

128 Jolly Boys Visit to St Albans (not Bishops Castle) Thursday 28th October 2004

A substitute trip for Bishops Castle due to Brian being temporarily legless or at least bipedally impaired.

Culture :-

Lots - Roman Verulamium of course and St Albans Abbey (made a cathedral in 1877 and therefore making St Albans a city). Also the oldest inn in St Albans, "Ye Old Fighting Cocks" claims to be the oldest inhabited licensed house in England - it was once a fishing lodge for the abbey's monks. Most importantly at 230 Hatfield Road is the CAMRA HQ.

Getting To St Albans :-

St Pancras	dep	10.17		10.33	10.48	11.03	
Watford Jn	dep		10.31				11.16
St Albans City	arr	10.39		10.53	11.09	11.23	
St Albans Abbey	arr		10.47				11.32

Being at St Albans :-

Walking times not known but for those who need to make a calculation, the distance between grid lines on the map is 250 metres.

The St Albans Pubs :-

Map Code	Pub Name	Pub Address	Pub Notes	Pub Opening times	Visiting Times
E/F 6/7	The Cross Keys	7 Chequer Street	A Wetherspoons for Breakfast assuming it opens at 10.00.	10.00 - 23.00	10.00 - 10.55
F/G/H 7	The Farmers Boy	134 London Road 01727 766702	GBG 2005 entry - home of the Verulam brewery - food available 11.30 - 21.30. (The only GBG pub in St Albans to open before 12.00)	11.00 - 23.00	11.05 - 12.05
3.	The Lower Red Lion	34-36 Fishpool Street 01727 855669	GBG 2005 entry - food has been good in the past. (www.lowerredlion.com)	12.00 - 14.30	12.20 - 13.10
E/F 8	The Garibaldi	61 Albert Street 01727 855046	GBG 2005 entry - a Fullers pub	12.00 - 23.00	13.20 - 13.50
F 8	The White Hart Tap	4 Keyfield Terrace	GBG 2005 entry. (www.whitcharttap.co.uk)	12.00 - 23.00	13.55 - 14.25
E/F 8	The Goat Inn	37 Sopwell Lane	GBG 2005	12.00 - 23.00	14.30 - 15.00
G/H/J/ 11	The Mermaid	98 Hatfield Road	GBG 2005 entry - on the way back to City station.	12.00 - 23.00	15.15 -

NB : Pubs 4 - 7 will be visited depending on time and likes and dislikes at the time. No time for a reccy so all taken from the GBG 2005 and exact positions of hostelryes not known.

Getting Away :-

St Albans City	dep	07	21	37	51		
St Albans City	dep					14.37	15.22
St Pancras	arr	30	44	00	14		
Watford Jcn	dep					14.53	15.38