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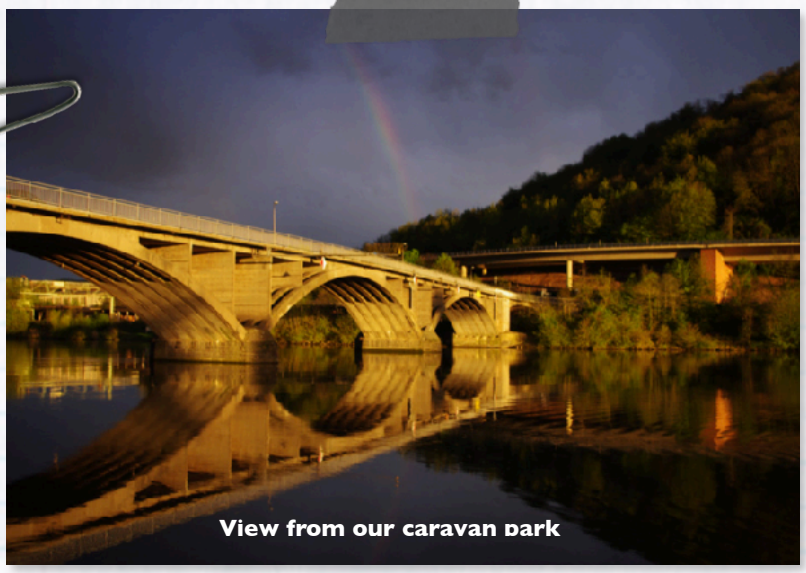

View from our caravan park

Sitting Pretty

There is not much to remember about today. We napped and laid around most of it beside the Moselle. Heather has a dental appointment for tomorrow and so we were forced into a day off. It is very hot here even now - at 9pm and is expected to reach the highest ever temperature for this part of Germany in a few days time - 42 degrees. Climate change indeed?

We could have gone for a long bike ride to the nearest town, Trier, but decided that was too hot. We were not at all concerned about missing out on ancient Roman walls or a magnificent cathedral. Nonetheless we did venture out at about 7pm and had a lovely shady ride with gentle breezes coming off the quiet river. I say quiet, this is despite the river being used by large container and tourist vessels. They just glide by with only the gentle lapping of the water to mark their passing. Mind you a party ship moored a little way up from the caravan park has just headed out. Canoeists, paddle boarders and the occasional jet ski or power boat with a skier or two are also on the river. The one big black mark for this park (that is otherwise in rather an idyllic place) is that it has overhead motorways on three sides. The hum of traffic diminishes over time until a hoon on two or four wheels decides to test out their horsepower. Tomorrow, after Heather's dental appointment we intend to experience more of the Moselle.

We both noticed immediately. Not just a Brompton aficionado but exactly the same colour and just as old as mine. Simply had to get a picture.

CHILLING OUT Had to laugh at this young lass who went over to the tap and filled a bucket of water. She then proceeded to put her feet in the bucket to remain cool.

RACING A gentle quiet river is inevitably going to be a place where testosterone driven males race their powerful machines. Sigh!!

RIVER TRANSPORT This photo does not show how incredibly long this barge is. On the back of river barges is usually a car so that the driver can drive home at end of shift