

Jolly Boys Visit to Rye 193 Thursday 5th July 2007

Culture :-

The "Ancient Town" of Rye became one of the Cinque Ports in 1278. Frequently attacked by the French it was burnt to the ground in 1377 at which time the church bells were stolen. Next year the people of Rye sailed over to St Pierre-en-Port, burnt it down, and took their bells back.

In 1359 it provided 5 ships for the king's service, interestingly only half as many as Winchelsea at the time. Of the surviving old buildings the Landgate was built in 1329. The oldest building remaining is Baddings Tower (now called Ypres Tower), built in the mid 13th century. St Mary's church dates from the 12th – 13th century and set in the north transept is a clock made locally in 1560. Also worthy of note is the water cistern in Rye completed in 1735 and holding 20,000 gallons of water.

Warning :-

There are no brilliant pubs in Rye, neither is there any brilliant beer so indulge in the culture. Thick soled boots/shoes are recommended as the cobbles can be uncomfortable to walk on.

For those arriving early, Thursday is market day, and the market adjacent to the station is one of the larger ones in the area and worth a quick visit.

The "Fat Controller" at the station does good breakfasts in two sizes at just under £4 and £5 with tea and toast also a good breakfast bap. This is recommended for early food as lunch food quality can not be guaranteed at the pubs we will visit. Take-away fish & chips will of course be available.

Getting There & Back:-

Charing Cross	dep			0755				08.55	
Waterloo	dep			07.58				08.58	
Cannon Street	dep	07.43				08.43			
London Bridge	dep	07.47		08.02		08.47			
Ashford	arr			09.17				10.03	
Ashford	dep				09.30				10.30
Brighton	dep		08.32				09.32		
Lewes	dep		08.44				09.44		
Hastings	arr	09.22	09.32			10.17	10.32		
Hastings	dep		09.34				10.34		
Rye	arr		09.51		09.53		10.51		10.53

Rye	dep	13.54		13.54		14.54		14.54	
Hastings	Arr			14.11				15.11	
Hastings	dep			14.12	14.30			15.12	15.48
Ashford	arr	14.16				15.16			
Ashford	dep		14.26				15.24		
Lewes	arr			15.07				16.07	
Brighton	arr			15.20				16.20	
London Bridge	arr				15.54		16.28		
Waterloo	arr		15.32		16.00		16.33		
Charing Cross	arr		15.36		16.04		16.37		
Cannon Street	arr								17.30

NB : For those travelling via Hastings (especially with a Sussex bus pass) should the 09.30 or 10.30 trains from Hastings to Rye be cancelled a 344 bus leaves the station at 50 mins past each hour to Rye arriving at 30 past. A nice ride if needed.

The Itinerary :-

Why so many pubs? Because we may not want to stay too long in some of them depending on how they are on the day: it will be very "suck it and see". We will miss out on the bus ride to the Harbour as it is a 15 minute journey with half an hour there to rush the two pubs; so hope for the best with the town pubs. Food is available in all pubs except the Bedford but it is all relatively pricey and probably not that clever. The Standard had the most comprehensive menu for size and price and has a "new" non-smoking restaurant out back. The Mermaid will not be visited as although beer is served by a man in a waistcoat and bow-tie it is £3.15 a pint. Otherwise price guide is £2.60.

<u>No on Map</u>	<u>Hostelry</u>	<u>Beers @ time of reconnoitre</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Pub Opening Times</u>	<u>Approx Jolly Boy Times</u>
1.	The Cinque Ports Inn Cinque Port Street	A Shepherd Neame Pub		10.00 -23.00	10.00 -11.00
2.	The Bedford Arms 91 Fishmarket Road	Ringwood 49er Everards Tiger		11.00 – 23.00	11.10 – 11.30
3.	The Ypres Gun Gardens	Adnams Bitter Adnams Broadside Timothy Taylor Landlord Harveys Sussex	The order of 3 & 4 may be reversed if the Union is open when passed between 2 & 3	11.30 - 23.00	11.40 – 12.20
4.	The Union Inn 8 East Street	Harveys Sussex SN Spitfire		12.00 - 23.00	12.30 – 12.50
5.	The Ship Strand Quay	St Austell Tribute Harveys Sussex		12.00 - 23.00	13.00 – 13.30
6.	The Standard The Mint	London Pride Harveys Sussex Everards Starburst		12.00 – 23.00	13.35 – 14.00
7.	Ye Olde Bell Inn 33 The Mint	Can't remember		12.00 – 23.00	14.05 -