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What a welcome Pigletté and BoBo get as they board the plane! These people don't look like they are in bankruptcy. Nope, just the airline is.



First stop is a rather shabby bed and breakfast in the town of St. Helier on the Isle of Jersey, a tax haven that is part of the United Kingdom.

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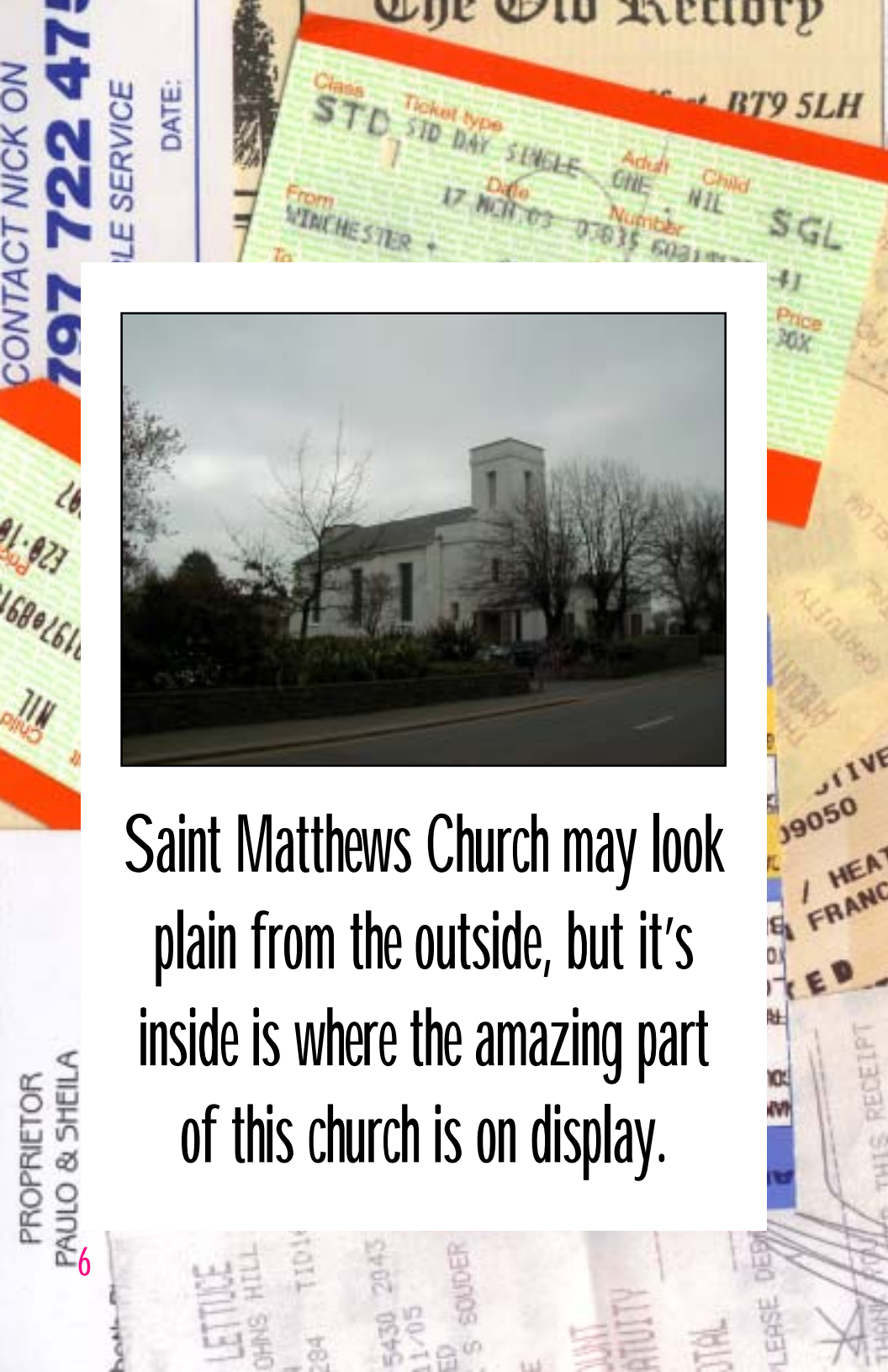
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Luckily, the town itself isn't at all shabby. This is Queen Elizabeth Park on the way out of town, headed to our next stop.



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Saint Matthews Church may look plain from the outside, but it's inside is where the amazing part of this church is on display.

