

Dear Sir,

I was in Berlin on the day the wall went up.

I was attending a five-day Conference of doctors and scientists reviewing and sharing their research and experience in treating and managing Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders. I will remember this as a time when the spirit of international cooperation was wearing its best clothes – a time when nationality was interesting but at the same time unimportant.

Berlin in mid-summer was well worth the visit – a modern peaceful international city. The greatest disturbance was from the car horns celebrating Germany's progress into the knock-out stages of the UEFA Championship.

During this week there was an uneasy back-story about a referendum in my home country which struck at the heart of purposeful cooperation between people and nations. The media reports were cautiously hopeful as opinion polls indicated that British people were minded to continue on the path of cooperation with our neighbours.

I flew home to Stansted on Thursday the 23rd June. This day will be burned into my memory – the day the Wall went up.

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