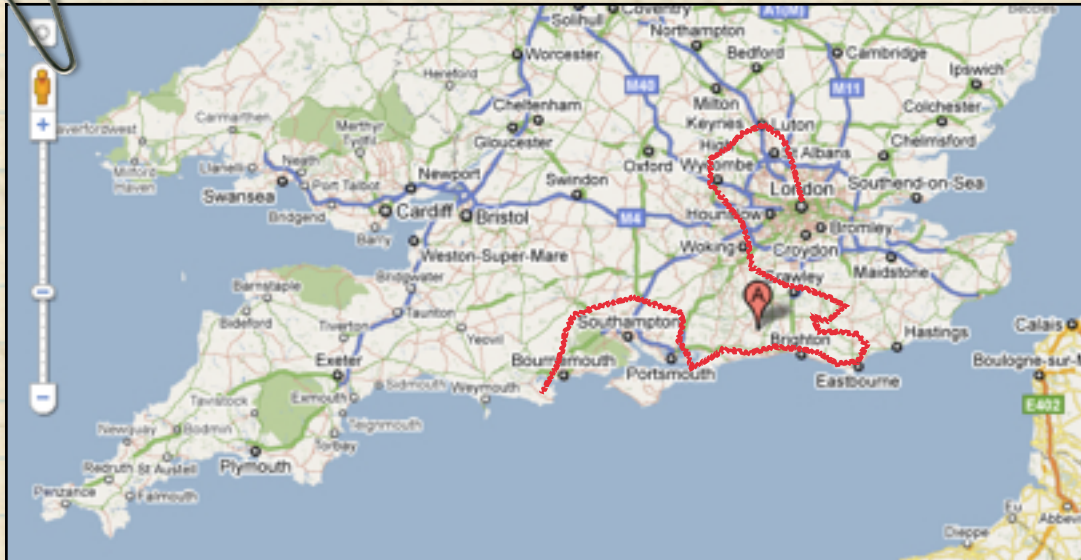


A trip to remember

2011 - ENGLAND

8 April 2011

Spending time following up Heather's heritage



THE HERITAGE TRAIL CONTINUES

PAGHAM AND NORTH MUNDHAM

We spent the morning traveling to two villages in West Essex that were the birthplace of Heather's great great great grandmother and great great grandmother. We stopped at the local church to check on gravestones but most were so eroded they were unreadable. Nevertheless it was very pleasant strolling around in the sun and then cycling the back streets admiring the old houses.

Then it was time to drive as quickly as possible through the big cities of Portsmouth and Southampton and on to Dorset. We are camped in Swanage on the coast near Bournemouth. Tomorrow we intend to visit Frampton, the ancestral home of THE Framptons (son in law).



St Stephens's Church - North Mundham



Inside St Stephens



Pleasant outlook



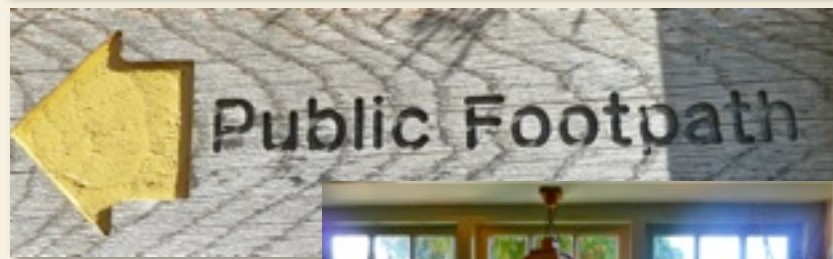


CURRENT REFLECTIONS

The cost of living is not as high as we expected. This is a pleasant surprise. Food is definitely cheaper but petrol is more expensive - \$A2.10

England seems to be a dog friendly place - they are accepted in most places (including pubs and caravan parks) and we see dogs being walked everywhere (usually larger dogs). Unlike Spain, where dogs are gene tagged so that feces can be DNA tested and owners fined, we see poop bag dispensers everywhere.

The British seem to have a very dry sense of humor. The names of some places and streets, for example, can be very quirky. There were many occasions when we had to double take a sign or place-name. We did not have time to take a snap shot of them all.



Heather's favourite name.