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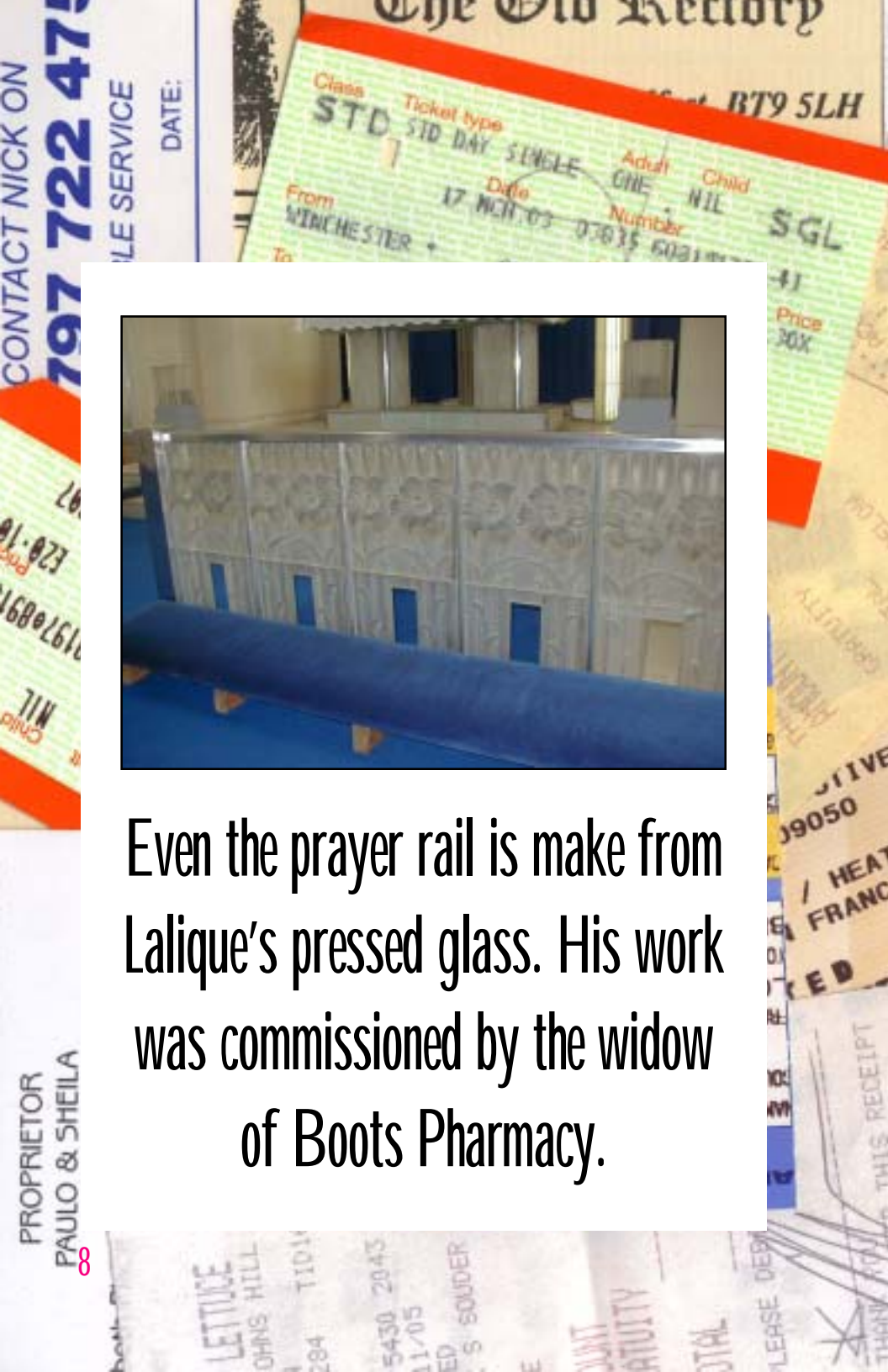
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All of the glass work in this church was done by René Lalique in 1934. The cross and all of the other pieces are all glass. Imagine!



