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Mosbach extra

This email is an extra for Ian's blog about the festival in Mosbach but first, we have some stop press news, which I didn't want to leave until the August newsletter. Russ is doing a couple of shows in January, 17th and 18th, in Barnoldswick, Lancs. As you can see from the poster, this will be a little different with stories and songs. As I write this, Saturday is sold out (it sold out very quickly) and there are only 14 standing tickets left for Sunday. This is a very small but popular venue. Here is a link for tickets but don't leave it...if you would like to go, book now. <https://www.barnoldswickmusicandartscentre.com/russ-ballard>

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Russ Ballard, Mosbach Festival Germany 2025 with Level 42 and The Hooters.

Friday 25th July

The band (PJ, Marc, Roly, and John) and I assemble at Russ's house ready to start our journey back to Germany.

Marc and I arrive first and it's great to see him again. We sit in the kitchen while Russ makes his last preparations. Denny is having issues with checking us in as Lufthansa seem to have a computer glitch. Not helpful for us as we have a lot of luggage and instruments to check in and it makes it more complicated.....

Roly and PJ arrive together and the kitchen is suddenly full of man hugs . Cups of tea next before the Ballardmobile arrives to take us to London Heathrow.

We are not sure whether our back line legend Robin has a distortion unit for Russ so Denny bubble wraps it and we take it anyway.

It was PJ's birthday yesterday (24th) so Denny has a card for him. Another reason for a hug. Oh, and someone created an animation in his honour....



It's not too long a journey to Heathrow and we arrive at the very lovely Terminal 2, the Queen Elizabeth Terminal.

Check in goes brilliantly as Marc uses his charm to get us special treatment.....I'm sure the lady didn't realise what she was getting herself into! "Oh, a band? Do you do this a lot?"

Thanks to Fastrack (Cheers Denny and Russ) we have a smooth ride through security and we have some great banter with a security lady.... We have plenty of time so make a beeline for the lounge (Thanks again Denny and Russ).

The guys can't get in the lounge without Russ which is an issue as I'm with him and he's seen a Spurs baseball cap for sale in duty free shopping. "Can we go in here". We stride past the new Spurs away shirt (black....John's favourite) and secure the cap.

I'm asked to look after itwell, he's the Boss!
I call Marc and assure him we are on the way to the lounge and we won't be long.

Refuelling takes place in the lounge and then some strategic food stockpiling takes place for the road journey at the other end.

It's time to board for Frankfurt, it's only a 90 minute flight, or is it? We take our seats and I'm next to Marc and John. Then we get an announcement from the Captain . Basically we have missed our departure slotoh, that's ok.....10 min delay? Oh no, A ONE HOUR delay.....while already sitting in our seats!



The guys wish we could have spent that extra hour in the lounge.....

Anyway, our German Ballardmobile awaits at the other end, instruments safely delivered. We set off and have a great selfie taken by Marc in the front (he likes the front).



The van takes us through beautiful and typical German countryside with tree lined forests....then the driver decides to take a U Turnhe's taken the wrong turn! So we go back, through beautiful and typical German countryside with tree lined forests (have I been here somewhere before?).

That little "detour" costs us another 30 minutes (on top of the 60 we lost on the flight), although to be fair he does drive extremely fast to reclaim the time lost.....🤡

And it's properly raining by the way.....

I message Thorsten the owner of the Indian Restaurant in Mosbach where we are dining tonight (what did you expect?) and inform him we will be latehe's great about it.....the 8pm booking is about to be nearer 9pm.

We finally arrive at the hotel where Patrik (from ASS promoters), The Duke from Switzerland and Nancy from Florida are waiting for us in the

lobby. I generously give everyone about 15 mins tops to check in, change or even wash if they have time. Then it's downstairs where Patrik suggests we walk to the restaurant (thankfully the rain had stopped).

We arrive at Das Indische Haus where Thorsten and his team are there to greet us. The beer tastes good when it arrives...


A lovely evening ensues. When people are asked for their spice level it's four choices....

1/ Normal

2/ Medium

3/ Spicy

4/ Indian Spicy

The Duke and I go for number 4 (purely because normally in Europe their spice levels never seem to be the same as what we are used to in the UK).....well, I can tell you that this establishment are a little different.....



When we leave, Thorsten asks Russ to sign the Festival Poster on the wall. He also has a table selfie with us all! Thanks Thorsten and team, you were fantastic.



A short walk back to the hotel and bedtime, it's showtime tomorrow and the guys need their rest.

Day Two- Saturday 26th July - Show Time!

It's a lovely morning in Mosbach. We all enjoy breakfast (with the possible exception of Russ as there are not too many Vegan options....) and the sun is shining....(at the moment.....🤔).

I have arranged to meet Patrik our Tour Promoter at 10.00 to take a walk over to the venue. I need to unpack the Merch and organise it, ready for sale. The venue is only 5 mins or so away.

When we get there it's full of people working hard on the ground to ensure the show goes smoothly. I get a chance to see our old friend and back line man Robin who tells me he looks tired. He does, he hasn't had much sleep after a Hooters show last night and the travel to Mosbach.

I get a chance to wander around and notice the on site chef and refreshment tent. Brilliantly organised.

Then I notice the marquees are all labelled with the artists names and Russ has a nice size area for him and the band.



