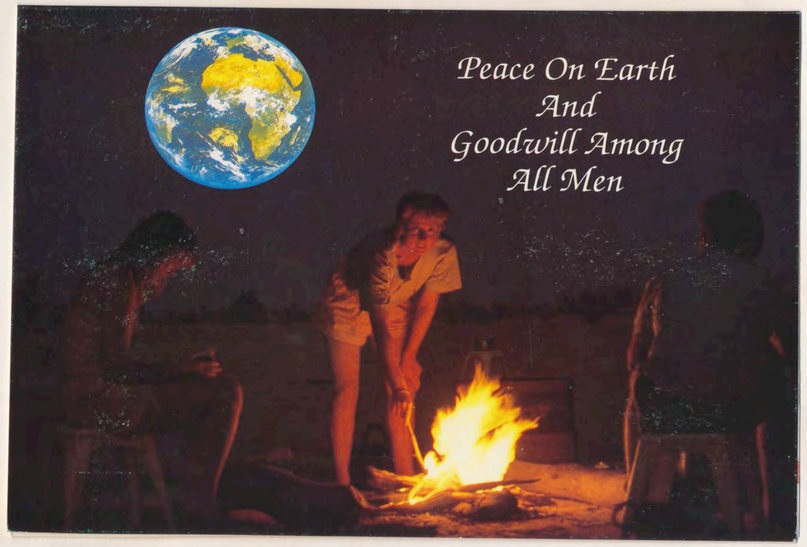
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Sundowners Sydney – Christmas 1989



Carmen Simperler, Steve Mortimer, Jeanette Neave
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Victoria Hayward, Sally Baxter, Fiona Hussey, Claire Mortimer, Melissa Colston, & George Proudfoot.



Melissa, resident saxophonist.



R. L. Jones.

Caribbean Christmas

E.O. London, 1989



Moira Welikanna, Robert Dewar & Fiona Hussey.



Jennifer Lumsden-Gordon & Victoria Hayward.



Trainee 'Pirates' - Sarah Ewing & Veronica Foote.



'Caribbean Cool'
-you can't hide behind those dark glasses, Warren Burton...



Sally Baxter & Claire Mortimer



Pirates- Veronica Foote, Ray Drda, Mark Hopkins, Jommy Mather, Adam Dixon.



The 1st Polaroid Shot!
-Cut backings should get better

Moira Welikanna



Ian Way





Simon Maddison, John Clark, Tony Jones



Simon Maddison, Patricia Burt, John Clark



Meg Howard, Tony Jones, Trish Burt, John Clark



Simon Maddison, Tony Jones, Meg Howard, John Clark.



Simon Maddison, John Clark, Tony Jones

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20 January 1990.
Driver : Michael Brown

Sharon, Aggie, Sally, Mark Hopkins, Andy, Rob, Graeme.







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Jennifer Lumsden-Gordon & Michael Brown.



Sharon, Eddie & Sally

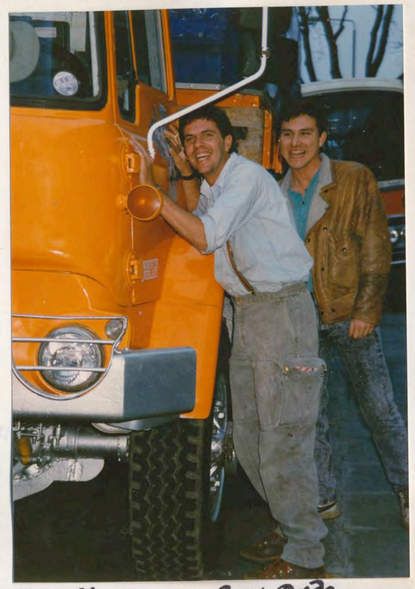


Jan Stevenson, Melissa.





WBH 645S



Jan Stevenson, Ray Drda



Jan Stevenson



Bernard Godworth, John Clark



Ray Drda, Michael Edwards



Michael 'Rock Steady' Edwards.



Jan Stevenson

Peter Melick makes the front page in South America.

Turismo de aventura

¡Qué deporte tan particular!



Los 19 integrantes del contingente de deportistas. Atrás, el camión que los traslada.

Existen muchas y diferentes formas de manifestar los deseos de aventura, sobre todo cuando uno se siente joven, y cuando está relacionado con algún deporte, ese deseo tiene otro sabor, unos eligen, por ejemplo, una carrera en un vehículo por una selva, una montaña, o cualquier otro tipo de terreno. Hay otros que eligen el montañismo y todo lo apacionante que rodea a esta disciplina. Otros eligen una regata de varios días en ese pequeño e incómodo navío. Y otros optan, por recorrer el mundo subidos arriba de un camión. Así como suena, un grupo de 19 personas, de diferentes nacionalidades y cuyas edades varían entre 20 y 44 años fueron nuestros visitantes por algunas horas en el día de ayer.

Mientras la mayoría, buscaba un lugar donde poder comer, dos de los integrantes del contingente, se quedaron en el camión esperando a los demás. Se trataba de Federico Freiermuth de 24 años y Marcos Queissmann de 21 años. Ambos de nacionalidad Suiza, nos contaban de lo emocionante de este viaje que en el continente americano empezó en la Ciudad de Quito, capital de Ecuador.

Este contingente, está compuesta por: un inglés, cuyo nombre es Roger y es el integrante de mayor edad del grupo con 44 años, dos neozelandeses, dos canadienses, una alemana, un irlandés, un holandés, un sudafricano, dos australianos y siete suizos. Las profesiones de estos individuos, es muy variada. Se puede enontrar desde una enfermera, hasta un electricista, pasando por dibujantes, ingenieros, etc.

Los más jóvenes son una alemana y un suizo, que tienen 20 años, y algo que destacaban en sus hábitos, el uso de aros, las vinchas por parte de las damas y el uso de indumentarias de distintos colores. se notaba, estéticamente, la coloración de sus cabellos rubios, la mayoría tiene ojos de colores claros y la piel blanca, aparte de que ninguno, a excepción de Federico Freiermuht domina el idioma castellano.

La organización que los nucleó es, Encounter Overland, de origen británico, que significa Encuentro Internacional, y que según nos informaban, se trata de una organización, y muy grande, que está llevando a cabo constantemente este tipo de viajes por todo el mundo, y en esta oportunidad el objetivo es recorrer el continente Sudamericano en trece semanas.

Los visitantes, venían procedentes de Chile, donde estuvieron nada más que tres días y según nos decían, no pudieron ver demasiado.

ANDAR Y ANDAR...

Antes de Chile pasaron por Bolivia, Perú y Ecuador, cuya capital fue el punto de partida, para detenerse en cada ciudad que encontraron al pasar por los país antes mencionados, como ser Lima, Sucre, La Paz y otras.

Luego de nuestra ciudad, se dirigen a San Miguel de Tucumán y luego la Provincia de Misiones, para recién de allí intentar trepar el continente por tierra carioca hasta su próximo objetivo la ciudad de Río de Janeiro, el viaje terminará para la gran mayoría, para los que pagaron 3.400 dólares por un trayecto que iniciaron el 4 de noviembre y terminará el 2 de febrero. Sólo 5 pagaron el viaje completo que incluye el regreso hasta la ciudad de Quito cuyo día de llegada está previsto para el 13 de abril, y al empezar el regreso lo único que cambiará, será que lo harán por el otro lado del Río Amazonas, de allí en más, la ruta a emplearse será la misma que la de ida, recorriendo las mismas ciudades.

El único que no llegó a la Argentina es Roth Matthias, que es un electricista de 22 años de origen suizo que se cansó en la ciudad de La Paz, Bolivia y decidió abandonar.

El camión que los transporta es muy edecuado para esta travesía, pero de todas maneras, vivir 13 semanas arriba de él ya no debe resultar tan cómodo, aunque la empresa paga todo, desde la comida, hasta un hotel para descansar.

El chofer del camión es un australiano llamado Peter Melick, que lo único que hace es manejar y con un máximo de ocho horas diarias.

Estos "deportistas", nos manifestaban que les había gustado mucho lo que habían visto de nuestro país, que se llevaban una buena impresión de los argentinos y que además estaban contentos por haber realizado este viaje, a la vez que evidenciaban en su rostro el cansancio que les produjo el viaje, que llevaba ya casi la mitad del recorrido para quienes iban nada más que hasta Río de Janeiro y la cuarta parte para los que pagaron el viaje de ida y vuelta.

La capacidad del hombre para lograr algo con la ayuda que los tiempos modernos nos proporcionan, es realmente infinita. Aquí, un ejemplo, nosotros fuimos testigos. Claro, usted dirá que no siempre se dispone de ese tiempo y de ese dinero, o mejor dicho, en nuestro país son muy pocos los que lo harían contando con todo eso. Pero es muy destacable la voluntad y el poder de decisión que la travesía necesita.

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The Daily Mail Travel Show



Melissa (?), Claire Mortimer & Jenny Lumsden-Gordon.



Fiona Hussey



Julict Lindsay, Victoria Hayward.



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DAILY MAIL HOLIDAY SHOW

Record crowds flock to our all-action travel bonanza

'HOLIDAYS interest people most, judging by the number of questions on my radio phone-ins,' says Gloria Hunniford, who opened the Daily Mail's great International Holiday Show in London yesterday.

