

DIARY: 1973

FEBRUARY

21 Wednesday

Finals day for school sports. Morning only. After that, I went running then walked to the licensing office to renew my car [?driver's] license for three years (\$10 per year). One week later, the budget announcement was to increase it to \$50 per year.

MARCH

7 Wednesday

Had lunch at the HK Hotel with Leon [Comber from HEB], Terry Allsop and Chow to talk about the adaptation of the Scottish Science books.

8 Thursday

School concert during the last two periods.

9 Friday

Left with the [YMCA] Boys' Brigade for a weekend camp at Wu Kai Sha [YMCA] camp-site. Train left 20 minutes late. [These were the days of the old pre-electric diesel trains]. Had to take a junk from the [university] station to the camp-site. [The Ma on Shan area had not been developed then and the only way there was by a small ferry from the university station.] Had a BBQ meal which lasted till after 11 pm.

10 Saturday

Up at 7 am for some PE. After breakfast, we set off for a hike to Sai Kung. Got there then on to Hebe Haven along a straight-forward path. Coming back, we took a different path through scrub and paths to a village then old abandoned rice fields. After that, no track! I lead them through the scrub then straight down a steep hill [the coast side of Ma On Shan] to a construction road. Got back more or less on time. Although exhausted, had a shortened games evening.

11 Sunday

Up at 7 am again for PE. The morning was spent playing games – volleyball, basketball, etc. Took an early ferry then a train back. The day was very warm – up to 28⁰C.

12 Monday

Had a second constitution [for HKSTA?] meeting with S K Ho.

17 Saturday

Played HMS Andromeda losing 34 – 11. Got a try for the first time in ages. In the evening, YF and I went to the YMCA camp fire to lead a game.

20 Tuesday

A power failure in the evening from about 9.15 to 10.45 pm. Missed the TV game NZ v Barbarians because of it. [NB: No TV in rooms, only one communal one in the roof garden.]

27 Tuesday

A police sergeant was shot dead while investigating a bank robbery. The thug escaped into the Walled City.

28 Wednesday

Hot – about 27⁰C. Ran around the park eight times [?Boundary St park, the same ground used for Rugby]. Rugby 7's but didn't go.

29 Thursday

Had a school Cantonese speaking competition; allowed me to have two free periods.

30 Friday

Two ships collided at about 3 am at the entrance to HK harbour. Very hot – about 28⁰C. Has out German test in the evening. Got a prize as a result of the first exam; a book, in Chinese!

APRIL

4 Wednesday

Teachers in HK held the first of their planned boycotts in support of [?increased pay] CM [non graduate] teachers. Only a few of our students were at school today.

5 Thursday

Ching Ming public holiday.

6 Friday

At the YMCA, moved to Room 408 temporarily while they painted my room [409]. Last day for Form 5 at school before their School Certificate public exams.

10 Tuesday

Had out final test in German.

13 Friday

“Black Friday”. Had our second boycott of classes. Fewer students at school than before. Took photos of students reading library books donated by the Asia Foundation. Final 'lessons' in German.

15 Sunday

First sunshine for almost two weeks. Sunbathed [on the roof] for two hours.

16 Monday

Queen's birthday holiday.

20 Friday

Went to an informal party at Comber's in the evening. Rained very hard early on; had to wait 40 minutes to get a taxi [there or back].

22 Sunday

Very heavy rain at noon. People were struck by lightning with one being killed.

25 Wednesday

Had a HKSTA workshop (on electric circuits) in the morning. Dinner in a Chinese restaurant in Star Mansions then a meeting at Rosalind's place [committee member]. YF and I went to hear a piano/violin recital by two German performers.

26 Thursday

Nice warm day. Went on a picnic with Form 3D to Chinese University – rowing (in Tolo Harbour), then across to the other side where we walked up the valley and across to Sai Kung. While having lunch by a stream, a lot of police cadets “fighting” the army stopped us. Arrived 15 minutes late for the new term German lessons.

