

SECOND SECTOR – NORFOLK

Day 4 On the road

Time to leave London. The next phase begins with an uneventful journey via train to Heathrow and pick up of the car. The first leg is to Narborough, just near King's Lynn.

We managed to stay off the major highways so we could see the countryside. Most beautiful was Newmarket which is obviously the horse town. Either side of this manicured town is a racing facility the size of the Flemington race track.

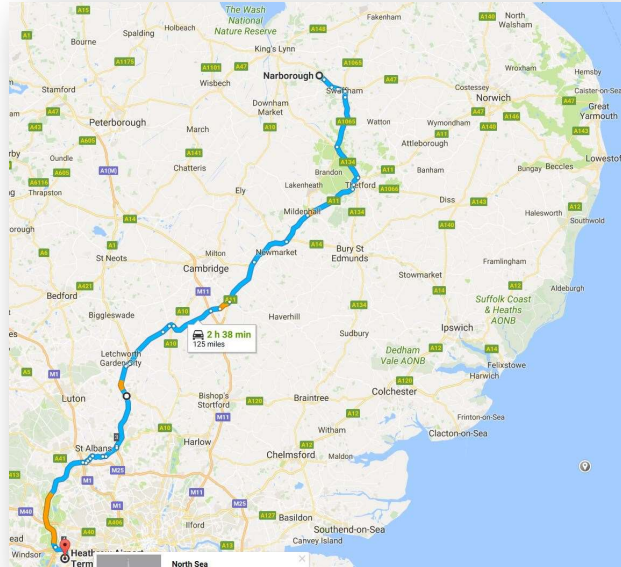


Photo 7: Highway goes through Newmarket training area

When we arrived at our first B&B we were not disappointed. The owners had put a lot into the garden and the sunny afternoon was great to show it off.



A couple of acres of manicured lawn and massive pond with fish. We finally had to drag ourselves away to go out to the local pub for tea.

Day 5 Rain does not stop the intrepid traveler

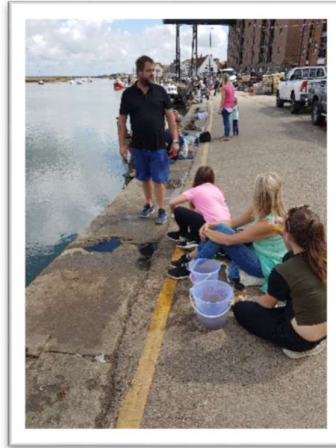
We decided to change our plans due to inclement weather at the start of day. The rather impromptu day turned out sensational as we managed to visit the royal property at Sandringham, the seaside town of Wells-near-the-sea, Binham Priory and the quaint town of Holt.

First stop was when we suddenly found ourselves at the Gates of Sandringham House. It was before opening time but we managed to get a good look at the extensive property.



Photo 8: Gate to Sandringham holiday house





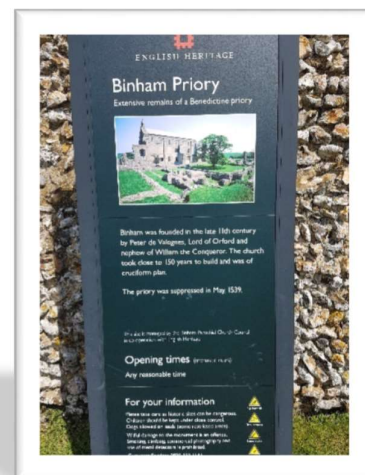
The next destination was Wells-next-the-sea. As it turns out, a favourite seaside hobby for the Brits is to catch crabs.

The cute town is actually on a canal that is about a mile from the sea. Clearly they have no beaches as this is the closest it comes to a seaside town. They must be astounded at places like Bondi beach.

One of the highlights of the day came on the next stop as we got to Binham Priory. Building commenced in 1090 and continued for nearly 200 years. With most of the site now in ruins and wonderfully preserved it was even more surprising that it was operating as a church today within the confines of some massive restoration.



In addition to the rewarding walk around and plenty of great photo opportunities we were also able to talk to one of the locals who had been born here and still made his living out of the local region that had become the most significant in Britain for the Saxon history. He and his wife made their living from prospecting and finding Saxon relics in the fields around Binham. This day he was volunteering his services to wiper-snip the grass around all of the tombstones in preparation for a big concert coming up on the weekend to be held in the perfect acoustics of the restored priory.



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We ended the day with a visit to the market town of Holt. This town showed off the lovely building style of this region that uses flint (the rocks handcrafted for walls) with the terracotta roof. Even the Priory had been built similarly over 1000 years ago.