The show got off to a record-breaking start at Earls Court, with extra turnstiles having to be opened to let in the long queues. And stand-holders reported a surge of interest in activity holidays.

John Dunscombe, president of the Association of British Travel Agents, said: 'The hunt is on for better quality — and there are lots of quality holidays here at the show.

Dreams

'We think there will be 1.5million or two million fewer bookings for overseas packages, but there will be an increase in the numbers looking for action breaks nearer home. This is the major opportunity for the UK market to sell itself to the public.'

Gloria Hunniford guessed that she was the ideal customer for the show: 'I like all sorts of holidays — and I take lots of short breaks during the year, rather than one big holiday. I seem to try everything, from cities of Europe or villages in the South of France to sunny days on the beach in Antigua. And I still have dreams, like going to Australia.'

The show's motto — Around The World In A Day — was being tested by one young visitor, beautician Adrianna Da Silva, of Barnet, North London, who said she was interested in 'going to Nepal, if I can save enough money, or trying a walking tour in the Alps.



Going east: Gloria Hunniford after opening the Daily Mail show

'It's nice to meet the experts, rather than just speaking to agents who don't know about these specialist holidays.'

The International Holiday Show runs is open today and tomorrow from 10 am. to 6 pm. Busy heart of the event is the Activity Centre, where crowds were learning about windsurfing and sailing, walking and cycling, fishing and golf.

The show promises to break all records this weekend. There are scores of prizes, including numerous holidays to be won in free draws.

Earl's Court Tube station is right outside the exhibition hall and buses 30, 31 and 74 pass the door (but parking is difficult, so please leave your car at home). Admission is only £3, and £1.50 for children under 16 and OAPs.

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Vicky, Melissa & Juliet



Juliet & Vicky



← Sally & Sharon



Vicky, Melissa & Juliet



HOLIDAY SHOW BOOM-TIME



Show-stopper Karen Corradi and rickshaw

Thailand is top of those faraway places

By Travel Correspondent

THAILAND is still the tops with British long-haul travellers, according to a new survey.

And Mexico raced from nowhere to tenth in popularity, with a 587 per cent increase in UK visitors last year. However, the U.S. is losing popularity, says the long-haul company, Kuoni.

Top destinations last year after Thailand were Egypt, Hongkong, U.S., Kenya, Singapore, Bali, Malaysia, Barbados and Mexico.

The survey result came as record-breaking crowds turned up yesterday for the Daily Mail's great International Holiday Show at Earl's Court, London — and the show managers forecast that more than 30,000 people would have attended the three-day show by closing time.

Exhibitors reported booming business not only for long-haul holidays but British short breaks. And ferry company salesman John Finch said: 'Mediterranean beach packages may be suffering, but taking the car to France is more popular than ever.'

Show manager Graham Pryce said: 'The show fills a long-felt need for an exhibition about adventurous leisuretime ideas.'



Philippa Podmore



That's a novel place to put your present, Chris Kindow.



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A Christmas Past —
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Fred Cherry



Elizabeth Jempler





Melissa and Warren



Fiona Hussey, René Stolp, Moira, Melissa & Paul Matthews.



Eddie coming out from under.



Eddie & René



Chris Hindow & Deepak Kumar

Moira & Warren →





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When Hollywood came to Hitchin



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Fred Cherry, Josephine Yip



Backroads of Asia

London - Kathmandu
10 March 1990

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Glenn Baker







Sally & Glenn

Glenn Baker & Aroha



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Vicky, Sally, John, Aroha



Sally, Vicky



Aroha, Ray

L-R → Back Row...
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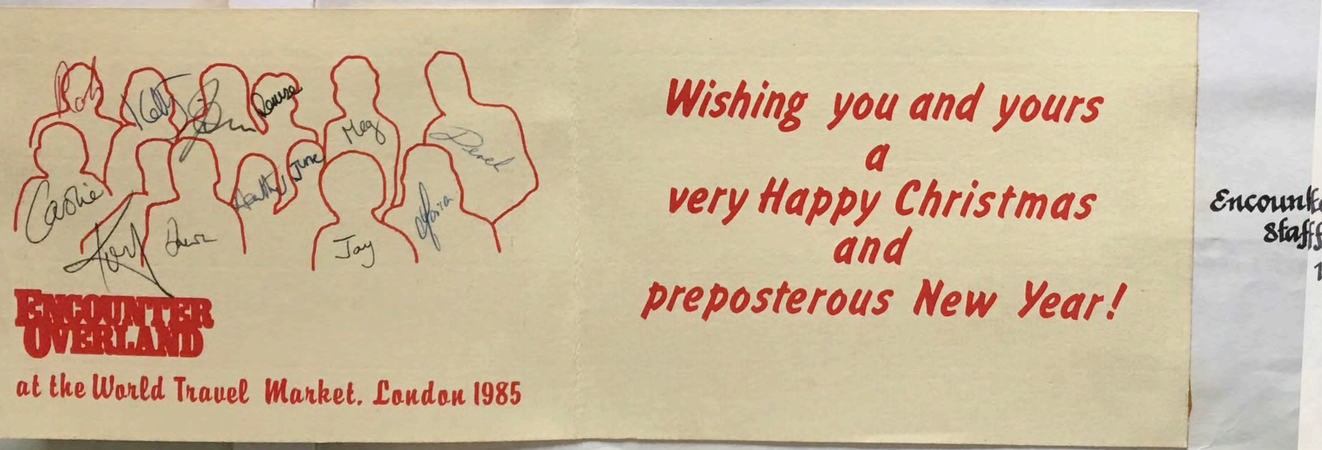
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Jules and Reg

Reg & Julie's Wedding

Sydney, 17 Feb. 1990





Reg Sysum & Julie McGuinness



Sandra Herbert & Jenny Brooke



Jeanette Neave + The Captain



Mr & Mrs Reg. Sysum



Sundowners Sydney office staff with A.L Jones



Reg.



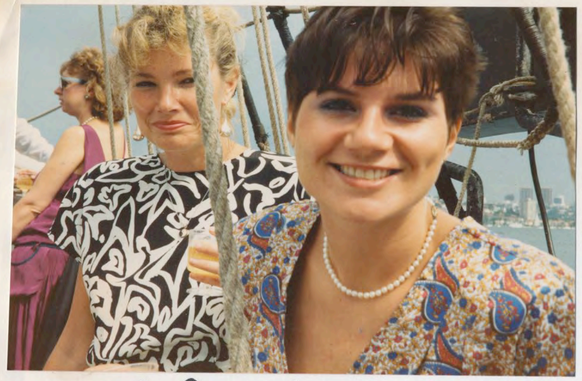
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Simon Buckley & Jeanette



Carmen Simperler, Simon Buckley





Sandy & Carmen



Julie



Jenny Brooke



Steve Mortimer & Simon



Jommy's re-spray
24-3-90



Classic
Overland
London-Kathmandu
31 March 1990

Driver:
Andrew Stratford





Great Safari
London -Dar Es Salaam
24 March 1990

Driver:
James Alexander



GHOULS night out ... Transglobal celebrated its 10th anniversary with a party at the London Dungeon and dress to match the occasion. Shavonne Hill was on hand to capture the action

Transglobal 10th Birthday 9/5/90



Jeff the werewolf helped set the scene ... but he could have done with a mask

Warren



Above, from left, Bruce, Warren, Brian, Rina and Jerry await their turn in the stocks



Right, getting to grips with the occasion were Barbara and Linda of Transglobal's Amsterdam branch with Frankenstein, otherwise known as Robert



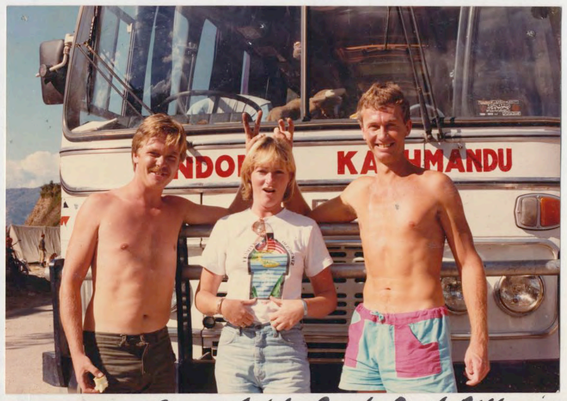
EO Brochure Launch, April 1986



Warren



Meg Howard, Irish Burt, A L Jones



Graham Burn, Irish Burt, Paul Bilborough



John & Rosemary Clark's Wedding. Norfolk. 9 July 1988

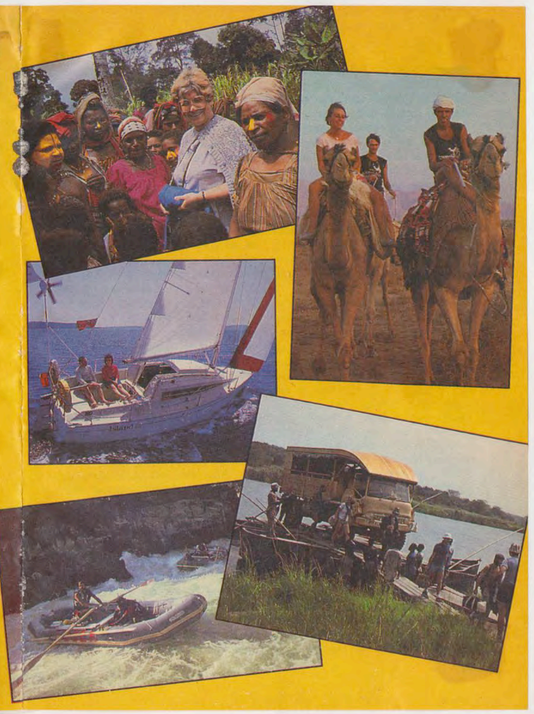


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Alison Muir-Bennett (BOOK LAUNCH) 1ST EDITION

Reader's Digest May, 1986



Package Trips to Adventure

BY HELEN GIBSON

These expeditions put the beach right in the shade

SHIRLEY MCBREEN, a 52-year-old accountant from Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, pushed through a rain forest in the remote mountains of central Papua New Guinea. Her destination: a "fortress" Huli village, protected by fence and ditch and entered by a single gate. The Huli tribesmen, known as the wigmen for their huge crescent-shaped head-dresses of human hair, believe in an eye-for-an-eye system of justice that can explode into tribal war.