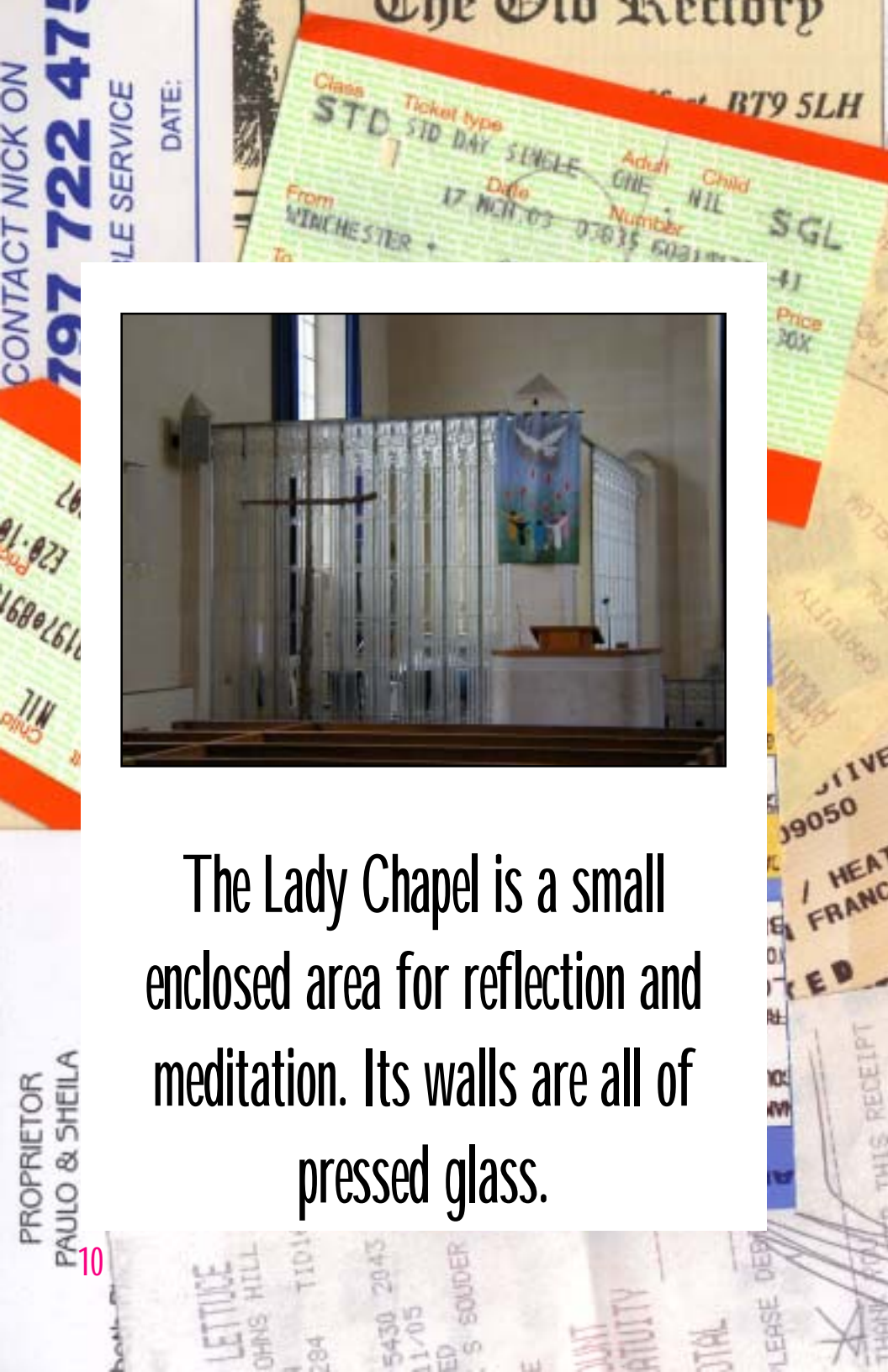


Even the prayer rail is made from Lalique's pressed glass. His work was commissioned by the widow of Boots Pharmacy.





Hey, boys, don't be playing  
around in the etched crystal font!  
Good thing there isn't any holy  
water in there!



The Lady Chapel is a small enclosed area for reflection and meditation. Its walls are all of pressed glass.

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This glass screen is inside the Lady Chapel. The four angels are lit from behind with white neon. Kind of eerie, isn't it?



Enough of church. Let's go back into town and get some lunch. This looks like a nice little pub. Steak and kidney pie, anyone?

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In the afternoon, the boys are off on a bus trip to the Saint Catherine's where there is a castle at the top of the hill.



The next stop on our Grand Tour is a visit to Mark Ovenden in Winchester, England. He starred in "Pigletté Takes the Concorde."

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Boy, what a mess Pigletté and BoBo have made. Why can't the suitcase just repack itself? Maybe that will be their new invention!





The next afternoon is picnic time.  
What is that phrase, a moment on  
your lips, a lifetime on your hips?  
Things not to do with your cake.

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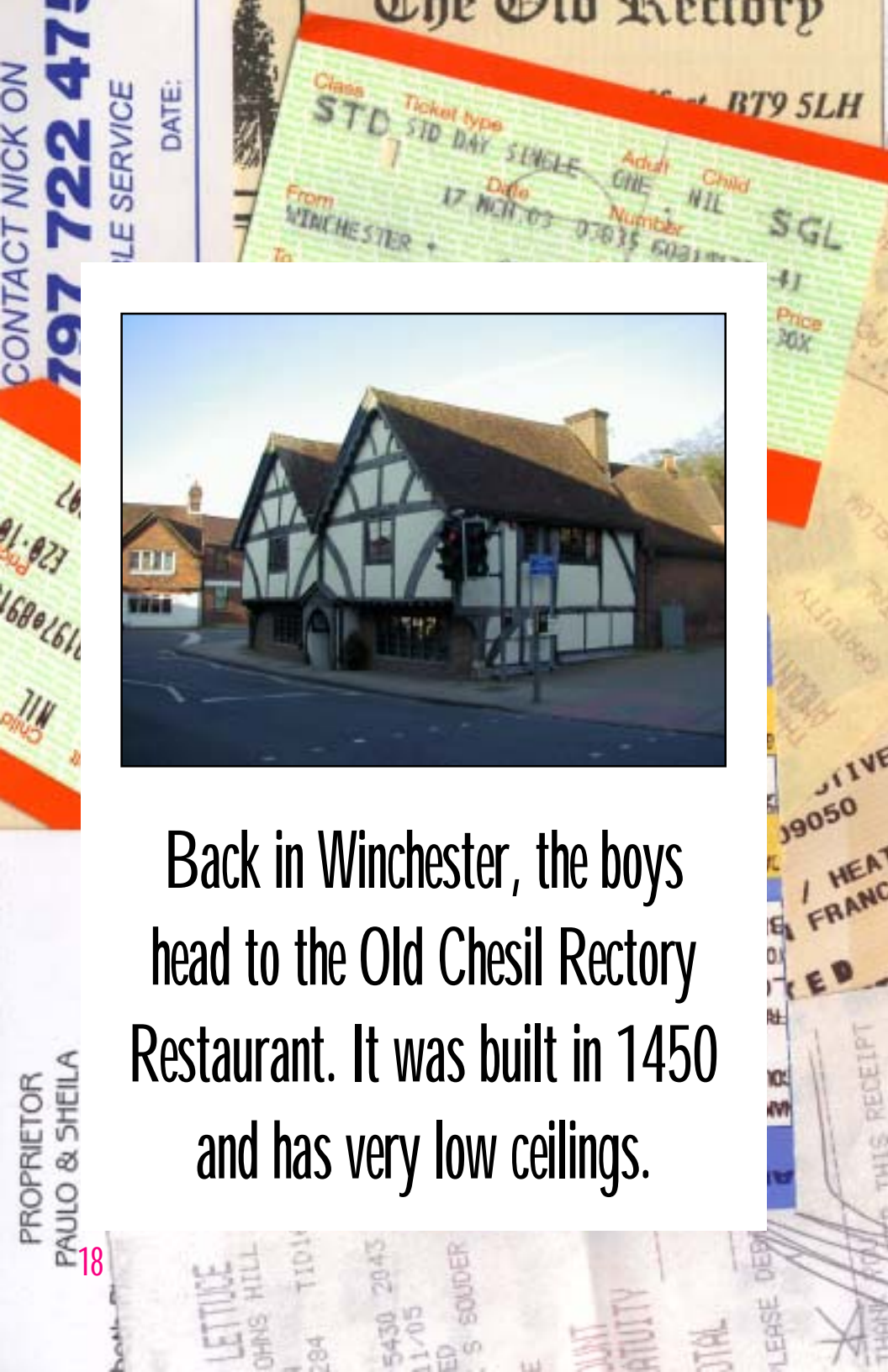
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Back in Winchester, the boys head to the Old Chesil Rectory Restaurant. It was built in 1450 and has very low ceilings.