MAY

8 Tuesday

Picked up a German language study form then off to HKU to get the trial [A Level] exam papers for marking.

9 Wednesday

To the Chemistry Department at HKU again to collect kitsets and booklets for the “Clean water” projects. Arrived back at school to take the last period.

11 Friday

Met Joanne Leung [?which publisher] for lunch at City Hall. She wanted to see me about writing an Integrated Science course!

11 Monday

Announced that Chief Superintendent Peter Godber was to be arrested for corruption but the “bird had flown” [to Spain, which does not have an extradition agreement with HK].

JUNE

JULY

[Summer holiday trip to Scandinavia July/August]

12 July

Our BOAC charter flight left HK at 1930 hours and flew to Bangkok. A lady taking her son to England for schooling were sitting next to me. Next stop was Dubai. Later, in the early morning, we were diverted to Rome as the plane was running short on fuel. Then over Mt Blanc to London, arriving at 8 am, just three hours late. Customs made me open my bags. Then by bus (10p) to Hounslow West and underground train (30p) to the city. Enquired at Thomas Cook's and Norway House about travel before continuing to Jordan and Liza's, arriving about noon. Watched the British Open golf on TV during the afternoon, then after dinner went to bed at 8 pm, the first time for 45 hours.

14 Saturday

Good sleep though had to have a little medicine. After breakfast, took a train to Piccadilly then walked to NZ House to meet Ron, Erica and their two girls. After booking a ticket to Bergen – expensive (London → Newcastle £6.50, then to Bergen by air £24!). Walked and talked then had lunch in a little 'health food' restaurant. Went by car back to Jordan's then drove up to the [homoeopathy] clinic at which Ron is working as a gardener for six weeks. Slept in their tent.

15 Sunday

Overcast day and rained hard in the afternoon. In the morning, we went for a drive through several of the local villages. Came back and had a swim in the 80-yard pool. Cold, but not too bad. Talked in the afternoon then took a train from Wolverton to London (£1.20).

16 Monday

After breakfast, Jordan and I went for a walk around Westminster after taking the ticket voucher [?for return flight to HK] along to Eupoir in Soho. We visited Cleopatra's needle, HMS Discovery, Parliament buildings, 'No 10', St James' park where we listened to band music [from a rotunda], Buckingham Palace, Green Park, Pall Mall, British Columbia House [Jordan is from Vancouver], Piccadilly then back.

17 Tuesday

Took a bus (# 259) to Holborn station (8p) then walked by Smithfield's, St Bart's. Looked through the National Postage Museum then St Paul's cathedral. To the great fire of London monument for a view (5p, 365 steps) then to HMS Belfast (40p) – spent nearly two hours looking around it. Via the Tower to Blackfriar's Bridge [station] and # 168 bus (8p) back. The landlady had been getting stroppy about my presence here.

18 Wednesday

Rang Tutor Tape Company then went to the British Museum; there were protesters outside against Portuguese alliance [?]. Bought the language tapes. Walked down Oxford St looking for Santa Claus beards. Back to King's Cross to check tickets. After dinner, went to Ian and Jill Laing's place.

19 Thursday

After getting up, said goodbye to Liza. Took the 1 pm train (£6.50) from King's Cross to Newcastle, taking just over five hours. Sat next to a Canadian chap. Spoke German to a girl from Germany. Had a good lunch on the train for £1.35 – soup, lamb, two vegetables, two potatoes. At Newcastle, took a bus (20p) to the airport, wrote a note to YF then took a chartered DC-6 flight to Bergen. Sat next to a young English girl. Free bus to town and a [single inner] cabin on board the “Venus”, the ship we should have been on! instead of the flight [but it was in dock for repairs]. Got to bed around 12.30 am. [NB: We only got to stay on the ship after strong complaints at the airport that we should be allowed to stay overnight on it.]