The day before, Shirley and her seven fellow adventurers had felt a stab of alarm on encountering some of these ferocious looking men, with quills through their noses and bows and arrows in their hands, in a local market-place. This morning, though, Shirley's apprehension was swallowed up by excitement at the prospect of seeing these people from another age at one of their traditional "sing sings." At the climax of her three-week summer holiday, she would be witnessing what few others would ever be able to see in one of the most isolated spots on earth.

For Shirley and her companions, getting to this remote region last July had been an adventure in itself. From an airstrip on Mount Hagen in New Guinea's central highlands they had travelled for 12 hours by jeep down tracks so rudimentary that they often had to get out and push. When they

Shirley McBreen with Huli people; camel safari in the Sinai; safe landing in Zaire; white-water rafting on the Zambezi; flotilla sailing in Turkey

reached wooden bridges spanning deep ditches, the group went on foot while the driver sent the vehicle hurtling across the flimsy structures before they could collapse.

In the twilit rain forests along their route they had seen birds of paradise. Some were tiny and iridescent, with yard-long ribbon tails; others jewel-bright, like the King Bird with its crimson and emerald plumage, blue legs and luminous green mouth lining.

Sparse Living. The seven were led by 38-year-old Tony Pym, ornithologist and veteran of some 15 expeditions in Asia and Australasia. For the past two nights, home for the travellers had been two big grass huts in a mud clearing drenched by tropical rain. One hut offered wooden benches as beds. In the other, a fire burned in the centre for cooking and warmth. There were neither windows nor chimney, but this hazy, smoke-blackened living-room was bliss to the damp adventurers.

Now, as they entered the village, Shirley felt the tribesmen observing them intently. Some of the men smiled, but smiles in New Guinea need not signify friendship.

Then, to Shirley's relief, the men returned to preparing for the festivities. Covered in pig fat, wearing only bark belts and grass fringes, they pulled on belts dangling with pigs' tails and necklets strung with hornbill beaks. There was no doubt about it—the atmosphere was cordial.

Staying in the rain forest was the highlight of Shirley McBreen's 18-day trip to Papua New Guinea. "I didn't anticipate that conditions would be so primitive, but now I want to do the same sort of thing again. I felt so in touch with my surroundings. Above all, it was a tremendous challenge."

This feeling seems to run through the veins of almost everyone who embraces the fast-growing industry of adventure travel. Take 28-year-old games teacher Alison Leigh and her husband Graham. With Alison's mother and father they sailed a 33-foot yacht for 14 days in southern Turkey. They were on a "flotilla sailing" holiday with ten other crews, supervised by experienced yachtsmen.

"None of us had handled anything larger than a dinghy before," says Alison. "When the yacht was cracking along in the force six winds and heeling over, my mother grew alarmed, but at the end she was as eager as the rest of us for the next trip. After this sort of holiday you come back realizing you can cope with more than you ever dreamed."

Dramatic Start. You can never be quite sure what will happen on an adventure holiday. When Lindy and Lionel Moffat arrived in Srinagar, northern India, at the beginning of a three-week holiday walking in the spectacular mountains of Kashmir and cruising down its rivers, they found the town embroiled in riots and under 24-hour

curfew. To reach their boat the group had to talk their way past stony-faced soldiers bristling with guns.

"From that moment we knew we were really seeing India," says Lindy. "It turned out to be the best holiday we've ever had." Now she plans to see more of the country—by camel safari.

India was the destination of adventure travel's first expeditions in the 1960s when small groups, usually students, made their way overland. "It was a form of 'alternative' travel, regarded as slightly hippyish then," says Tony Lindsay Jones, a pioneer of adventure holidays.

In 1963 Lindsay Jones founded Encounter Overland, organizing trips to Kathmandu in a pair of Land Rovers. Then he took larger groups in specially equipped Bedford trucks, branching out into Asia, Africa and South America. By the early 1970s other companies were following suit, and today more than a dozen operators are tempting more and more travellers away from tour coaches and lazy resorts and spilling them into situations that challenge nerves, muscles and stamina.

Adventure-travel horizons are unlimited. You can choose from organized packages on foot through Tuscany; by bicycle round France; on horseback through Iceland; by camel through the Sinai; by train from Charing Cross to China, visiting 28 cities on the 7,000 mile route.

You can raft down a Zambian river; explore the Amazon in a rubber dinghy; glide by dug-out through Botswana's Okavango Delta; spend a week on a Nile felucca; or cruise through the Antarctic. The price range is equally wide: Shirley McBreen's Papua New Guinea expedition cost £3,400; for £365 all in you can camp for 14 days in Morocco, taking in Fez, Marrakesh, the Atlas Mountains and Casablanca.

Sticky Moment. Adventurers range from six-year-olds to pensioners who do very well on even the most demanding trips. In Nepal, 70-year-old Betty Lee, a retired grain merchant's wife from Bottesford, Nottinghamshire, had to scramble up a tree to escape a bull rhino. "It was just one novel experience among many—like bathing in tin baths by candlelight at the game reserve lodge," says Betty. "All part of the fun."

Exact figures on the growth of adventure travel do not exist, but a broad sample of operators, who depend heavily on word-of-mouth and repeat business, reflects an upward trend. Exodus Expeditions' turnover has grown from £200,000 in 1974 to £2 million in 1985.

Encounter Overland, now mounting 150 trips each year to 43 countries, has increased its turnover by 20 per cent in each of the last five years. Twickers World, of Twickenham, Middlesex, has gone from a handful of clients in 1972 to at least 1,000 hard-core adventurers who come back annually for rough

and ready trips on five continents.

Many adventure-travel clients never want to go back to the old city-to-city touring. Says 33-year-old Ray Heath, who spent three weeks in the wilds of Zaïre and Rwanda: "When you've done things like look a male gorilla in the eye from 15 feet, a conventional holiday lying in the sun doesn't appeal as it used to."

Reasons for taking travel adventures vary. People have more time to travel further—many executives now take five weeks' paid holiday. Some feel that the closeness with nature is a learning experience they can get nowhere else, while others report a spiritual lift from such a journey. "People want to stretch themselves," says Cathryn Barker of ExplorAsia.

If you want to try an adventure trip, it's best to consult a travel agent, who can give you initial guidance on the bewildering array of offerings. Much depends on your own personal tastes or talents and it's important to analyse them before plunging into a venture.

The most important factor to consider is health. Adventure travel is usually in areas remote from doctors or hospitals, or in high altitudes where even the hardy can suffer. But with knowledge of what to expect and check-ups by your doctor and dentist, you can avoid problems. Remember that you may need inoculations several weeks before you depart. Physical conditioning in advance is also important, not only for wind and muscles, but for breaking in equipment.

A little pre-training can take you to dizzy heights. When celebrated mountaineer Chris Bonington began what was to be his first successful attempt on Everest in February 1985, there alongside his team of hardened climbers were twelve brave adventure holiday-makers. They trekked sturdily through the Himalayan foothills and climbed with Bonington as far as base camp, 18,350 feet up.

But there is no need to scale Everest to enjoy travel that combines thrills with learning experiences. A journey to adventure creates memories which grow with the years.

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July 1986 - Tony & John with Mr & Mrs Ba

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Zaire Crane Driver loads WBH 645S into Zaire River completely missing the ferry...

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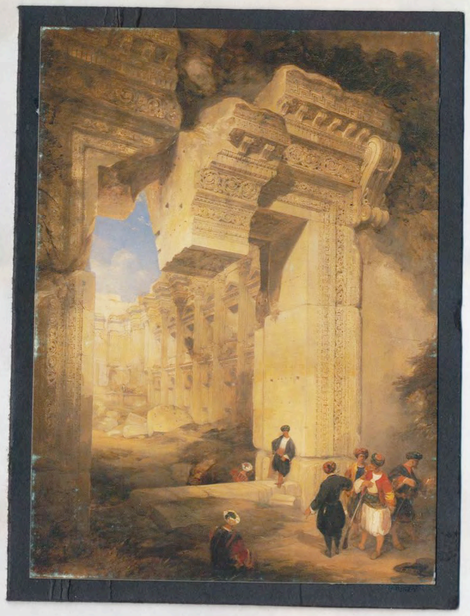
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SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE

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When I left London on a cold December day, wrapped in what meager clothing I brought for the tropical torpor ahead, it didn't take long to realize that the 20 people seated with me in the truck would be my connection to reality as well as the bane of my existence for the next four months. I also realized that if I truly wanted to see Africa, this was the easiest way to do it.

