



Three 'Maids of the Mist'
Niagra Falls, May 2006



Mum & Sarah
Spice Island



Brooklyn
Squeezed 888-45



Tuscany



EuroPride

2006 saw a third successful year as Chair of Gay Pride - attended by 600,000 people and going down Oxford Street - culminated when Tony and Pip joined us and Colin and David for the EuroPride Show starring Elton John at the Royal Albert Hall. Time for a new project I think!

Andrew and I drove 3,000 miles on a road trip around New York and Pennsylvania: John ('this old house') took us to Niagra Falls; we stayed in the campst 'caribbean' hotel in Pittsburgh which had a Victorian bath and remote-control gas fire; Frank Lloyd Wright's canterlevered house 'Falling Water' was magical; a fansatic disco/bowling night with Sydney and Olin in Washington; a pilgrimage to the ice cream shop in Princeton which was the inspiration for 'Auntie Sweeties'; and a 'hidden Brooklyn' tour with Allan exposed unseen parts of NYC.

Thanks to Vincent and Igor who were such wonderful hosts when we visited Tuscany and Florence, recreating our beached whale photo on the Viareggio beach . . . Andrew is learning Italian and still teaching Salsa.

Great day out with Andrew's mum Vi, when we took a ride on the North Somerset Railway. Meanwhile my Mum had an exotic holiday in Hong Kong with her sister Barbara, staying with my cousin Judith.

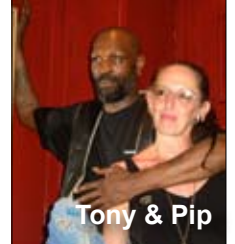
A record 280,000 people searched the GAYtoZ in July, and my B&B has been double-booked for much of the year! I produced a gay guide for the Visit London tourist board, and Marnies Cakes website.

Needless to say I made it to my 13th NY Black Party in a row with Ralph and Bobby, and Kunle is planning another trip to London.

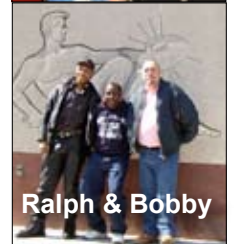
At Cooks Road the council forced us all to install £13,000 of double glazing, but my garden did appear in a few episodes of Dr Who!



Andrew & Vi



Tony & Pip



Ralph & Bobby



Apple Shop



Falling Water



Bay Watch