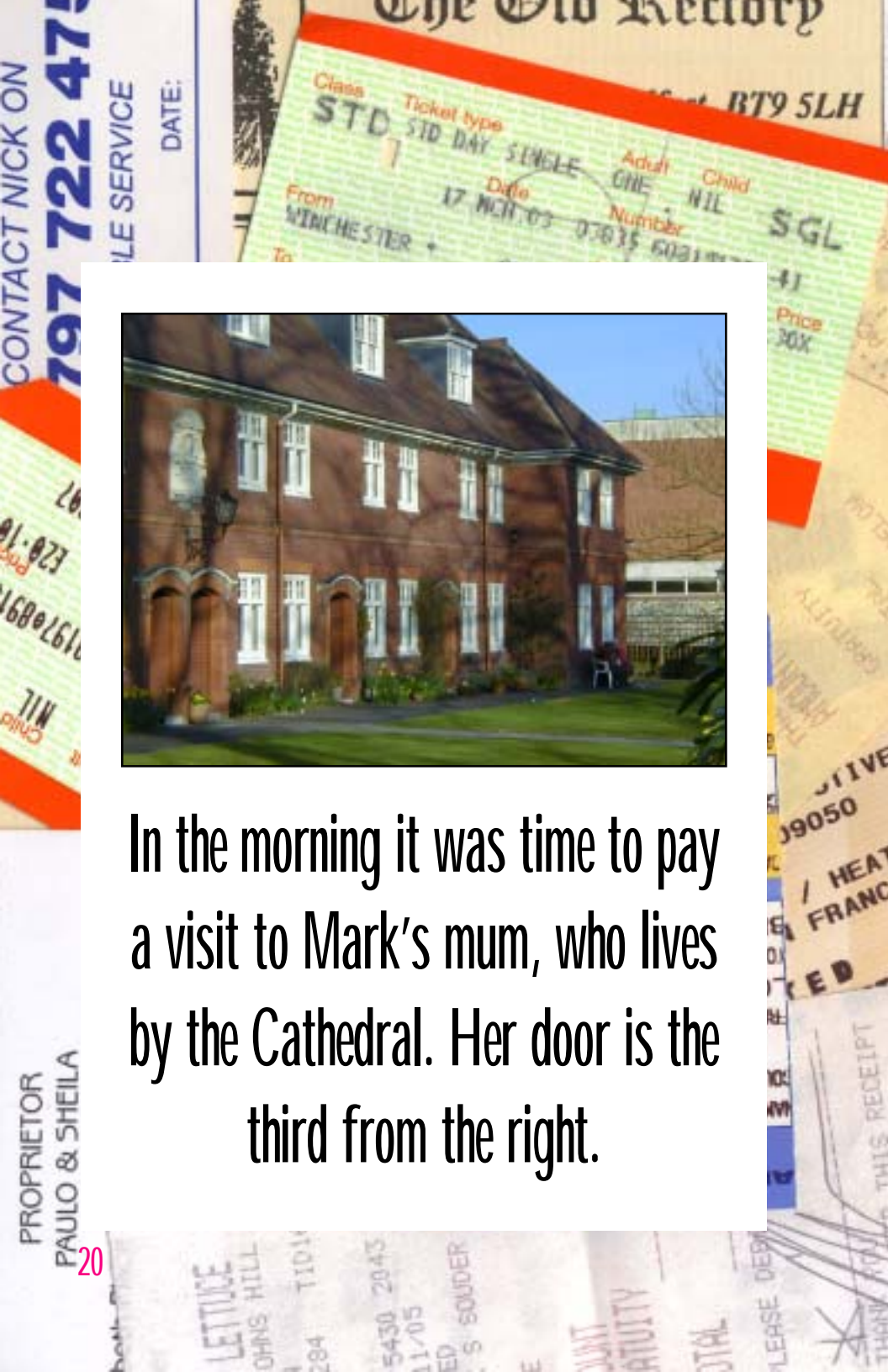
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Afterwards, they go to a very swanky party at this house on the hill. Lots of people from London, with lots of weird hair.





In the morning it was time to pay a visit to Mark's mum, who lives by the Cathedral. Her door is the third from the right.





She has a lovely view of the  
Cathedral from her front window.  
I guess that's the advantage of  
being a vicar's widow.