I was touring with Encounter Overland, a British adventure operation. With brochures in hand, we were briefed about the details of our trip at a wine- and-cheese gathering in the firm's London headquarters two days before the launch. We were headed across the Channel to Paris, then south through Spain and across the Straits of Gibraltar to Morocco. Our maps were marked in pencil lines of vague planning, especially where Michelin showed only camel tracks.



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An average day was spent like this – 10 hours in the truck.

Algeria would be next, then a drop to Niger and downward through Nigeria. Chad was doubtful because of the 83 miles of sand-matting involved to dig the truck out of the shifting dunes. We would go south to Cameroon, instead, then east to Central African Republic and the rain forests of Zaire. If Rwanda and Burundi weren't into massacres and coups on our arrival, we'd continue east there to Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and onto our terminating point in Nairobi. Sixteen weeks. $2,900.

Discovery

Armed with Andre Gide, Conrad, the "Africa on a Shoestring" bible and a stack of empty notebooks, I set out to discover Africa and myself. I shivered through Europe half asleep to the lull of the plane's mega-motor, unsuspecting that most of the trip would be just a warmer version of this.

On an overland expedition, days are spent riding from sunup to sundown; the rest of the time goes to eating, setting up tents and cots, cooking and performing designated duties. Getting across Africa in four months demands constant motion and a tight crew. What I thought would be simple transport for a journey of my own thoughts, experiences and observations quickly dissolved into a dance of eggshell treading and chores. The days turned into boot camp under the autnority of our driver/drill sergeant, Annie – a presence that not even the shimmering rain in the Ituri forests could divorce from my psyche.

Annie and I parted company early on when she threatened to leave me in the middle of the Sahara. I had two choices at the time: leave the tour and set up with the Tuaregs or shut down that part of my brain that had her in it. I opted for the latter.

In the short story "Snows of Kilimanjaro," Hemingway referred to

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his trips to Africa as the act that trimmed the fat from his soul. Taking an overland trip through the Dark Continent in a Bedford truck of 20 people not only cuts the fat away, it calcifies what's left. The truck grunts and groans its way to the belly of the beast, healthy and hopeful as any Conradian Steamer. Brief rest stops in Agades, Niger, in Kano, Nigeria, in Bagui, Central African Republic, and in Kissangani, Zaire, let us know we were travelers in another man's land and not just bobbing fixtures on an oversized pickup.

Stranger and stranger

The deeper we plunged into the secrets of the jungle, the stranger the trip became. Cliques that formed in the early advance disintegrated into individual bubbles of defensiveness. Annie treated us to nightly stories about past Encounter Overland truckers who had been eaten by lions, trampled by hippos, felled by fatal malaria, murdered by guerrillas or thrown out body and pack in the jungle for bad behavior or attempting to kill other truck mates. I could see by the end of the trip that she was not making it up.

The mind, however, is a wondrous possession. It allows the body and spirit to eventually embrace the surroundings and adapt. This I did with grace and security, finding peace with sunset walks in the desert and bush. Friendly conversations along the sorghum fields, sharing banana brew and curiosity with locals provided much-needed warmth and pathos. When local people were scarce, I talked to the moon over the sands of Algeria. I dipped in rivers and streams with mothers washing clothes as their children pounded the water like a goatskin drum. In the midnight hours, I followed the sounds of distant beats, surprising villages of heated dancers with my trusty flashlight, exposed knees and foreign face. They welcomed me like a wayward but weary Livingstone, and we circle-danced until dawn moved over the acacias.

On her own

There were times along that four-month stretch when I abandoned the truck and its people for a chance to experience the continent on its own terms. I made clear plans with Annie (and witnesses) concerning when and where we would rejoin and stepped out ahead of the chugging and gurgling Bedford, knowing I would easily make the border before the truck.

These sojourns, I found, are crucial to an overland experience of Africa. In a truck, the continent comes background, an entertainment image watched with distance from velveteen truck seats. Off the vehicle, separation between Africa and alien disappears.

I caught the train in Dualo, Cameroon, and set out for a six-hour ride to Younde, where I'd spend two nights wrapped in the Makosa rhythms of the country. Music is everywhere in Cameroon. Happy choruses rained from speakers on the train and shouted from cassettes on the street. I watched people dance on the boulevards until dawn. I took in the movie "Raising Arizona" dubbed into French. I slept in a comfortable and clean mosquito-ridden room at the Presbyterian mission. I breakfasted on bread dipped in chocolate with the neighborhood children.

A scary ride

On the third day, I hopped on a bush taxi bound for the border of the Central African Republic. In it, I discovered the underside of Africa. The weeks I spent hating the sterile plush seats and somewhat adequate legroom offered on the Bedford faded into the realization that moving from one place to another in Africa on anything other than feet is an extreme luxury.

After haggling in French with a number of authorities at the bus station over which car was actually going my way (and receiving a differ-

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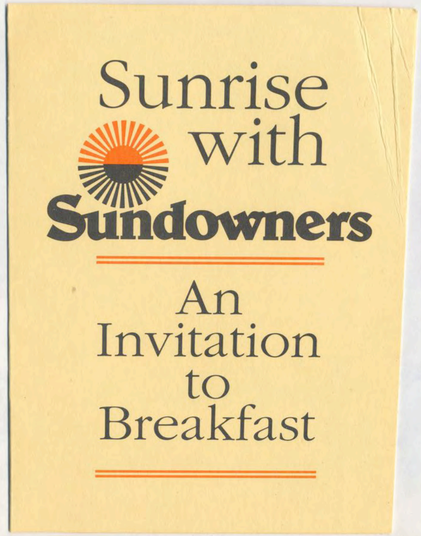
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12 Dec. 1990

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Alison Muir - Bennett

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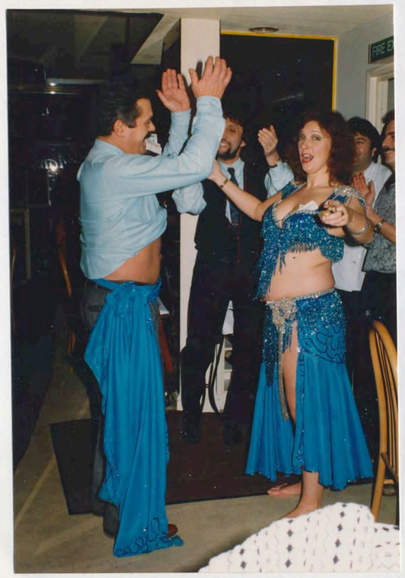
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19 January 1991

Driver - Phillip Eagles





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JANUARY 31st 1991



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January 31st 1991



Jenny McIntosh, Robert Dewar, A L Jones, Guy Franken



Lesley Clark Veronica Foote

Christmas 1990



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London -
Dar Es Salaam

09 February 1991

Leader/Driver:
Richard Taylor













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Warren's Birthday
19 Feb. 1991



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Vanessa Richardson
Farewell

15 March, 1991





Vanessa's Dad's visit to E.O 22/3/91

Vanessa's Dad's visit
to E.O 22 March, 1991



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Great Safari
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Juliet & Sally



Pete Melick's
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Melissa, Pete, Claire



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Leader/Driver:
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Pre-Departure
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& Fiona Hussey



Melissa Pete



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Leader/Driver:
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15 May 1991







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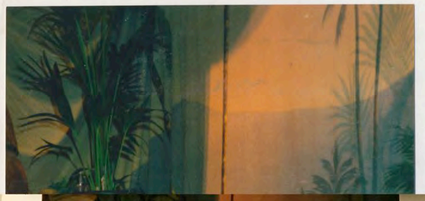


