

## CLOGGING IN ENGLAND

EIN GEBURTSTAG MIT UNGEAHNTEN ÜBERRASCHUNGEN





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There are some days when one is ready for a Dance weekend. After both Dani and I had put two intensive weeks behind us we made our way to London, England. We collected our rental car at the airport and set out for Bashley. Yvonne Cox's club celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The dance was limited to 80 dancers so we had to pre-register more than a year in advance. Yvonne Cox and her husband

Nigel have spent many years in Germany and since her return to England she regularly attends clogging events in Germany. So a return visit almost became obligatory. Obviously this was not the only reason for our visit; many Germans took this opportunity to visit England. Of the 80 dancers at the event, 31 guests were German, so German was spoken almost as much as English.

The hall was decorated with AppalTappers' T shirts which also showed how they developed over the 10 years. The stage was decorated with small flags in the national colours.

Yvonne is particularly known for the way she spreads energetic joy from the stage. In her usual way the workshops were completed with great entertainment value; bubbly and thrilling, thus making clogging especially fun.



DIE CHEFS BEIM BARBEQUE



DER DOPPELTE MARTIN



TECHNIK-CHECK

## 80 Dancers, 1 Instructor, 30 Cakes, 240 Burgers, Sausages and Chicken and a Power failure.

A highlight of the event was no doubt the extensive barbeque at noon. Two Grill masters looked after the well-being of the guests making any meat fan happy. With Sausages, Hamburgers and Chicken there was ample choice along with the extensive buffet that was provided.

To provide additional seating there were pavilion tents erected alongside the hall, however, the strong winds that came along created problems.

After we had filled our tummies we did not expect a dessert or later that afternoon a real English tea and birthday cake. Nevertheless we went to the dessert which offered fresh fruit salad, various cakes and creams.

In the afternoon the event continued with interesting workshops – suddenly shortly before 5pm the power completely failed. The high winds had brought down a tree onto power lines causing a power outage in the entire area.

This had not been considered before – a Dance Festival without music, how would it continue? No problem for the Appaltappers: emergency power was rapidly obtained from Yvonne's campervan battery. However, because of lower volume initially the Cloggers took the unusual step of dancing without tap shoes. An emergency generator was used to take over from the batteries and the Afternoon tea with Birthday cake was held in candle light with a little help from the generator.

Just in time for the evening program the power was restored.

Overall Yvonne put together a great program fuelled by a wonderful stage presence until 9.30pm.

At the end we experienced an exciting and unusual birthday party and went home in a good mood to recover.

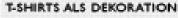
Thanks to Yvonne, Nigel and the AppalTappers for organising a wonderful birthday special in England.



## DANI IM GLOCK BEIM BARBEQUE



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VOLLE POWER AUF DER BÜHNE MIT YVONNE COX