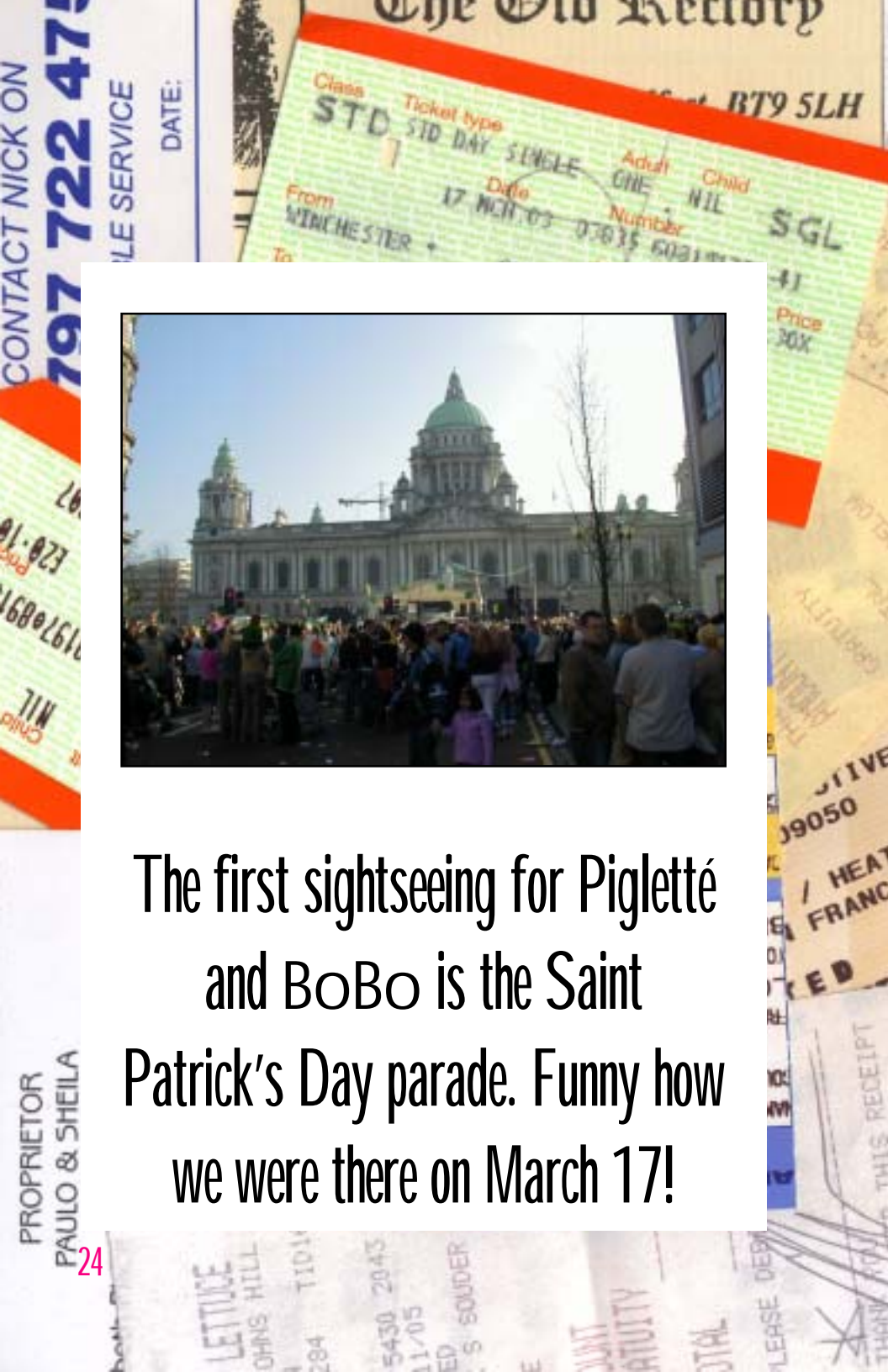
Next stop on the Grand Tour is Belfast, in Northern Ireland. We are staying at the Old Rectory Inn — do you notice a theme here?

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Pigletté and BoBo like the comfortable room we have. It has a view to the courtyard and a great breakfast, not like that one on Jersey.