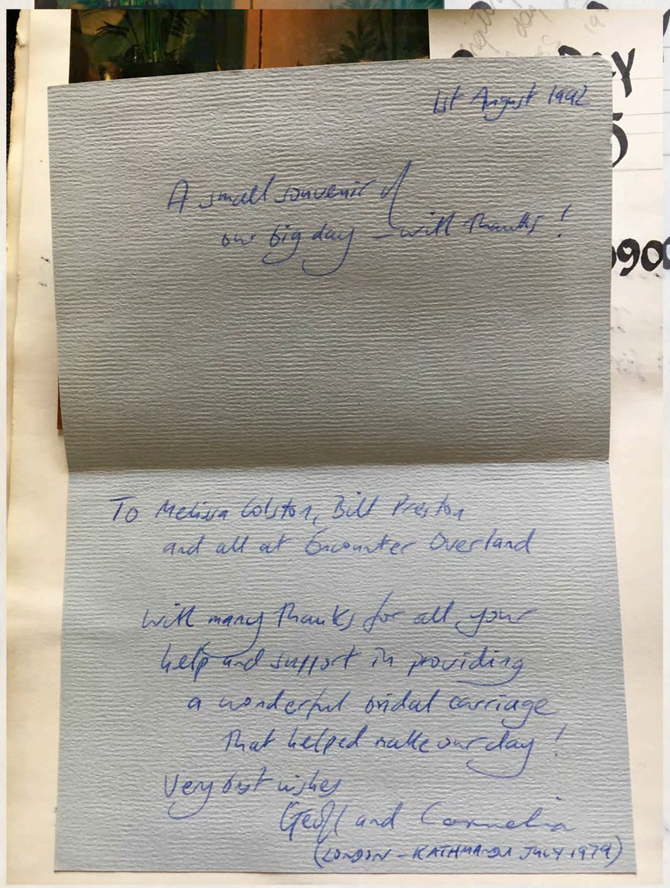
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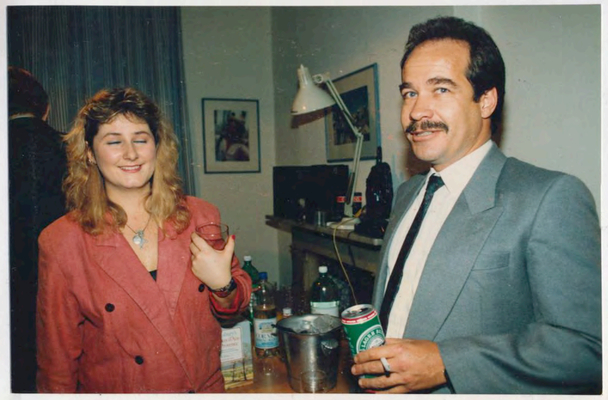
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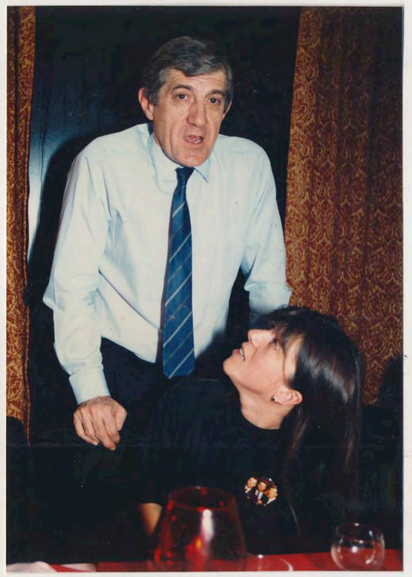




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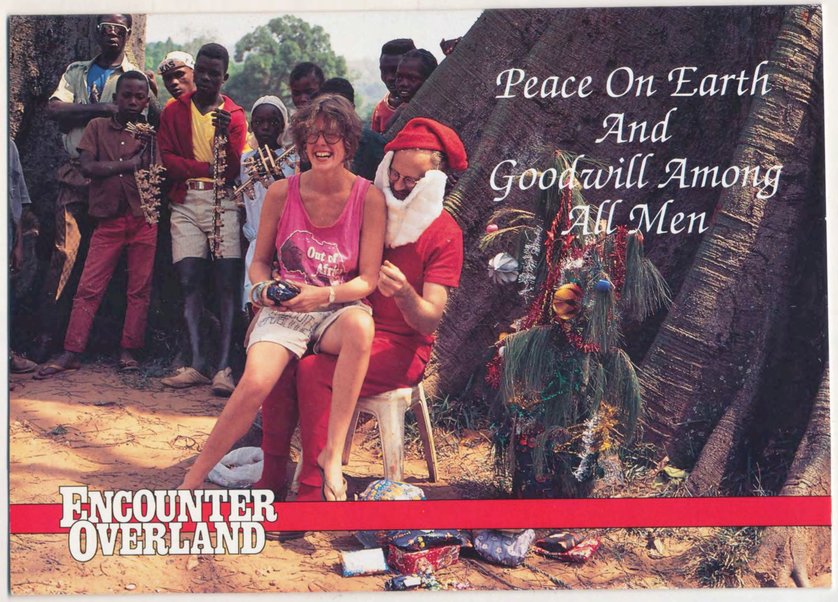



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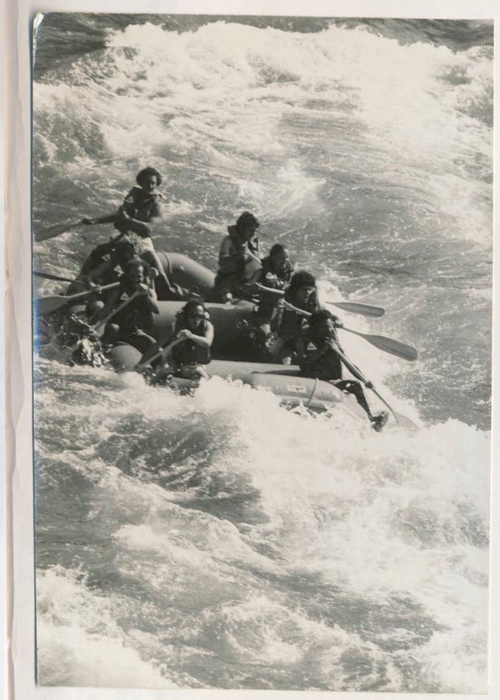


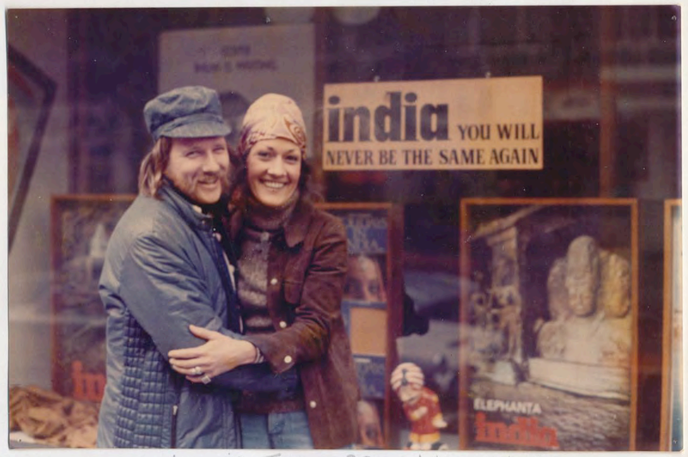






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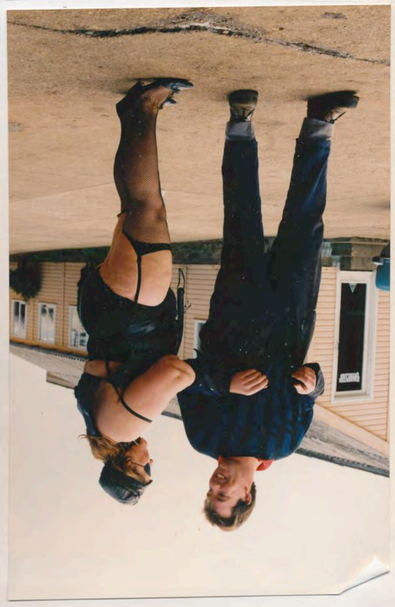






















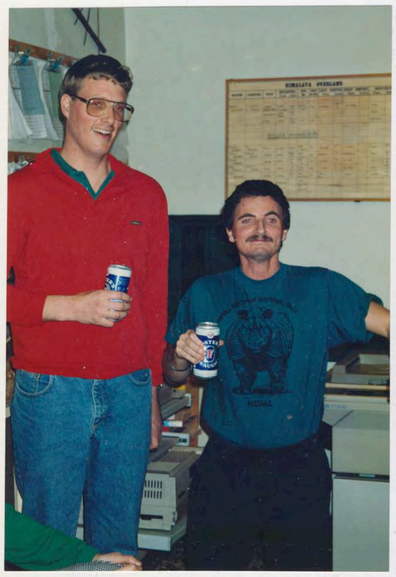












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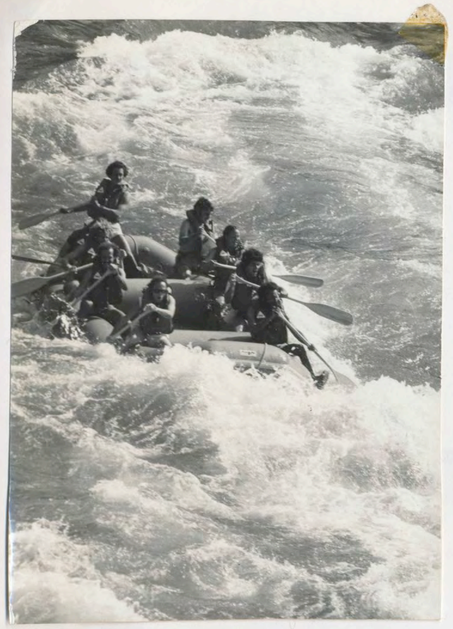














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por qué no juega
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que cante
que ría
que liore
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EXCLUSIVE REPORT

Story:

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Coaster tells of his ordeal being held . .

AT GUNPOINT

A FORMER Devonport man and his English-born wife consider themselves fortunate to be alive after being held hostage at gunpoint by bandits in West Africa last month.

