

Golden Wedding Greenland Adventure

On Thursday 26th June Eddie and Doreen McNamee embarked on the Fred Olsen ship Black Prince for a cruise to the Arctic area.



Asmund Nilsen (Master of The Black Prince) with Doreen & Eddie

On 29th June they arrived on the Heimaey Islands off the mainland of Iceland where they toured the volcanic areas and saw the devastation caused by the eruption in 1973.

Eddie and Doreen then sailed to Reykjavik in Iceland and spent eight hours touring the hot springs and walking through the rocky valley that was the start of the San Andreas Fault, this eventually finishes in Western USA. They saw bananas being grown in huge greenhouses

heated by the geysers and learned that in Reykjavik the hot water for your central heating and washing purposes, including showers, cost just £21 per month for the average detached house. Electricity costs £20 per month.

On 3rd July they arrived in a fjord at a town called Narsarsuaq (Nars a swak) after the ship had negotiated many icebergs. The previous evening the ship passed one about 100ft high and

They embarked on a small motor boat to travel up the fjord through the icebergs to the glacier. The engine was switched off at the glacier and everyone sat drinking Martinis, with real ice fished from the fjord, and all they could hear was the sound of the icebergs



Pushing an Iceberg clear of Black Prince

cracking away from the glacier.

On 4th July they arrived at Qaqortoq (Kwat a tack). They finished the visit in a seafood restaurant where they were offered the following delights. Whale meat and skin, dried seal, dried cod, dried trout and dried reindeer meat. They were told by the locals that this must be eaten dry and not re-hydrated as the Danish eat it.

On 5th July they arrived at Nanortalik (Nan or talick) where everyone was treated to coffee and cake whilst watching traditional dancing in national costume. They then went to the beautiful church where everyone was entertained to an

organ recital followed by unaccompanied harmony singing by the local Lutheran choir. The overall impression was that the people of Greenland were very poor but so generous towards visitors with their home made cake etc..

Eddie and Doreen

then embarked on the long voyage home, some 1,500 nautical miles (about 1,750 miles).

On the evening of 7th July (their golden wedding anniversary), they were treated to the sight of baked Alaska being paraded round the restaurant with sparklers in each piece accompanied by the Filipino band. They had a farewell drink with the Captain and Senior Officers followed by a show put on by the Filipino members of the crew, treating us to singing and dancing in various colourful national costumes.

On 9th July Eddie and Doreen arrived at Greenock in Scotland after a memorable anniversary trip.

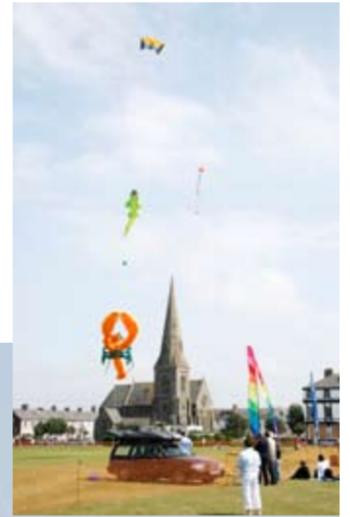


One of the Glaciers

Silloth Kite Festival

The Kite Festival was blessed with one of the nicest weekends of the summer and crowds enjoyed the spectacle, accompanied by music from local bands, in the sunshine.

If you missed it, be there in 2009.

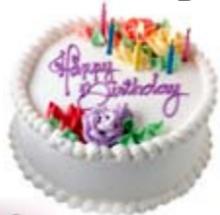


Lost or Found

Have you Lost or Found any Keys, Wallet, Purses or articles of Importance in Silloth and wondered where to take them to?

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