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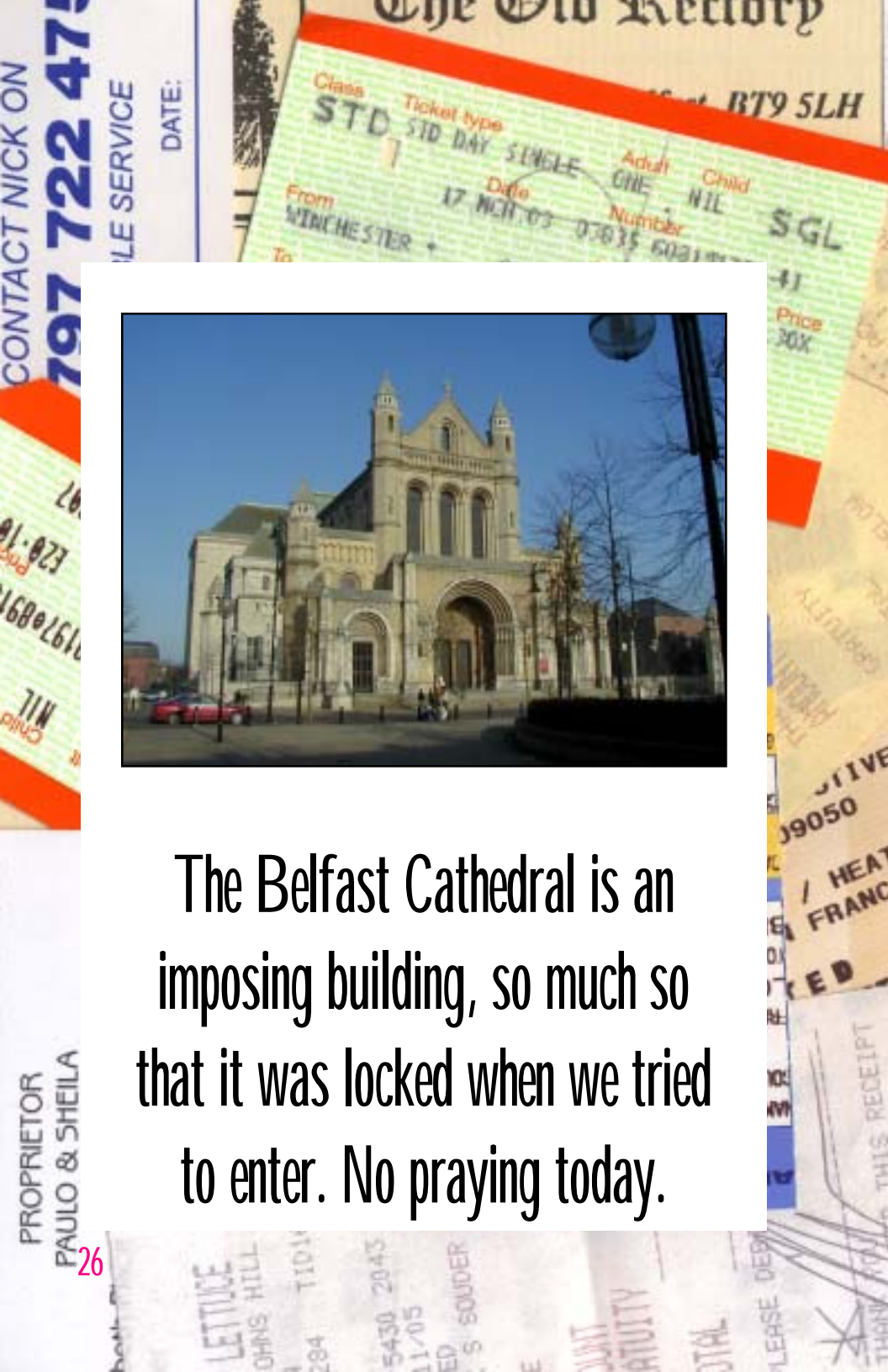


The first sightseeing for Pigletté  
and BoBo is the Saint  
Patrick's Day parade. Funny how  
we were there on March 17!

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The graffiti on this brick wall expresses some of the Northern Irish people's feelings about the US war in Iraq.



The Belfast Cathedral is an imposing building, so much so that it was locked when we tried to enter. No praying today.

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Guess we'll have to go to a pub then. This bar features a Lenin statue outside, and free internet access inside.



Belfast is a beautiful city at dusk.  
Old buildings and clean streets make  
it seem so far away from the  
sectarian violence of the past.





As night falls the city gets more dynamic. Guess we'd better find a place for dinner before the show tonight.





Even the people are beautiful.  
This is Stefan, our waiter, who  
recommended two wonderful  
dishes to go with the dinner wine.

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The Opera House is amazing with it's lounge stuck out over the sidewalk. Tonight we are going to see a play.



Everybody at the bar is dressed up and ready to party. Doesn't it feel odd, being above the sidewalk below?

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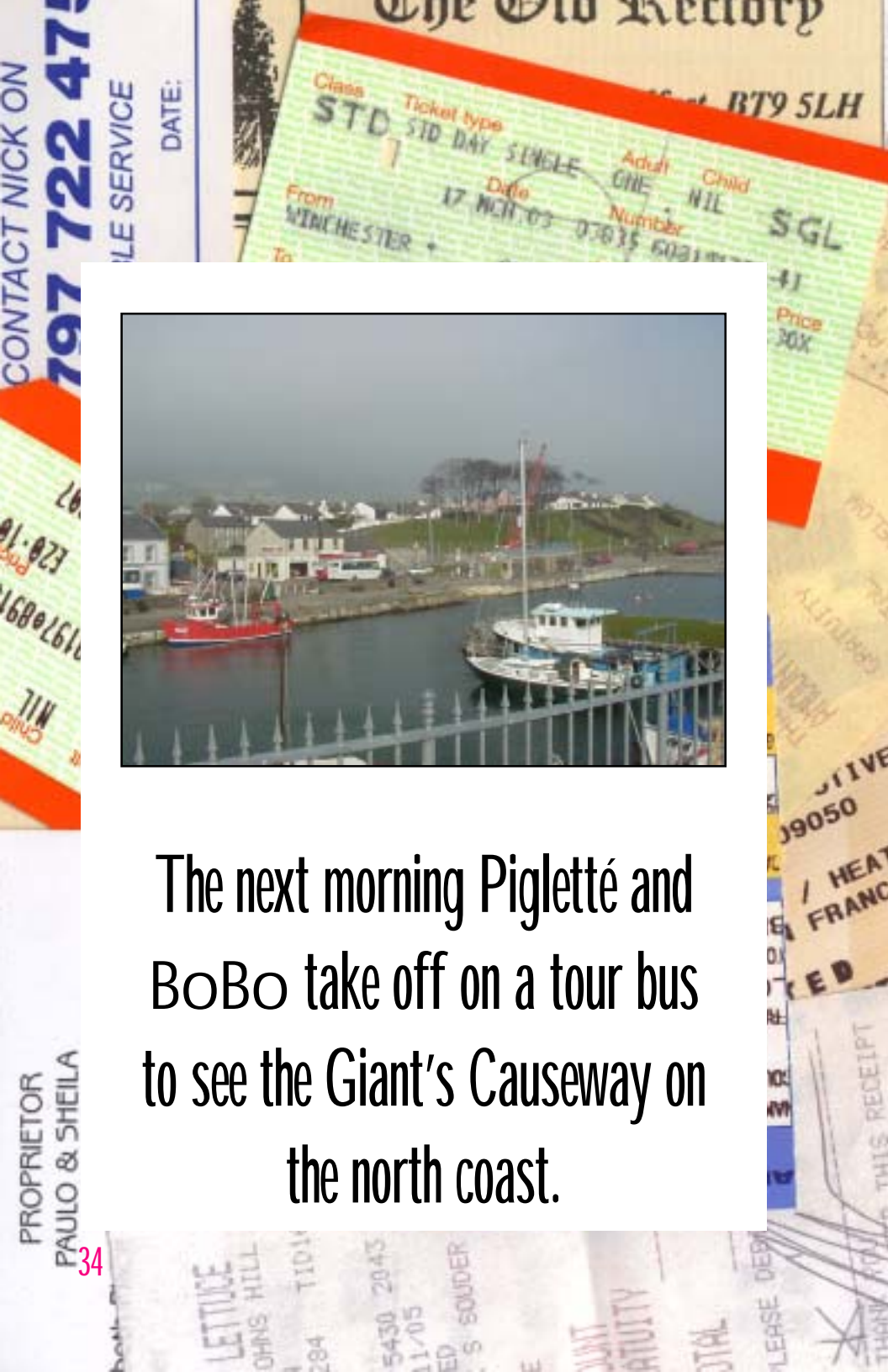
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The inside of the theatre is a little gaudy, but at least the seats are comfortable. Not bad for buying the tickets this morning.