Tim and Jane Penton and 14 other tourists were held by machine-gun totting Turegs — some as young as 15 years old — for about seven hours in the Sahara Desert between the Mali and Algerian border posts on May 15.

They were stripped of most of the possessions they accumulated during a seven-month world tour and left with only day packs.

While the tourists — from Australia, England, Canada Switzerland, New Zealand and the Netherlands — were dumped near the Algerian border they have no idea what happened to their guide, who the bandits refused to release.

Some West African authorities believe he was probably shot while others argue he was more likely to have been beaten and told never to bring tourists into the area again.

The pair hid most of the drama from their families, but now in England feel free to speak about their harrowing encounter.

Speaking from his parents-in-law's home in Cheshire earlier this week, Mr Penton said the Encounter Overland tour — which they joined in Tanzania on January 18 — had skirted known rebel and bandit areas after it left Mali on May 13.



Former Devonport man Tim Penton.



Jane Penton

They were meant to be in a safe region when the unwelcome visitors arrived.

Mr Penton, who was born, raised and educated in Devonport, said the first sign of trouble came when he noticed six men in a four-wheel drive speed up behind their Bedford truck waving AK47 machine-guns.

"I thought we were just going to be robbed when they stopped the bus," Mr Penton said.

However, the bandits removed the driver after bringing the truck to a standstill and replaced him with one of their own men.

Two other rebels sat with the tourists menacingly brandishing their guns.

"They spoke Arabic and French and kept saying there was nothing to worry about, but we did not really believe them," Mr Penton said.

Mr Penton said the six were joined by about 24 more bandits as the truck sped through the desert for about 20 minutes.

He said the bandits stopped again and fear began to well inside the tourists.

"We did not know whether we were going to just be robbed or shot," he said.

"At that stage the rebels had not been too bad, but we did not know what was going on."

Mr Penton said the rebels attitude changed when the driver got their truck stuck in first gear.

"The leader told us that they did not want to harrass us so they would fix the truck and then let us go, but when the truck was fixed the driver ordered us all out and threw our day packs on the ground," Mr Penton said.

"They made us stand by their side as they ransacked our day packs and took all the money they could find as well as cameras.

"They searched our money belts as well, but quite a few of us had hidden money in our pockets when we saw them coming and they did not search anything but our belts."

Mr Penton estimated the bandits got $US6000 because most people were low on cash as it was near the end of the tour.

He said many people asked for their films and video casettes which were in the trailer.

"We told them they were no use to anyone but us.

"However, this only made the bandits mad and they piled us and our day gear back into our truck with guards," he said.

Mr Penton said they were driven around for another 20 minutes as the bandits tested to see that the truck was fixed.

The most horrifying section of the ordeal lay only a few kilometres up the road when they were herded into a naturally forming rock cul-de-sac.

Mr Penton admitted he expected to die.

"No one said anything, but I knew everyone though it was the end," he said.

"I was just waiting for us to be ordered out and then it would be all over."

But as fate would have it the bandits had simply taken a wrong turn.

"There was a fair bit of relief when they turned around and left," Mr Penton said.

"They had just got lost, but we did not realise that at the time."

After being driven around for another 20 minutes the group was once again ordered out and given their gear.

Mr Penton said the group was then given a choice — they could either be driven to the Algerian border or back to the Mali border.

They chose the Algerian border, their planned destination.

Mr Penton said the group was piled into the back of a four-wheel drive and driven at high speed across the desert.

"It was a four-hour trip across gullies and rocks," he said.

> **"They spoke Arabic and French and kept saying there was nothing to worry about, but we did not really believe them." — Mr Penton.**

"It was not very comfortably as we did not have much room with all our gear and spare tyres, water and fuel.

"We all ended up horribly bruised."

Mr Penton said a girl on the tour fainted at a rest stop and the rebels agreed to give the group some time to recover.

He admitted the trip did have some light-hearted moments such as when his hat was blown off and he demanded the rebels stop and return so that he could retrieve it.

"They actually did stop and turn around. I had lost so much all ready, I was not prepared to lose my hat as well," he said.

Mr Penton said the group was dropped at the border town of Timiuen at about 7 p.m.

"They just told us to get out, waved goodbye and sped off into the desert," Mr Penton said.

"The locals were pretty amazed to see 16 tourists walking out of the desert."

Mr Penton said the group was taken to the police station where food, water and blankets were provided.

"The police were really great and even let us sleep in the station overnight.

"The following day they organised transport for us to Tamarassat, in Algeria."

Mr Penton said the locals were embarrassed by the actions of the bandits as tourists were not normally targets and groups with women were never attacked.

"They wanted to go and get the rebels and the Algerian Government arranged with the Mali Government for a search party to be sent out," he said.

"We have not heard anything yet, but they said we would be kept informed."

Mr Penton said the tour company had offered to fly the group members to destinations of their choice, but all had agreed to continue the tour so the company arranged a vehicle.

Mr Penton said it had been a very tense ordeal.

"If we had pushed them too far anything could have happened," he said.

"But everyone on the tour was fanatstic and remained pretty calm.

"No one went into hysterics and I think everyone had absolute confidence that the others would do the right thing."

Mr Penton said that now he had time to look back on the incident anger had overtaken relief.

"I am now just plain angry," he said.

"We lost everything. We have virtually nothing to show for seven months of travelling."

He said the couple had survived the ordeal with no lasting side-effects.

"I expected to still be having nightmares, but it is fine," he said.

Mr Penton said they did not regret making the trip, but would not return to the same area again.

"Apart from that small technical hitch we had a great time," Mr Penton said.

He said the couple had made no definite plans on how long they would stay in England.

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EXCLUSIVE REPORT

Couple's African trauma

By Nigel Tapp

FORMER Devonport man Tim Penton and his English-born wife Jane are recovering from a traumatic ordeal in West Africa, which left them with little to show for a seven-month world trip.

The couple was among 16 international tourists grabbed at gunpoint by Tureg bandits between the Mali and Algerian border posts on May 15.

They were stripped of most of their possessions and dumped at Timiuen, near the Algerian border about seven hours later.

Mr and Mrs Penton hid details of their ordeal from their families till they arrived in England last week.

Now they feel safe to speak about the life threatening experience which occurred in a supposedly safe area.

Speaking from his parents-in-law's Cheshire home Mr Penton said the tourists felt the cold steel of AK47 machine-guns for most of the seven hours.

Mr Penton said it was only the cool nature of the tourists which saved them from being killed.

"Some of the rebels were as young as 15 years old and if we had pushed them too far anything could have happened," he said.

"But everyone on the tour was fantastic and remained pretty calm.

"No one went into hysterics and I think everyone had absolute confidence that the others would do the right thing."

► Full story, Page 8.

Coastal man robbed, held at gunpoint

Mr Penton said the group's Bedford truck was first stopped by six armed bandits, but this soon grew to about 30.

He said the group was refused access to any personal possessions in the truck's trailer such as photographs and video cassettes.

"They spoke Arabic and French and kept saying there was nothing to worry about, but we did not really believe them," Mr Penton said.

Mr Penton said the rebels' mood quickly swung from friendly to hostile.

While the tourists were released unharmed, Mr Penton said he had no idea what happened to their guide, who the rebels refused to release.

Some West African authorities said the guide could have be n shot while others indicated that it was more likely he was beaten up and sent home.

Mr Penton said while they were glad to be alive he was also very angry.

"We lost everything. We have virtually nothing to show for seven months of travelling."

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THE TIMES THURSDAY AUGUST 20 1992

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.C. Blake and Miss F.J. Hussey
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.D. Blake, of Loxley, Warwickshire, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A. Hussey, of Nayland, Suffolk.

Mr S.S. Hobhouse and Dr S.L. Bush
The engagement is announced between Sebastian, younger son of Sir John and Lady Hobhouse, of Chelsea, London, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Bush, of Kampala, Uganda.

Mr P.M. Keville and Miss C.S. Page
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Keville, of Shipley, West Sussex, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Page, of Seale, Surrey.

Captain E.T. Legard and Miss L.F. Kirkpatrick
The engagement is announced between Captain Edward Legard, 13th/18th Royal Hussars (QMO), younger son of Sir Charles Legard, Bt, of Malton, North Yorkshire, and of Mrs Patrick Hibbert-Foy, of Ripon, North Yorkshire, and Lucy, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Kirkpatrick, of Donhead St Andrew, Dorset.

Mr P.D.W. Lowson and Miss F.M. Mullan
The engagement is announced between Piers, only son of the late Mr W.D. Lowson and of Mrs E.A. Lowson, of Scalby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, and Frances, only daughter of Mr R.G. Mullan, MBE, and Mrs E. Mullan, of Dungannon, Co Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

Mr A.R.G. Lunt and Miss C.L. Gierth
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robin Lunt, of Rudgwick, West Sussex, and Christine, younger daughter of Mrs Valerie Gierth and the late Mr Ronald Gierth, of Shepperton, Middlesex.

Mr N.O. Preston and Miss A.F.H. Davies
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Major and Mrs George Preston, of Corfe Castle, Dorset, and Annabel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Davies, of St Stephens, Canterbury.

