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England Travels
October 22 – November 20,
2025

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Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Bodmin Moor

50.496°N
4.61°W

642' $\uparrow 29.61$

54°F, 57°F

○ Full 0717p → 0715a
☁ Mostly cldy 0716a → 0447p

En route to Cabilla
Cornwall via the M3 — it was much
cooler at Heathrow than in the city.
Windy, altocumulus moving from SW.
Lots of Red Kites. London was very
busy, with Royal Geographical Society
Explore Week (see C.B. p.127).



The moorland
is "new" — once
temperate forests
covered 20% of UK
fr. highlands to
south along the
West.
04% left.

Cabilla Cornwall
is part of Bodmin
moor, & an ancient
large remnant of
Temperate Rainforest
(atlantic). 50,000 acres
(moor).

Cabilla = "caboulia", Cornish
for 'land of wooden cloak'.
One of 138 ancient Cornish
farms @ 1066; homage to King in the
form of a symbolic cloak.

Thursday, November 6, 2025

≡ 53°F

Walking tour today of Cabrilla Cornwall, with Merlin Hanbury-Jenison, who assumed management from his father, Robin, who purchased the farm (~2000 acres) in 1960s. Today ~200 acres; $\frac{1}{3}$ woodland and $\frac{2}{3}$ grass & arable. Sheep are removed, beaver reintroduced; Cornish Black hog(s) to replicate Wild Boar in the landscape.



Sessile "Cornish" Oak
(Quercus petraea)

Temperate Atlantic Rainforest
 defined as warmer, 1400mm per
 year of rain, spread over 12
 months. The soil is bound by
 thousands-of-years old mycelial
 web (fungal structures of hyphae
 through which nutrients pass).
 Only .4% is left (ancient rain-
 forests covered from Lewis
 to Exmoor on West).

Sessile Oaks are ~80% of the
 forests. Around 370-400 yrs.
 the trees reach ancient phase
 and may begin to senesce
 slowly, losing branches. The
 deadfall is key to forest health;
 the Mother Tree has ~37 species
 of fungi (lichens, mushrooms) on
 its exterior.



As the oaks senesce,
 other life forms
 take root.

"The Mother Tree"
 on Calilla

Seen & Heard

- Blue Tit
- Great Tit
- Robin
- Eurasian Nuthatch
- Coal Tit
- Common Chaffinch
- Red Kite (London)
- Buzzard sp
- Starling
- Magpie
- Carion Crow
- To Bath/Bristol
- Rook

Saturday, November 8, 2025 ☀ to Bath

Sunny dawn, cold, S. of Bristol (Edithmead).
Stopped for a flea market - not so
great (so much Chinese resale!). Arrived
to Bath in time to walk down to the
Saturday Flea Market - scored quite
a few field arts items.



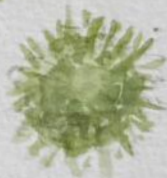
London
Plane
Tree
(*Platanus x
hispanica*)



English
Oak
(*Q. robur*)

TREES of VICTORIA PARK, BATH

Sunday, November 9, 2025 ~~at~~ Bath
 Cloudy and intermittent rain all day;
 340pm rain now solid. Not cold and little
 rain. Spent most of the day in cafes
 & pubs, but in a.m. visited the wonder-
 ful Herschel Museum, home of Caroline
 and William (18th C. Astronomers).



Beech
 (*Fagus
 sylvatica*)



Horse
 Chestnut
 (*Aesculus
 hippocastanum*) 136

Tuesday, November 11, 2025



58%
waning
cldy.
unset.

1020p → 0124p

0712a → 0422p

Selsey, W. Sussex

50.731°N

0.803°W

27'

23

29.684

TIDES:

H	L	H	L
03:19	08:58	15:36	21:34
4.72m	1.45m	4.42m	1.38m

53°F, 59°F



Yesterday drove down from Bath after a wonderful visit behind the scenes at George Baynton Books bindery. We are staying at The Old Coastguard Cottages at the tip of Selsey, called The Bill. Cobble beach, very windy; the Isle of Wight is just offshore to the west along with Portsmouth and extensive bays.



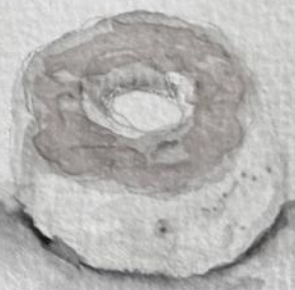


Walked the beach this morning at low tide - 20 mph onshore breeze. The cobbles are large and well-rounded, many with divots and holes; Eocene-aged plus Pleistocene raised deposits (black flints from Upper Chalk; Mazon stone (pale grey to honey yellow, hard; Bognor Rock (sandstone); chert and greenstone. There were four Carion Crows playing in the updraft along the small cliff. On the way back, by the waste fields, a stonechat was foraging in old seed heads.

At 3 pm the sheep field had 40+ corvids: crows, rooks, and Eurasian Jackdaws foraging for insects in the grass.

Seen & Heard

- Carion Crow
- European Stonechat
- Rook
- Eurasian Jackdaw
- Robin
- European Goldfinch
- Eurasian Oystercatcher
- Yellowhammer ♀ (prob.)
- Eurasian Sparrowhawk





Spider Crab
carapace

(Maja squinado)
prob.

x.90

head

Wild (Roman) Chamomile
(*Chamaemelum nobile*)



3/4" diam.

above water



under water



Snakelocks
Anemone
(*Anemone viridis*)

green = algae (photo-synth. & phosphorescent)

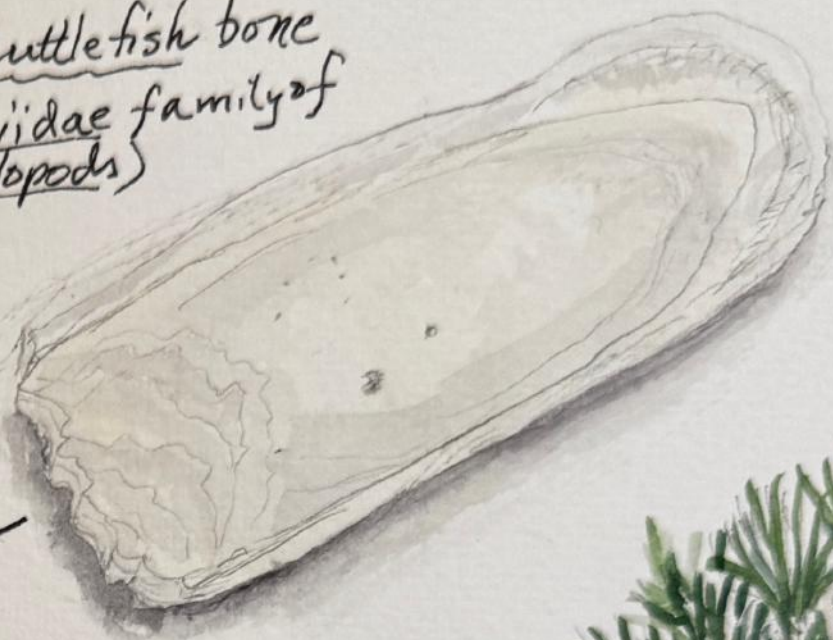
Sunset

Windmill Beach

breakwater

Cuttlefish bone
(Sepiidae family of
Cephalopods)

flotation
aid or
"organ" =
carbonate
material



x.5

Sea
Thrift
(Armeria
maritima)



New
Zealand
Cabbage
Tree
(Cordyline
australis)



Old Coastguard
Cottage



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