The next morning Pigletté and BoBo take off on a tour bus to see the Giant's Causeway on the north coast.

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Here we see UncleMarkie on a rope bridge that crosses a great ravine. You aren't scared of heights, are you?





This is Walter. He is from Scotland. He is staying at the Youth Hostel in Belfast. He doesn't look hostile to us!





A little lunch stop is in order.  
The Fullerton Arms serves  
burgers, salads, and, of course,  
steak and kidney pie.



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The Northern Irish coast can be a desolate place. This poor house sits at the end of the world. It looks cold!

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At the Giant's Causeway,  
Pigletté and BoBo relax with  
UncleMarkie before continuing the  
hike to the sea.



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Look at those strange rock formations! Legend says that the Giants would use these to walk to Scotland.

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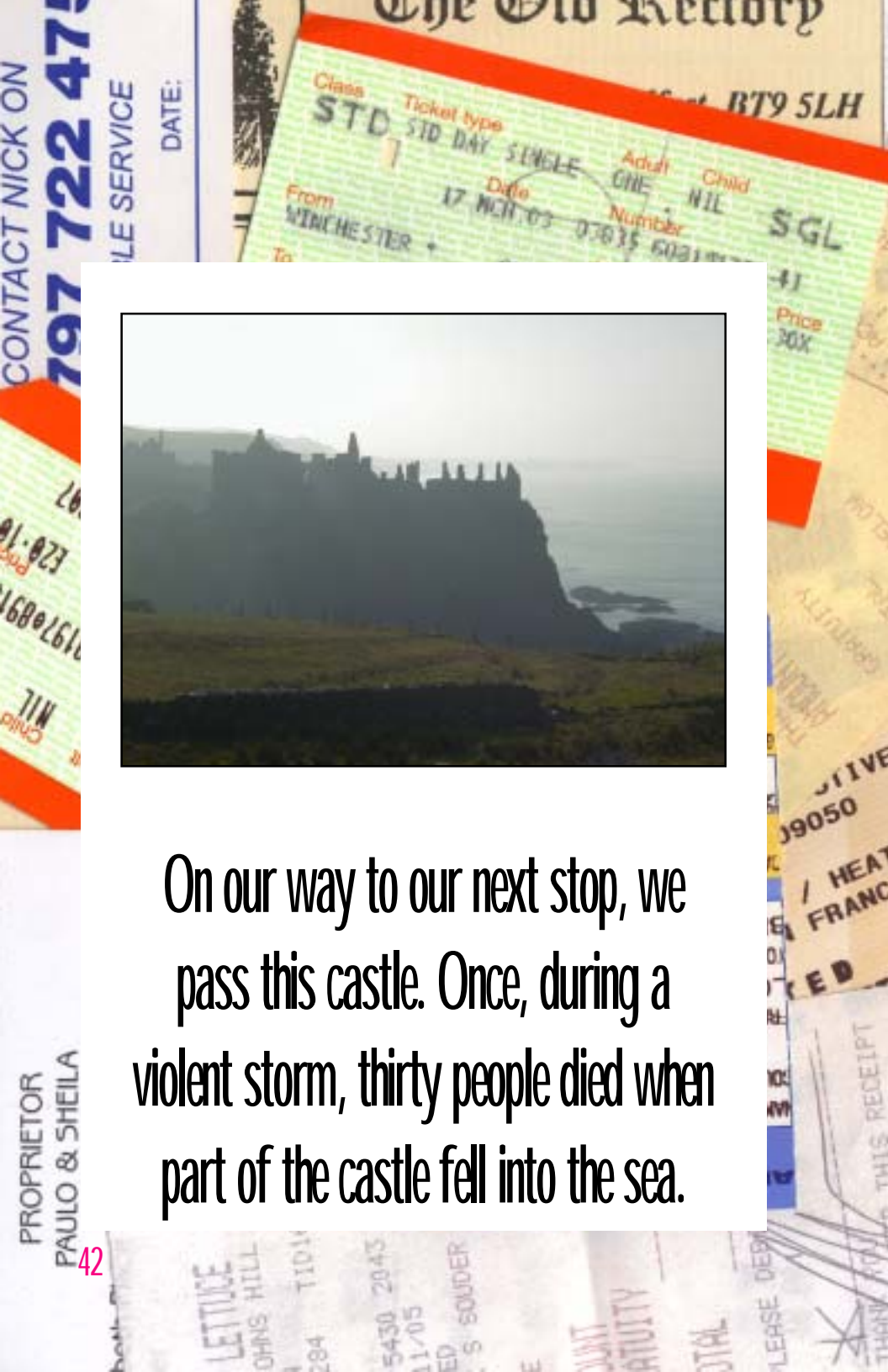
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Walter looks lonely out on the  
rocks, staring toward Scotland.  
Shall we join keep him  
company on the rocks?