Marriages

Mr G.F. Hopkins and Miss B.E. McLaren
The marriage of Mr Gary Hopkins and Miss Belinda McLaren took place on Saturday, August 1, 1992, at Holy Trinity, Clapham Common.
The reception was held at The London Hilton on Park Lane.

Dr A.R. MacDiarmaid-Gordon and Ms L.J. Horrocks
A service of blessing was held in St Anne's Church, Sale, following the marriage of Adam Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs Niall MacDiarmaid-Gordon, of Bonchurch, to Lesley Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M.A. Wicks, of Buxton, on August 15, 1992. The Rev John Sutton officiated.

Mr J.D.McF.H. Mure and Miss L.E. Miller
The marriage took place on August 14, at Holy Trinity Church, Bridge of Allan, between James, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Mure, Edinburgh, and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Miller, Bridge of Allan.

Mr N.C. Westbury and Miss E.R. Heflin
The marriage took place on August 8, at the Church of the Ascension, Montgomery, Alabama, of Nigel Clifton Westbury, second son of Donald McGeagh Westbury, of Hasketon, Suffolk and of the late Sylvie Ann Westbury, to Elizabeth Ruth Heflin, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs Joseph William Heflin, Sr.

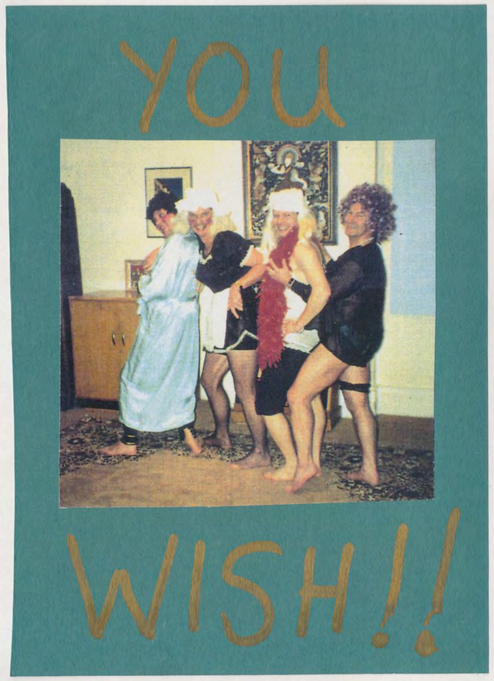
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Hope you all have an excellent Xmas + a fun filled New Year
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Wombats on dragon quest

SPEED is probably the last thing most would associate with wombats.

But in that regard, the Perth Wombats have little in common with their animal namesakes.

Perth's Wombats are Australasian dragon boat champions and hope to prove their paddling prowess in China and Hong Kong over the next couple of weeks.

With a 2000-year history, dragon boat racing is no novelty in China — seating for 1.5 million spectators has been arranged for the Mi Lou River festival which the Wombats will attend from Friday to Sunday.

They will then join members of the Fremantle Swan Dragon Boat club for a competition in Hong Kong on June 13 and 14.

The Wombats, from the Perth International Dragon Boat Club, are well known in Asia — in their 13 years of overseas competition they have won 14 international titles, including five consecutive titles in Taiwan.

Club vice-president Frank Patterson said that coming from a sports-oriented country and having a few members with surf-lifesaving backgrounds was a help.

The races are fought over 600m and 1000m courses by 20-member teams in 15m long by metre-wide teak boats.

According to Mr Patterson, the biggest hazard the Australians face is the odd dead cat or rat, not uncommon in the waters in which the Wombats have had to compete overseas.

"It provides a great incentive not to sink", he said.



ON COURSE: The Wombats . . . hoping for another big win. Picture: MICHAEL O'BRIEN



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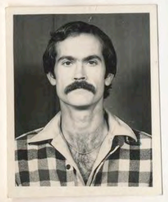


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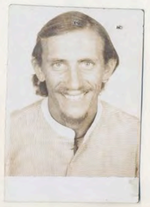


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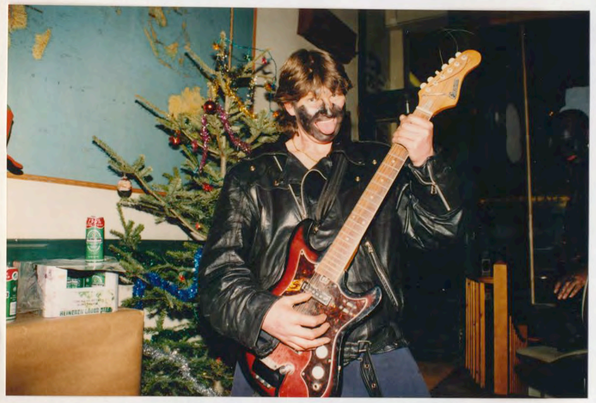













































































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COOLING OFF: Wading through rivers can be a welcome relief from the African heat, but not for the faint-hearted — who knows what nasties lurk below the surface?

← TONY

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Bundu-bashers to tackle the darkest of Africa

Wanted: Energetic people with a pioneering spirit who don't mind sloshing through mud or braving jungle nunus and sweltering heat on a 6 436km trek across Africa. ANDRE JURGENS reports.



ONE, TWO, THREE, HEAVE! Teamwork gets each group to their destination. Pulling a Bedford truck out of the mud is all part of the holiday experience.

Digging lorries out of waist-high mud is not everyone's cup of tea. But for a London-based holiday adventure team it's a way of life.

Since the founder's first expedition to Asia 30 years ago, Encounter Overland has taken those who are willing to some of the remotest parts of the world.

They have tackled South America's Amazon jungle, Zaire's great rivers, the Himalayas and offer the "ultimate African journey" — a 27 500km haul overland from London to Cape Town. The trip takes 26 weeks by Bedford truck.

Now they are searching the globe, South Africa included, for volunteers to carve an eight-week reconnaissance pathway from Nairobi to Cairo to clear the way for future travel there.

The planned trip leaves Nairobi on April 29, taking in Ethiopia and Eritrea — closed to travel for the past five years by civil war. It includes the remote Sof Omar Caves in Ethiopia, Dahlak Islands of the Red Sea and parts of northern Sudan.

"It takes a special type of person to go on a trip like this. Each must have a skill that will help the group whether it be cooking, mechanical, medical or knowledge of a local language," Encounter Overland spokesman Camilla Radcliffe said from London.

"They will have to check out new camp sites, food supplies and places of interest for later travellers.

"We have had inquiries from a mixed bag of Europeans and Australians, professionals, students, men and women of all ages, but are still short of a few people.

"They are the kind of people who don't fit in with the traditional tour package holiday. Instead they want to go on a real adventure to see and experience a country first hand. Hands-on is the name of the game.

"They will travel in a Bedford truck using tents to camp along most of the way," she said.



HOME ON WHEELS: To its 21 occupants the Bedford truck is a home from home with everything on board, even the kitchen sink.

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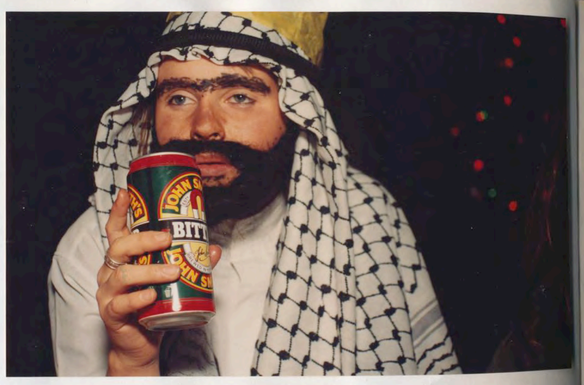






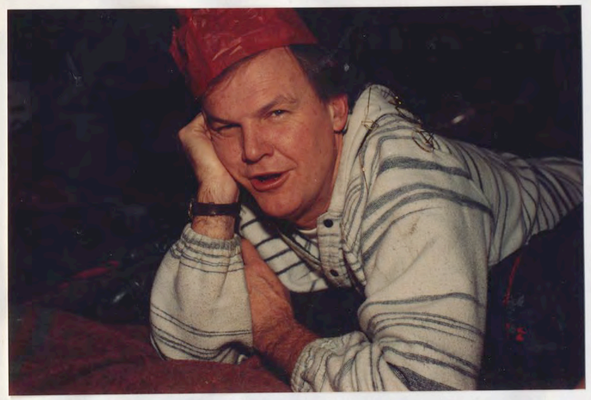




























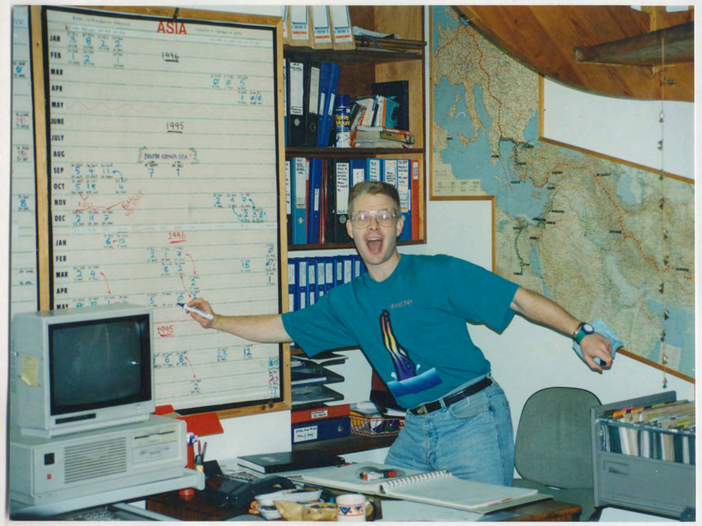







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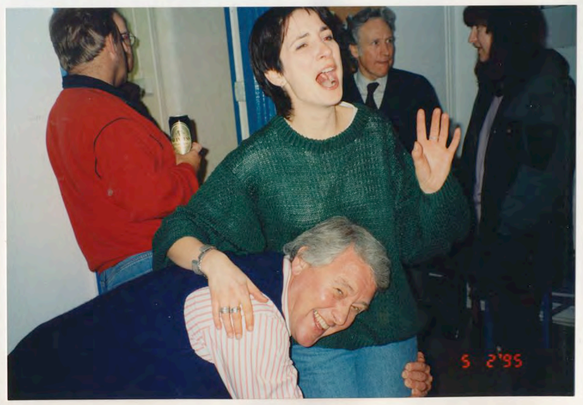
































