed & saw them underwater like a torpedo.



Went to Information Office to try to get hotel after an unsuccessful attempt to get into a recommended hotel. Found Bergen hotels full but offered a bed on the Jupiter!! Drove along, had first class accommodation for very reasonable prices and also a first class breakfast.



Hairpin bends up to Stalheim
from. Eudvangen.

the Hardanger Fjord. Beautiful
views out towards the sea.
Crossed a small suspension bridge.
+ soon afterwards left main road.
+ continued on small coast road.
Apple orchards down to the sea
Red + yellow, white farm houses
+ little rock girt harbours. Pine woods
silver birch coppices. Relieved to find
campsite at Fosse open. Right by
the sea. Primitive facilities and
THOSE CYPRIES AGAIN. + Doc.
Started to rain as we got the
side tent up. Cooked steak which we had bought at Voss. (K=1 for 4 pieces.) peas + potatoes.

Pilsner beer.

Thursday 5th. September. Cloudy dull but sun came out in the morning; we had a canoe +
tried to catch fish with the new spinner without success. long tedious drive through much the same
scenery as yesterday, had lunch on a rock overlooking the sea. Same terrain as at Mandal.
started to rain + by the time we reached Bergen it was pouring. Time to Bergen town. Visited
the Aquarium as we found ourselves by it. Wonderful seal tanks + well displayed progression explain-
mannings. freshwater fish like as a process of evolution. Tanks with collections of fish found in

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(6.30 am) 23rd August 1968
(3.30 pm)
(am)
Kristiansand.
Newcastle.



At the Jupiter recommended to eat at the Orion hotel but restaurant full so mistakenly went to Hotel Bristol. Dining room full but extra table put up. Poor service expensive meal but poor helpings. However had my ptarmigan in a delicious sauce & with cranberries which I had been chasing all the trip. Others had steak & Michael omelette. All had cloudbonnies (pippin) and ice cream except Alison who felt like a welsh rarebit. (looked like one too.) Back to Jupiter, lovely night lights over harbour.

Ferry at Revsnes - Lærdal Sognefjord.

Friday 6th. September Cloudy but became sunny & a beautiful day. After breakfast shopped in Bergen, lovely old town, long wait to get on boat, saw many others from previous camps too. Saw hydrofoil, submarine. Beautiful days sail down between islands to Haugesund & Stavanger.

Jim	Jill	Nicky	Alison	Cooking.	Bedding. Etc	Dresses.
Shaving ✓	Makings ✓	Washing Things ✓	Washing Things ✓	Cup pan ✓	Pillows 4 ✓	Dramamine ✓
Sponge Bag ✓	Washing Things ✓	Pajamas ✓	Nighties ✓	1 Frying Pan ✓	Sleeping Bags 5 ✓	Codamine ✓
Pajamas ✓	Nighties ✓	Pants ✓	Pants ✓	5 Saucepan ✓	Blankets 5 ✓	Aspirin ✓
Dress's Crown ✓	Pants ✓	Shirts 3 ✓	Vest ✓	1 Kettle ✓	Campbeds ✓	Sulphathalidine ✓
Pants 4 ✓	Vests ✓	Pullovers 2 ✓	Skirts ✓	3 Cutlery ✓	Towels 8 ✓	Sulphatrid ✓
Vest 1 ✓	Blouses ✓	Cardigans ✓	Jumpers ✓	3 Cheese grates ✓	Tent ✓	Mist Biscet ✓
Shirts ✓	Cardigans ✓	Jeans ✓	Amorak ✓	1 Conksaw ✓	Groundsheets ✓	Mayph ✓
Sweat ✓	Coat (Mac) ✓	Trousers ✓	Shirts ✓	1 Bottle Opener ✓	Chairs ✓	Nivea ✓
Dry Dry ✓	Seal ✓	Shirts ✓	Shirts ✓	Tin Opener ✓	1 Mallet, Rope ✓	Antihism Cream ✓
Sweaters ✓	Jeans ✓	Tie ✓	Dresses ✓	Bucket ✓	Hammer, pliers ✓	Betnovate ✓
Mac ✓	Shirts ✓	Socks ✓	Jeans ✓	Plastic Bags ✓	4 wine ✓	Uvistat ✓
Amorak ✓	Bras ✓	Shoes ✓	Handbands ✓	Drying cloth ✓	Tent pegs ✓	Enas ✓
Hat ✓	Slips ✓	Boots ✓	Swimsuit ✓	Dishcloth ✓	Torches, Battery ✓	Iodine ✓
Woolly hat ✓	Susp. Belt ✓	Cym Shoes ✓	Shoes ✓	Mop. Seamer ✓	Needle + thread ✓	Glastoplast ✓
Seat ✓	Swimsuit ✓	Swimsuit ✓	Socks ✓	Dustpan, Brush ✓	Hose pipe ✓	Scrubbing lotion ✓
Trousers ✓	Dresses ✓	Track Suit ✓	Daps ✓	Matches ✓	Whitening Things ✓	Aetal ✓
Jeans ✓	Tony Lane ✓	Michael ✓		Daz ✓	Clothesline Pegs ✓	Neomycin ✓
Tony Lane ✓	Cotton ✓			Fairy liquid ✓	Drawing Books ✓	Painbntin ✓
Shirts ✓	Skirts ✓	Pajamas ✓		Rubber gloves ✓	Soap ✓	Tampax ✓
Swat ✓	Suit ✓	Pants ✓		Fly spray ✓	Books ✓	Equagesic ✓
Ties ✓	Stockings ✓	Vests ✓		Beenut ✓	Panito ✓	Shampoo ✓
Cym Shoes ✓	Bedsocks ✓	Shirts ✓		Toilet Paper ✓	Caneras ✓	
Mr ✓	Shoes ✓	Pullovers ✓		Teapot ✓	Biscuiters ✓	
Shoes 2 Buns ✓	Sandals ✓	Trousers ✓		Mugs ✓	Games ✓	Passports ✓
Boots ✓	Cym Shoes ✓	Socks ✓		Extra bowls ✓	Duct, Spade ✓	Tickets ✓
2 Stockings ✓	Flats ✓	Shoes ✓		1 plates ✓	Embroidary ✓	Noney ✓
Socks ✓	Minnie Alice ✓	Daps ✓		Ajar ✓	Shoe cleaning ✓	Drum licence ✓
Swimsuit ✓	Sunglasses ✓	Boots ✓		Paper Hanger ✓	Rucksac ✓	Insurance ✓
Pipes Tobacco ✓	Boots ✓	Swimsuit ✓		Thermos ✓		Green card ✓
Fishing ✓	Boots ✓	Mac ✓		Firelighter ✓		Registration book ✓
	Boots ✓	Toys ✓		Chamcol ✓		
	Boots ✓	Blanket Ribbon ✓		Cinid ✓		
				Frid ✓		