20 Friday

Had a good sleep; very dark in the cabin. Had a good shower and shampoo. Didn't bother about breakfast as it cost Nkr 16! Walked into town, bought and drank two litres of milk! Really had to visit the loo later! Checked travel details then bought 'lunch' of three tomatoes Kr2, four rolls Kr1.55 and milk. Walked around the town and to the hall of an old king, St Mary's church and then up in the cable car (Kr 4 return) to the hostel – Kr10 per night, dinner Kr11. Went for a walk after dinner; quite cold. Bed very warm.

21 Saturday

Had a Kr8 breakfast – meat, bread, cheese, tea and milk. Walked down the path to town then around, visiting the market and a park where I had my 'lunch'. Quite cool. Drizzled for a while. Returned to the hostel, again by cable car. In the evening, a Canadian chap and I walked along the roads behind the hostel. Quit cold.

22 Sunday

Up by 7.30 am. No breakfast. Walked down to the bus station and caught the 8.45 am to Granvin. Passed several fiords to Norheimsund then along the Hardangerfiord to Gravin. Lovely weather. Spent about one hour sunbathing by a stream. Then by bus to Voss past a waterfall and up a hill which the bus zig-zagged. Walked to the hostel (3.5 km) mostly in the pouring rain! (Fares: Bergen to Granvin Kr37 → Voss Kr50.) Had a good dinner; some of the best hostel dinners I've ever had – three courses!

23 Monday

A good breakfast – included porridge and puffed wheat. Walked down the hill to town. Glorious weather. Looked in at St Michaels' church then St Olav's cross. Bought a ticket to Flam (Kr18.50) then started my trek up and around the hills lasting three to four hours. Up past the Finnisloftet the old 13th Century wooden building, and up the hill. Took a wrong turn somewhere in the woods and went further than planned. Eventually got to the top in the pouring rain. Back to the aerial cableway station, down the incredibly steep hill and back. Another good three-course dinner.

24 Tuesday

After saying goodbye to Oswald and paying the Kr60 for two nights, took a Kr1.50 bus to town and caught the train to Flam. Spectacular descent from Myrdal to Flam with waterfalls, etc. Waited for the boat but eventually got the wrong one! Anyway, along the Sognefiord, changed ferries in the middle of the Kaupanger then by bus to Sogndal (Prices: ferry Kr16, bus Kr3.50). Had dinner at a café. Had the 'gripes' while on the ferry. Had a good chat in German later with a room-mate.

25 Wednesday

After breakfast, walked up the hill behind Sogndal and sunbathed – temperatures around 29^oC. Wrote a letter to YF. Caught a bus (Kr14.50) to Skjolden. Spectacular waterfalls and rapids; small villages then along the Sognefiord to its head. Not many at the hostel. Room overlooked the fiord. Dinner for Kr11 was only one plate full! A cute blonde girl in the shop.

26 Thursday

Bus to Otta (Kr43) at 9 am. Over the highest road in Norway, past the highest mountains and down the Ottadel valley to Otta. A short trip (Kr3) to Sjoa, a very small place set in a forest region. (Before Otta, I called in at Lom and looked at the old stave church.) Very few at the Sjoa hostel.

27 Friday

Up earlier at 7.30 am! Had breakfast then walked to the station. Cool but later the day was gloriously fine and hot. Train to Lillehammer (Kr27). Enquired about an excursion [train] ticket but they said it wasn't worth it. Went to look at their model village but didn't go in. Back to town for 'lunch' then met two Dutch girls from Voss. Decided against the paddle-wheel steamer to Gjovik and went to Hamer by train (Kr15.50); a sick girl and a whining dog in the carriage. To the hostel – more like a hotel! Looked at the “troll room”. Walked to town and along the lake to Cathedral Point to see the remains of a medieval cathedral. Back to the Youth Hostel for dinner in a place looking rather posh – table lamps, flowers, paper napkins and even waiters! Then had a shower.

28 Saturday

Another very hot day. After breakfast, went to the station to discover (along with a Japanese chap) that the train we wanted to take only went on Sundays. A three-hour wait was spent on the lake-shore and in the market. The train to Oslo (Kr33) passed Eidsvoll but I didn't get off. On arrival, took a tram to the hostel. Had to wait more than an hour before checking in.