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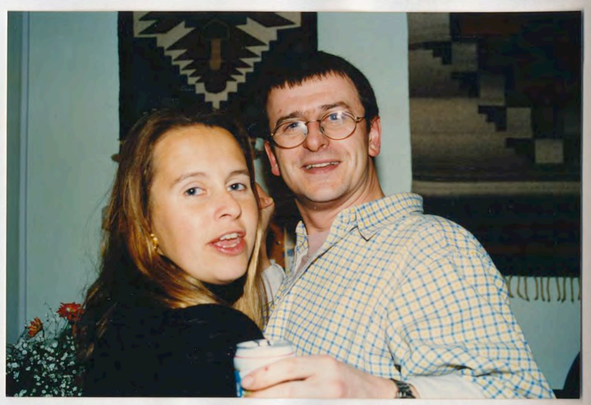




































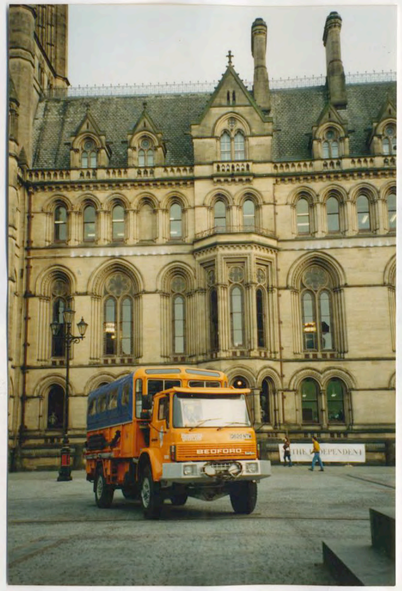






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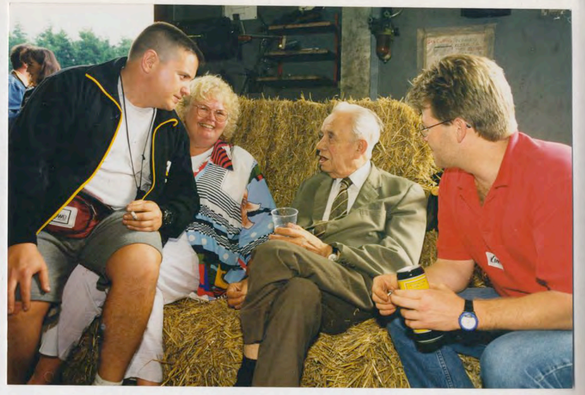








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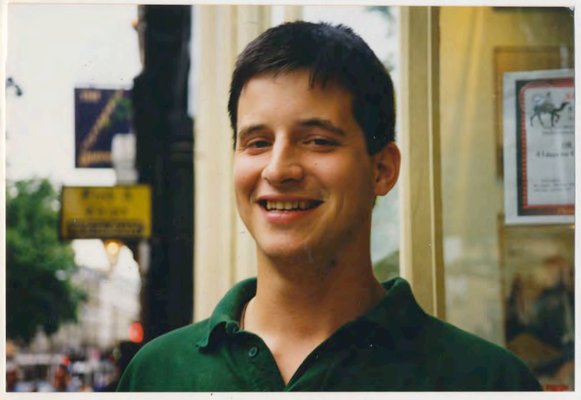









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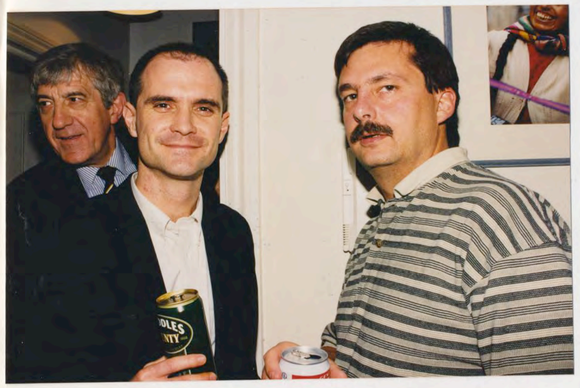












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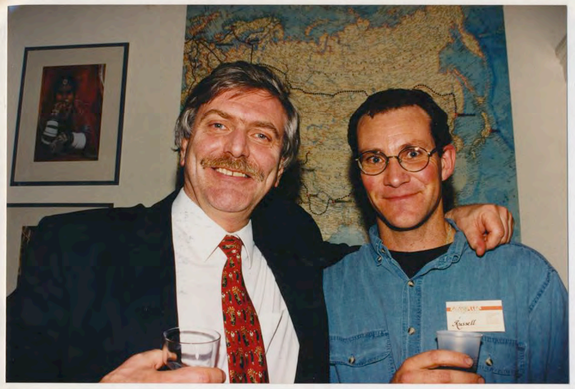





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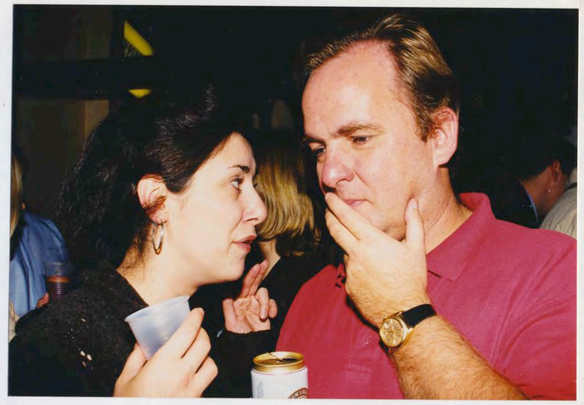














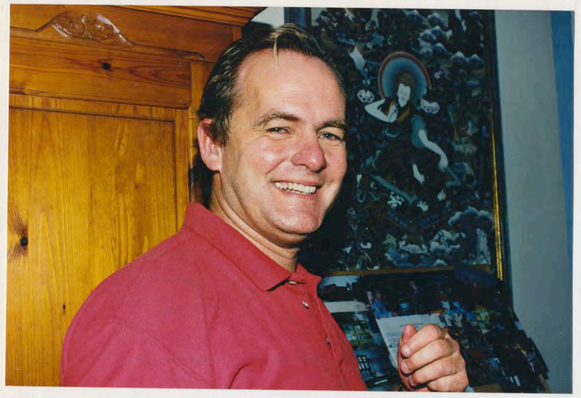









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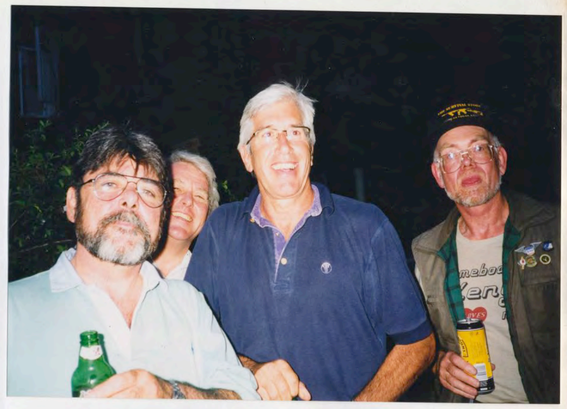



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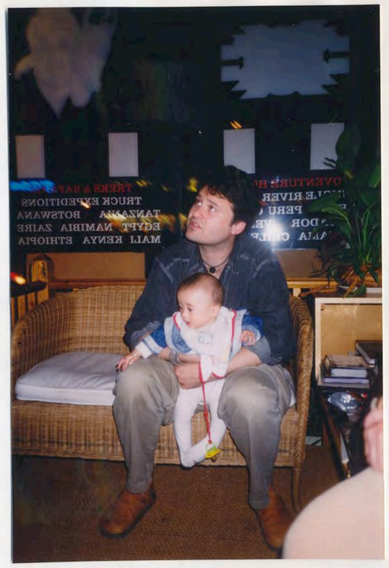
































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MEDLICOTT — LANAWAY. — Tony and Marie wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth to Dave, son of Jack and Rita of Eastbourne, England, on August 24, 1998.







Dave Lanaway



























