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Friday

Ruby the VW Campervan is parked at Combe Caravan Park on the outskirts of Salisbury.

We woke to glorious sunshine and the plan to-day was to visit Salisbury. The campsite was about 4 miles walk or cycle to the city centre and our original plan was to have a non driving day and visit the medieval city.

However, unfortunately whilst my shower last night was nearly warm, Keith's was cold,

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and we were disappointed with the cleanliness of the shower and toilet blocks. I'm sure during peak season these would be immaculate as the owners were nice enough and seemed to really care about the site. However with only us and one other motorhome on site it was unacceptable for Keith to have to clean the shower out and then have a cold shower. There were also some pretty nasty skiddies in the ladies loo that hadn't been cleaned (the cleaning hours were apparently 05:30-06:00) and they definitely weren't cleaned Friday.

We would have made do but actually our location wasn't quite right for visiting Castle Combe on our return home the next day so we packed up Ruby again and drove into Sal-

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isbury for our day visit.

Salisbury was a lovely city to visit. The Cathedral was worth a visit- there is a very well preserved Magna Carta to see in the chapter house. Keith and I took it in turns to doggie sit whilst we went for a look inside the cathedral.

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bury is made up of some very interesting medieval timbered buildings, especially around the Tourist Information. There is also a very

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impressive Cathedral Close- where there are lots of gorgeous properties to admire.

✖ The city is also home to a very old historic pub, called The Haunch of Venison which is well worth a visit. It's said that Eisenhower and Churchill met here to discuss the planning of the D Day landings in 1944. The pub dates back over 700 years which is just amazing. We really enjoyed our drink here and had a nice chat with a couple of local ladies who were interesting and knowledgeable about the history of the pub.

✖ During our walk back to Ruby, who was parked on the outskirts, we stopped at another lovely pub called The Mill- which aptly looked out over the water mill. The

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weather was great so we enjoyed a quick
“one for the road”.

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is time we had managed to book back on to
our original campsite, the C&CC Devizes Site,
which was better located for our trip the to-
morrow. So with the stress of where we were
going to stay gone, we popped into the near-
by English Heritage site of Old Sarum. This
was where the old cathedral and Abby of Sal-
isbury was located before the new town and
cathedral were built a couple of miles away.
There was a great example of a Motte and
Bailey.

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enjoyed our look around the site before head-

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ing back to Devizes for our first piping hot showers since Monday! Stinky O'Gorman's ☐

☒ We enjoyed lamb steaks and veg and potatoes for dinner and some more of that lovely local ice cream. We received another very warm welcome at the club site- it's a great place to stay.

Saturday Saturday dawned sunny again and we made a fairly early getaway as we were looking forward to visiting Castle Combe, a pretty English Village. Parking is provided for free which is generous, on the outskirts of the village.

☒ It was a short walk down to the village. As soon as we arrived Keith squealed in excite-

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ment- “this is where they filmed War Horse”!

☒☒ He is such a film fan, he couldn't believe he'd forgotten this was where they filmed it! It is just beautiful at Castle Combe. The houses are typically British, and there are two old pubs. A river and a pretty stream cross the village at the end. It's just gorgeous.

☒☒☒☒☒☒☒☒☒ There is a 5 mile AA walk that takes into the village but we gave this a miss as we had our journey back to Norfolk to consider.

As we'd managed a whole week self catering, Keith decided to treat me to a pub lunch before we made our way back east. We had a lovely lunch at The White Hart. Keith said

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the sausage doorstep sandwich was the best he'd had!

Before we knew it our week had drawn to a close. Despite some campsite disappointments, we have had a fantastic week- this area is just so typically English and beautiful- we fell in love with area and are sure to be back sometime.

Until next time

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