29 Sunday

Compulsory breakfast; not as good as at the other hostels. Took the No 1 tram (Kr1.50) to town and walked to the town hall and wharves. Then up to the Royal Palace where the guard was being changed. Next to the American Lutheran church where I worshipped. At noon, I walked around to Bygody and saw firstly the Viking ships (Kr2). Then to the Kon Tiki (Kr2) museum (after getting lost first) and the 'Flam' *Kr1.50). The day was hot at this stage. After a rest, retraced my steps and visited the Vigeland sculptures in Frogner Park. Back to catch the No 30 bus (Kr2.50) to return to the hostel for dinner.

30 Monday

Walked to the botanical gardens; tried to make friends with a squirrel. Then to ruins - nothing much – and Akershus castle. Looked through the town hall and at its impressive murals. Walked to the design centre. Because it is now Kr2 and not free, I didn't go in. Back to the cathedral (closed!), railway station, then back to the hostel. Again, a very hot day.

After dinner, worked on the Sweden part of the trip but didn't get far on it. Talked with a partially blind Englishman in our room.

31 Tuesday

After breakfast and a chat with the blind man and a Dane, I went to the station and bought a ticket to Kongsvinger (Kr27). Mucked around, bought some chips then caught the 12.35 pm slow train. At Kongsvinger, the station said there was no hostel but after attempting to make alternative arrangements, found from the tourist office that this was not so. Walked up to the old 18th Century castle then the 1 km or so along to the hostel. No dinner provided so back to get some. Single rooms at this hostel. Had dinner at a restaurant down the road (Kr17.25).

AUGUST

1 Wednesday

Up early. After breakfast (including an egg), walked to the station, got a replacement ticket all the way to Karlstad (total Nkr 42.30). On the train, had to pay another Kr5 for 'reserved seat'. Once over the border, the first thing I see are two sex shops – one mobile just inside Sweden. On arrival, met [a local called] Michael Jonsson who invited me to stay at his place. Looked around the town – very warm – then met Michael and [his girlfriend] Anna at the station and went in his sports car to his flat. In the evening, briefly visited a local 'pub'. Went to bed at 1 am!

2 Thursday

Got up late. Had a brunch of ham, eggs, etc. Didn't do much except relaxing during the day. Went for a swim in the local lake – warm sand, water OK provided you kept exercising. Came back, played with the little boy from next door, listened to records and sunbathed. In the evening, went for a joy-ride around town, then to Anna's and to a yacht club. Had a good sleep; didn't take the usual ¼ antihistamine.

3 Friday

Had 'breakfast' – tea, bread cheese – at about 10 am then Michael took me to the Stockholm highway, where I waited for about 12 minutes before getting a ride to Kristinehamn. The first ride was with a policeman! Walked out of Kristinehamn and waited nearly ½ hour for the next. Two Swedish chaps. Next was with two Yugoslavs to the Mariestad turnoff, then two chaps from Göteborg into town. Had lunch – milk, tomato sandwiches – then walked to the youth hostel. An old 'dear' who only spoke Swedish. Walked around again, then had a plate of chicken, salad, potatoes for SKr8. Bought food for breakfast then returned to the hostel. Spilk milk over the sheets!

4 Saturday

Made my own breakfast from milk, tomatoes, crackers and pineapple. Walked from Mariestad all the way to the E3 turn-off. The first ride I got took me about eight miles. After a long wait, a chap who spoke English took me to Skara. Looked at the twin-spire cathedral (the “trousers”) and the open-air museum-cum village. Then an electrical storm came so I sheltered inside the cathedral. After this, I walked through the town to the Falkoping turn-off. A Swedish boy stayed with me for a while but on separating, I got a ride right to the youth hostel. Walked around the town. Bought some chips, which seemed empty. In a store, I saw some real Kiwi fruit (S Kr 1.17 ~ NZ 25 c each). Came back, checked in and later went back to town for dinner. The girl in the restaurant didn't speak English with the result that I was waiting for more than 30 minutes for what turned out to be self-service. Came back, watched TV (“Man at the top”) for a while.

