

Roll: **19751006-6415**

Camera: **Zorki 4: ZO4**

Film: **Ilford HP4.**

Subject:

Carl Josephs, Barnard Castle, Durham.

Notes:

We set off for Durham on Thursday 2nd October in a hired Morris Marina. Stopped in Nottingham for a drink with Roy at lunch time. Roy was driving back when he slid and hit the kerb. "Bent wheel and burst tyre and put the steering out. Had to go to garage. Left Nottingham about 8.30pm. Journey to Durham horrific in pitch dark rain & fog. Still got there safely at just about midnight." I wonder if this incident is the one Roy got so irate about a year or so ago in the Strat, beside himself with anger and stabbing me in the chest with his for forefinger?

It would be ironic if Roy was referring to this incident which I had completely forgotten about. It does seem much more likely that he would be more sensitive about this than the slip in the ice and snow in my old Citroen C5 which I had just referred to at the time, I was trying to remind him of the car which he believed he had never seen.

The vehemence of Roy's speech always convinces me that I have misremembered something and that he must be right and at the time I was so frightened by his anger that I could not think at all. Roy did say that the accident did not occur in a Citroen but a Ford Cortina which I didn't remember at all but was prepared to accept all too readily.

Of course Maggie says it was a hired Morris Marina but I have no memory of hiring a Morris, The car was hired from PJ Evans and they did specialise in Fords and became a Ford dealer in 1977. I do remember hiring several Ford Cortinas. Also Roy blamed me for the incident as I had told him about its exceptional grip and that it "cornered as if on rails". That is the kind of thing I would have said about both the Cortina and the Mini I think I have always failed to recognise that other people's feel for a car's balance is very different to my own but I don't ever remember thinking a Morris had such agility.

On balance I think that Maggie, who has little knowledge of cars, had probably misidentified it, it's either that Roy has had 3 similar incidents.

On the contact prints the pub is marked as being in Barnard Castle but I cannot find any reference to a vaulted ceilinged pub on the net nor any interior shots that look similar. On the other hand I can't find any pubs in Durham that have this feature either.

I have only the vaguest memory of Carl getting on stage with a band. The event is not mentioned in either my own or Maggie's diary.

According to Maggie we raced back to Birmingham taking the back roads before Westbury and sped down the A1 trying to make it to P.J.Evans to return the car by 5.15pm. We made it with 1 minute to spare. There is quite a bit missing from the log of that journey I think.

People:

Carl Josephs

Dates:

The date of the trip to Durham to see Kris and Carl confirmed by Maggie's diary. We got back to Birmingham on Monday 6th. Maggie finished working at the DoE on Friday 10th and we started packing on Saturday 11th. Maggie set off for London at 8.30am on Monday 13th on the coach from Digbeth. I didn't start work in London until December 1st. We moved out of Gough Road on Sunday 7th December using a van hired in barking.

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Frames:

ZO4-A0006	19751004	20:00:00	Carl.
ZO4-A0007	19751004	20:05:00	Pub Interior.
ZO4-A0008	19751004	20:06:00	Pub Interior.
ZO4-A0009	19751005	10:06:00	Sheep on the road.
ZO4-A0010	19751005	10:07:00	Sheep on the road.
ZO4-A0011	19751005	10:08:00	Sheep on the road.
ZO4-A0012	19751005	21:08:00	Carl with a band.
ZO4-A0013	19751005	21:08:00	Carl with a band.
ZO4-A0014	19751005	21:08:00	Carl with a band.