On our way to our next stop, we pass this castle. Once, during a violent storm, thirty people died when part of the castle fell into the sea.

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Our last stop of the day is the most fun — the Bushmill Distillery! UncleMarkie becomes a Certified Irish Whisky Taster.



Wow! That's a lot of Irish Whisky laying around. Better not let UncleMarkie hang around for too long.





Back in Belfast at the end of the day, we tour neighborhoods where blood has been spilled in the past.



This would be a Protestant neighborhood, with the colors of the English flag on the curbstones.

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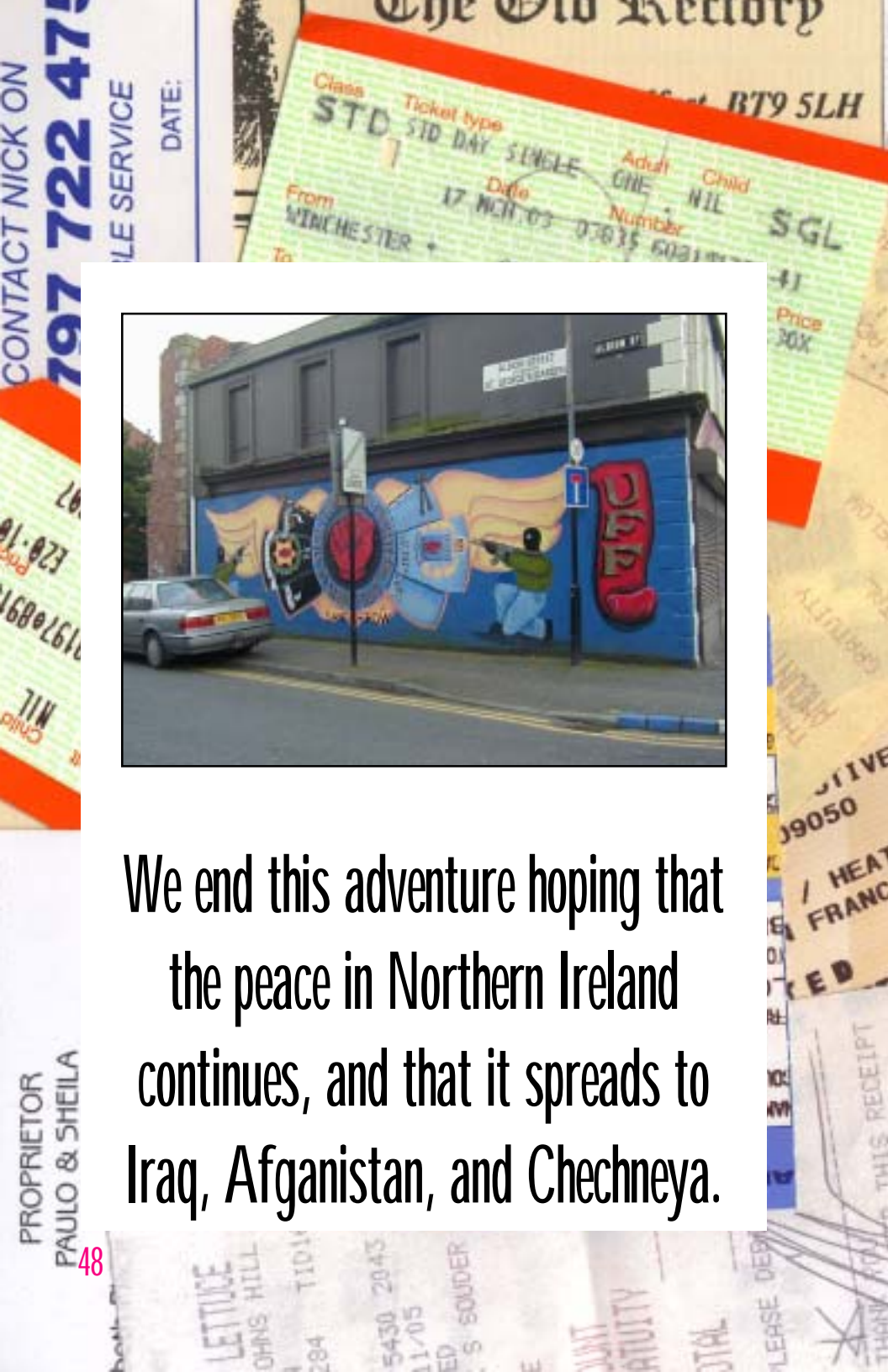
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These murals glamorize people who have died fighting over who should rule this part of Ireland. Can't we just get along?





We end this adventure hoping that the peace in Northern Ireland continues, and that it spreads to Iraq, Afganistan, and Chechneya.

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