5 Sunday

Cold day. Got a ride to Varensborg at my first attempt and so arrived there at 10 am! Started to rain and it persisted for the rest of the day. Walked round the lakeside, through the park and around the town a bit then caught a boat (Kr8) to Trollhatten. Passed through one lock. Rained hard during part of this trip. On arrival, eventually found the hostel. Walked around town then came back for sausages and chips!

6 Monday

Got up earlier, had breakfast then set out in the pouring rain. Walked along a canal, past the church, along the copper cliffs to the power station then along the river to the locks. Looked at these for about an hour then the [?] two West Berlin boys took me to Göteborg. Went to Turistinform first. Had lunch and walked first, then by tram to King's place. Not in! Booked the youth hostel by phone then back. Returned to the hostel about 10.30 pm [?], again the the pouring rain.

7 Tuesday

A not-so-good sleep. Took a free tram into town, bought a ferry ticket to Denmark (S Kr 20) then a 24-hour local travel ticket (Kr 6). Took a tram to the northern (?) side then a bus to a lookout. Back to town (saw a rabbit) – rained hard – and across to Slottsgarden with animals, etc. Bus to Liseberg area – old church, then tram to town and along to the ferry to Alsborg. A short guided tour around a fortress. Walked around outside. Returned at 5.30 pm. Tram to Murray and Lynn's but on transfer to the bus, went in the wrong direction. Had a Swedish style meal. Bus and tram back to the hostel. (Found Murray came from Gisborne and went to the same school and lived just along the road from us.)

8 Wednesday

Took a tram towards town. Had breakfast near the Ullevi Stadium. Another to the boat terminus. Wrote a letter to YF. A three-hour trip across; took nearly one hour to clear the Swedish coastline. Had a S Kr 11.50 smorgasbord lunch [on the ferry], which was really filling. Got to Frederickshaven at 3 pm. Walked to the hostel and checked in. Tired and full of food. In the evening, tried to plan my trip thru Denmark.

9 Thursday

Bought 1 litre of milk (D Kr 2) and had breakfast in a park. Walked through the town then eventually got a ride to Alborg, arriving just before 11 am. Went to the tourist office then past their cathedral. Caught a No 1 bus (Kr 1.25) to see the Viking graves at Lindholm Hoje; quite interesting. Bus back then hitched towards Hobro. Stopped at Rebild National Park to see the Viking "Bull stone"; 50 000 bulls(?) in AD 700 were driven through France to Switzerland. Arrived in Hobro before 4 pm. Had a Kr 11 dinner in town – not bad!

10 Friday

Got up earlier and picked up a ride at 8 am to the Randers turn-off. Terrible shop [for hitch hiking] but got another ride soon after to the centre of Aarhus. Walked down to the wharves, to the church and then to the old town; spent about an hour there. Walked along the road to Silkeborg then got a lift, arriving at 12.45 pm! Had some lunch, left my bags at the hostel, then walked round with a Dutch girl. Saw, of course, the Tollund man (Kr 2), some of the town, then back to the hostel and checked in.

11 Saturday

Good sleep. Up early to catch the 8 am bus to Vejle (Kr 11); took 1 h 40 mins. At Vejle, walked up to the town hall, had breakfast, then climbed a hill to their famous windmill and lookout. Then down to the A18 and after a short wait (20 mins!), got a lift all the way to Odense with some chap interested in motor-cross or something. At Odense, went to the railway station but they were of no help regarding excursion tickets. Visited Hans Christian Andersen's birthplace and museum then where he lived from ages 2 to 12. Walked to the hostel; big and looks like a barn/palace. After dinner, had an hour and a half rest then watched TV for a while, including a programme on Walt Disney.