Patrik and I head for our trailer which is parked up and it soon becomes apparent that our Merch hasn't been packed due to an admin error and therefore we won't be selling any.

😞 (Our apologies to any fans who turned up expecting to buy some).

After a quick wander around I head back to the hotel and have suggested to Russ we have a quick walk into town to stretch our legs. We need also to get him some lunch as he's only eaten lightly so far today.

We wander through this beautiful picture postcard town and the sky looks grey, very grey.

We are looking for a suitable venue to have lunch and the time is around 12.55. I wander into an establishment that Russ has spotted. I ask the gentleman if he has Vegan options and if so, can we have a table. "the kitchen closes at 1pm, I'm sorry", he replies.

Now let me get this straight....its lunchtime on a busy Saturday and the town is teeming with people.....and they close the kitchen at 1pm??? I would advise these budding entrepreneurs not to pitch any new restaurant venture(s) on Dragons Den....😏

As I walk back outside to give Russ the news, the heavens open.....Thunder, Lightning, Striking again and again and again.....(one for the Argent fans there ...great single).

Luckily we don't have to go far. There is a fantastic Sushi restaurant next door. Russ has a bowl that is huge (see pic) and I have the chicken soup which is equally filling.



We manage to wait until the rain stops and get ourselves back to the hotel. The band are being picked up at 3 to go to the venue and prepare. Russ at 4.

We assemble in reception at 3.50 and at 4.25, still no shuttle to pick us up. (During this time a gentleman walks by with a RB 2025 German tour T. Shirt on...I shout after him at least three times....but he doesn't hear me. If you're reading this Sir, I did try to introduce you to Russ! 😞).

I call Marc at the venue and he arranges a follow up shuttle to get Russ across. When we get there, I got a little grumpy with the shuttle guys for keeping the boss waiting but....I later find out that the shuttle DID arrive on time at the hotel entrance....the

driver said "Russ Ballard?" and someone said "yes"the rest is history....

Unfortunately the delay has coincided with the weather worsening....and just as we arrive at the venue, it's chucking it down.....when the car arrives two guys arrive with an umbrella each to make sure our man doesn't get wet.....I would love to have taken a picture of that but I was too busy getting drenched! I wonder if the umbrella had "RB" on it?

☔ I'll never know....

Russ is enjoying his marquee and even more impressed that it isn't leaking! Sound check time and we manage to sneak over to the stage in a rare dry moment. The band sound great as usual and after a successful soundcheck, it's time to surprise someone....

Regular readers of the Tour Blog may remember how we presented Robin our back line legend with signed hotel slippers on the tour....this time we wanted to do something more memorable....a signed Spurs shirt with "Russ Ballard Band" on the back....check out the photo. (No you can't eBay it Robin!).

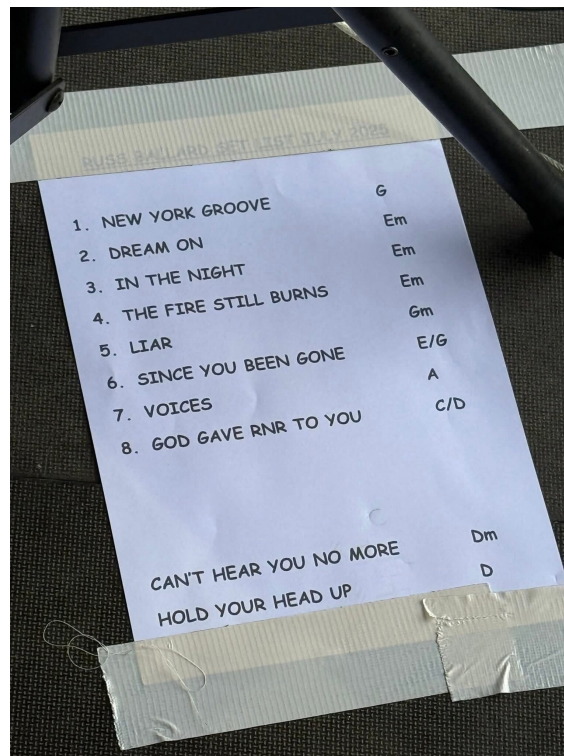


It doesn't seem long before it's stage time as Russ is on early (6.15) and again he manages to get to the stage in a dry moment.....

I do my intro and then the band launch into “New York Groove”the crowd are brilliant and whilst it’s only spitting with rain at the moment.....during “The Fire Still Burns” the heavens open and I capture the moment as the crowd quickly put umbrellas up and waterproofs on.

Russ has been given 45 mins for his set (impossible to get anywhere near all the great music in that time of course) and he’s already 7 mins over when “God Gave” finishes. The stage guys then appear like ants from every angle of the stage and there isn’t even time for the usual band audience bow.

Russ would like to thank the audience for staying all the way through the set, despite the awful weather.



After the set, Russ chats with various members of the Hooters in his dressing area. I go and briefly check out Level 42 who sound amazing. Russ’s band choose to stay for the remainder of the evening and watch both bands and wind down. Russ wants to chill out quietly and we retire to a Thai restaurant to reflect on a long day.

One of the shuttle guys drops us off and offers to be there to pick us up after the meal. Sure enough, when we've finished he's outside and the rain is absolutely torrential as we leave for the hotel.