

How many hidden birds can you spot?

Dear Ed,

Starting early we took it easily, and at the Bell Inn, Eton, we picked up Jack Dawling and Ernest. One chatted a lot, so the time passed swiftly, but rain on the motorway was a grave nuisance. After lunch I decided to hand over the wheel and steal an hour's sleep, before reaching Ullswater at midnight in gale-force winds.

Next morning on to Scotland, where our hotel is in as fine a glen as I have seen, with rushing stream at the bottom of a steep lover's lane. It is all that is now left of an old mill, but it is now renovated, and very smart inside - no other one for miles around. Eric rows, though awkwardly, leaving Anne to doze in the stern. Excellent food - no good for taking off inches from the waist or keeping wide awake. Nothing is wanting, except perhaps regular kilts and pipers.

Love from all.

Ardelle

P.S. So far we have spotted 30 different kinds of bird and I have mentioned them all in this letter.