12 Sunday

Only had a few biscuits for breakfast. Set off at 8 am, the main road being just behind the hostel. Didn't get a ride until just after 9 am. Then to a passenger/vehicular ferry which took 45 minutes and cost Kr 10. On disembarking, missed all the cars!. Got a ride from one car off

the next ferry. in Roskilde by 12.30 pm. Had 'brunch' then walked the 3.5 km to the hostel. Sunbathed. After dinner, went for a walk around the farm areas.

13 Monday

Took an early train to Copenhagen (Kr 6.40). Found out details of the hostel and tickets to London. Walked around town to points of interest – carrying my luggage – such as the little mermaid, the changing of the guard, etc. Walked to the No 132 bus stop and took a bus to the hostel, which is miles out of town! Had quite a good dinner in its cafeteria – fish fillets with chips, beetroot for Kr 7.50. Soup machine worked but didn't accept money! [?did I get free soup]

14 Tuesday

Walked to Avedore station and bought a return ticket to Copenhagen (Kr 4.80); there was a ticket inspector checking this train! Got off at Osterport, walked to the little mermaid then back to Kongens Nytorv square and down Nyhavn. Watched the hydrofoils then walked to the parliament area situated on an island made up of canal. Then along to the shortest street in Copenhagen, a pause at Admiral Gjeddes Gard then ran into an open-air theatre about to begin. A group of performers with their band came down the street then gave a humorous ½ hour show (stunts included 'stone in the well', 'rubber hose', 'leaning at an angle', 'two pretending to be one', 'horse', 'gun with a billet coming out', crackers in pants'). Next to the rectangular lakes then back to the information office. Then to Tivoli Gardens (Kr 2.50) for 1 ½ hours. Train back to the hostel. Machine giving soup was working [properly] again.

15 Wednesday

Up a little earlier. Missed the train to town by five seconds! On arriving in Copenhagen, bought some breakfast then sat by the 'lakeside' and ate it. Walked round the lake then across to the other side of the harbour, through another park-lake (boy with a BB gun) to Our Saviour's church. On the way back to town, crossed a bridge as it was being raised. Lunch in the same place as yesterday then along the canal to the station. Caught the 1.30 pm train for the 1 ½ hour trip to Nykøbing. It has been a hot day with a perfectly clear sky.

16 Thursday

Up again at 7 am after a night on a straw mattress. Slightly foggy outside. To the station where I caught the 8.24 am train to Rodby then a ferry for the one-hour trip to Puttgarden [in Germany], then on to Hamburg, arriving at noon. Then what a hassle to get tourist information! Eventually did, after being rude to the information bloke at the station. Caught a U-train (U#) (DM 0.70) and checked in at the hostel. After a little 'lunch', walked round the

city looking unsuccessfully for three areogrammes. Then back to the hostel for 'dinner' (DM 2.75) of soup, cheese, meat and bread.

17 Friday

Very warm during the night; slept on top of the sheets. Breakfast consisted of rolls, jam, cheese and tea. Walked around the green belt of town to the tower (896 ft ?) then around to the lakes. Into town where I saw a political talk being given and a chap with a one-man band giving a concert in the street. Had lunch in a department store cafeteria – fish, potato salad (DM 2.95) and soup (DM 0.90). Bought aerogrammes (DM10!) then along the dock area and back for a shower. Hot today, with one thermometer reading 33⁰C!

18 Saturday

After breakfast, took a train (DM 0.70) to a station then by train to Rotenberg. Had a look round, then another train to Bremen. Warmer now. Had a chat [?in German] with the bloke at the Turistinformation then walked to the hostel. Checked in at 3 pm then had a walk round the town hall area. After dinner at the hostel (DM 3.20), talked most of the night.

19 Sunday

Had to get up at 7.30 am. After making the bed and packing up, had 'breakfast'. Walked to the station with the two Australian girls then around the 'lake' by the Park Hotel. Later, back to Market square, heard trumpeters from up in the cathedral, then to part of a church service in ST John's church. To Botterstrasse for the chimes with revolving murals at noon. Back to the Schnoor district for a look around then a slow walk along the river back to the hostel for re-checking in. Much cooler today and overcast.

