**THIS TEXT IS A COMMENTARY FOR THE GOOGLE MAPS LINK I WILL SEND TO YOU.**

**The Google waypoints will take you to near where we want to be and you then have to use the continue button. There will be some of you who are much better at this than me and I bow to your superior knowledge and will take no offence if you want to help by changing sat nav way points. I have absolutely no sense of direction so if you are following me be prepared for an magical mystery tour. Well that is until my car breaks down as it did on the Cotswolds Tour.**

**Please try to stay together if you would like to follow but if you wish to just take off on you own please just let me know so we don’t wait.**

**The tour is for your enjoyment of a lovely county please don’t feel you have to follow the routes if you want to explore on your own.**

**PART 1.**

**I would like to leave Doxford at 9 am please as I have arranged with Bamburgh Castle to have photo up by gates. Unfortunately I was not able to gain entry for cars on this day as peak season and too any members of public.**

**Turn Right out of Doxford Hall the first point takes you to Chathill the station is on the left - continue to Beadnell Bay**

**This Bay is the reason I bought a house in Northumberland it is a lovely beach and if you feel like an early morning swim this is the place to come. Quick photo if space available.**

**Turn around and we now go on to Seahouses on B1430 – more of an old fashioned bucket and spade village/ great fish and chips and again beautiful beach.**

**Continue on B1430 to Bamburgh – turn right to go up to car park where Andrew will show us where we can park up near the gate to get great photo with castle in background. Bambugh is well worth a visit on another occasion and out of peak season – great to do if it is raining which I hope it won’t be on our tour day. There is great restaurant in Bamburgh called the Potted Lobster.**

**We leave by the exit from car park and turn right to the Coastal Route – as we go through the town on the left you will see the Grace Darling Museum. A museum dedicated to the bravery of GD.**

**Continue on the B1432 to where the sign shows end of Coastal Route at Belford – turn left and we now have to join the A1 for the rest of the journey to Berwick upon Tweed.**

**We will not try to stay together on A1 so will meet Berwick on Tweed.**

**There are 2 carparks we will decide on day which one or both we will use. Remember to use the parking discs Peter and Pam gave you.**

**Quayside - where we can get really good photos going through the old town gates. I will volunteer to take photos**

**Castle Gate – the other end of town with toilets and near the wall walk.**

**I think it would be nice to spend some time maybe ¾ hour in Berwick as it is a great town. It is a walled town and you are able to walk on the walls. L S Lowry had a house here and often there are exhibitions – there is a Lowry walk but it is all around the town. Nice little shops.**

**To start the next part of the tour you turn right out of the Castle Gate car park heading for Duns.**

**PART 2**

**We will be entering Scotland so please have passports at the ready.**

**Berwick to Duns – Need to be at The Jim Clark Museum by 12 for special tour.**

 **if you choose not to spend time in Berwick please meet us at Jim Clark museum in Duns**

**Turn right out of Castle Gate A1167**

**Take first exit on roundabout to A1 go onto A1 for ½ mile then turn right to A6105**

**The first 8 miles on the A6105 great roads – couple of 20mph villages so be careful**

**Then turn left to stay on A6105 for another 5 miles of great road**

**Then there is right turn into the town and the Jim Clark Museum is at the end of town on the right.**

**There is parking in front of the museum and Kenny would like us to park there but unfortunately as it is public road park it can’t be reserved. If that area is full please park across the road in the office car park.**

**The museum is opening especially for us and the tour takes about ¾ hour.**

**Peter has then reserved café in town for 1pm if you would like to have a look around Duns – there is a festival taking place so it will be busier than usual – leace the cars at Museum and walk.**

**PART 3**

**DUNS BACK TO DOXFORD HALL VIA LOTS OF LITTLE PLACES**

**Continue out of town from museum – right with M behind you or left from office car park.**

**A6112 to Coldstream**

**A698 to Kelso – Toilets and Parking if you want to stop**

**A6436 to Morebattle but don’t turn right to go to MR at junction take B6352 towards Kirk Yetholm and then B6351 to Kirknewton**

**Head to Wooler A697**

**B6348 to Belshill join the A1 for quickest way back to DH**

**DINNER IS AT 6PM TO FACILITATE DRIVE TO HOLY ISLAND**

**PART 4 Leave Doxford Hall AT 7.45PM**

**Use A1 to get to Holy Island turn**

**There is Esso garage with slip road on right just before the turn so let us all meet there so we can drive over Causeway together**

**When we are in convoy going over Causeway I will go first and stop at the refuge hut on stilts so if you all stop behind I will go up steps to get a pic of us going- I would like to get one coming back with the Island behind us but realise people might leave at different times.**

**We are then going to drive onto the Island down the main street and up to Castle gate – again we can’t go right in.**

**It will be a bit tight on the Island and may be lots of people but the coaches will not be there**

**The Causeway will be clear at the time we are crossing and when I did it an hour after tide had gone out it was dry**

**If you would like to walk around Holy Island and you can walk up to the Castle please take your car back to the main car park.**

**The Ship is nice pub in main street.**