20 Monday

Caught the 8.13 am train. At Osnabruck, our carriages separated for the journey to Holland. Got to Amersfort at about noon then caught a train to Amsterdam. Got a ticket supplement for only Fl 4.60. On arrival, got information then walked to the main hostel. Full, so to the Annex. Tired. Had dinner (Fl 4.50) – not so good – then a shower.

21 Tuesday

Difficult to sleep. After breakfast, set off for the day. Forst visit was to Anne Frank's house. Then to the palace, etc. in Dam square, along streets reserved for pedestrians back to the square then down to the railway station. Bought some milk (the chap wouldn't take my out-of-circulation Fl 1 for the Fl 0.95 milk then sat on a pipe and had lunch using the second of my two 'instant breakfasts'. Walked round to the red-light district then back to the main street. Next a visit to a diamond cutting and polishing exhibition followed by a look at the 'skinny

bridge' and back to the hostel for another Fl 4.50 dinner – chicken, prunes, apricots, potatoes, apple and bread! Cooler day; overcast initially but clear in the afternoon.

22 Wednesday

A beautiful day; warm in the sun but cool out of it – just right. Walked to town and caught the 9 am train for the 45 minute ride to the Hague. Walked around this pleasant town, up and through a semi-open market place to the Binnenhop – government buildings and the Knights' Hall (Fl 1.50). Very interesting. From there to the Madurodam, the liliput city; exciting. Had an Fl 8.50 tourist lunch there – salad, beef, potatoes, peas, carrots and ice-cream. Back to the Peace Palace for a (Fl 1.25) tour lasting nearly 1 ½ hours. Found that the hostel was full so took a train to Rotterdam – just 15 minutes. Walked to the hostel and checkin in.

23 Thursday

Last full day on the continent. Another terrific day. Walked to the station first to enquire about the boat tomorrow then down the main street and back along the shopping areas. Over the bridge, around the island in the middle of the Maas River then back and around towards the Euromast. Sunbathed for almost an hour first then went up (Fl 3.50). The lift ascended at 4 m/s. Only went to the 92 m platform. After this, walked round part of the older town then back to the hostel. Had a very good dinner – chop, potatoes, vegetables, salad, rice and macaroni and apple sauce, which I ate as s desert, and an orange. Did the dishes afterwards.



24 Friday

Missed the first train by a few seconds. Got the next 30 minutes later. The boat left at 11.30 am. A boring trip! Sat inside most of the day. Docked [at Lowestoft?] at 6 pm then took the train to London and so to Jordan's then to Keith's.

Cost of travel

Budgeted for US\$10 a day (July 10 – August 29; 51 days)

Date	Total cashed	Remaining	So spent a total of	Cumulative budget
July: 10 - 19	96	6	90	100
20	106	12	94	110
21		16	100	120
22			104	130

23			112	140
24	136		125	150
25			131	160
26	146		138	170
27	162		148	180
28	194		151	190
29	194	30	164	200
30		28	166	210
31		15	179	220
Aug: 1	210	14	196	230
2		6	204	240
3	226	16	210	250
4	242	28	214	260
5		17	225	270
6				280
7		12	230	290
8	258	26	232	300
9		25	233	310
10				320
11		14	244	330
12	290	40	250	340
13		32	258	350
14		28	262	360
15		14	276	370
16	306	24	282	380
17		20	286	390
18		9	297	400
19	316	15	301	410
20	348	37	311	420

21		8	340	430
22	380	33	347	440
23		26	354	450
24		22	358	460
25		17	363	470
26		11	369	480
27		5	375	490
28	390	7.5	382.5	500
29		-	390	510

Total spending (incl. books): $390/55 = \text{US\$ } 7.65$ per day

Spending (w/o books) = $370/55 = \text{US\$ } 7.26$ per day