

# Jolly Boys Visit to Hastings & St Leonards Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008

## Culture :-

Hastings is not just famous for ASBOs, wine'os and East European refugees; it has two cliff railways (the East Cliff lift is the steepest in Britain at 1 in 1,128 – it crashed last year), a miniature railway, a pier (substantially closed due to its condition), a castle, some caves and a "Decimus Burton" area to rival Bath or Tunbridge Wells (hence the road name for pub 5!). It also is home to the biggest shore based fishing fleet in Europe (pity the EU only allows them to fish on Thursdays when there is a "Z" in the month). It is of course also associated with a famous battle which took place just up the road near Battle (but then you could not really have a Battle of Battle – that sounds silly). Keep your eyes open for the "Norman" ready-mix lorries branded "William the Concreter".

Travel between the pubs will be by Stagecoach bus, so don't forget your bus passes.

## Getting There & Back:-

Basic train info. – Check you are in the correct part of the train!

Charing Cross	dep	08.14							
Waterloo East	dep	08.17							
Cannon Street	dep				08.45				09.17
London Bridge	dep	08.23			08.49				09.21
Victoria	dep		08.17			08.47	09.17		
Clapham Junction	dep		08.23			08.53	09.23		
East Croydon	dep		08.33			09.03	09.33		
Gatwick Airport	dep		08.49			09.19	09.49		
Haywards Heath	dep		09.13			09.34	10.07		
Brighton	dep			09.32				09.52	
Lewes	arr		09.28						
Lewes	dep			09.44		09.53		10.09	
Hampden Park							10.39		
Hampden Park								10.44	
Hastings	arr	09.57		10.24	10.23	10.50		11.12	11.04

Hastings	dep	14.25		14.31	14.47	14.55	15.07	15.12	15.24		15.35
St Leonards WS	dep	14.28		14.34	14.50	14.58	15.10	15.15	15.27		15.38
Hampden Park	arr	14.52							15.52		
Hampden Park	dep		15.02							16.02	
Lewes	arr	15.28	15.18			15.49		16.07	16.28	16.18	
Brighton	arr	15.44						16.20	16.44		
Haywards Heath	arr		15.39			15.05				16.39	
Gatwick Airport	arr		15.55							16.55	
East Croydon	arr		16.11							17.11	
Clapham Jn	arr		16.21							17.21	
Victoria	arr		16.29			15.58				17.28	
London Bridge	arr			15.54	16.24		16.52				17.09
Waterloo East	arr			15.59	16.29		16.57				17.14
Charing Cross	arr			16.03	16.33		17.01				17.19

**The Itinerary :-**

Suggest either pub 1 or pub 2 for breakfast. Pub 3 is probably best for lunch.

<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 John Logie Baird Havelock Rd	A Wetherspoons. Usually a good range of beers.	Open at 09.00 for breakfast.	09.00 – 23.00	09.00 – 10.45
2.	The White Rock Hotel 1-10 White Rock	Usually 3 Sussex brewed beers on hand pump together with a vast range of bottled Sussex beers.	Open at 10.00 for breakfast & beer. GBG 2008	10.00 -23.00	10.50 -11.35

The culturally minded may take a semi-conducted walk to pub 3 (depart White Rock at 11.30) or (for the physically challenged) catch the 11.49 bus to the Old Town Roebuck St.

3.	The First in Last Out (FILO) 14-15 High Street	Two pub brewed beers and a guest	Home of the FILO brewery GBG 2008	12.00 – 15.00	12.00 – 13.00
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Catch 13.07 20A to Tower Road (Buchanan Hospital) or 13.17 100 bus to Bohemia North Road.

4.	The Dripping Spring 34 Tower Road	6 hand pumps with 4 beers on at time of reccy.	Used to be the best pub in Hastings – hopefully now back on the up after a time in the doldrums.	11.00 - 23.00	13.40 – 14.10
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Catch bus back to St Leonards for pub 5 or a train home from Warrior Square station (12 busses an hour).

5.	The Horse & Groom 4 Mercatoria	Usually 3 -4 more mainstream beers included Harveys and Adnams at time of reccy.	GBG 2008.	11.00 - 23.00	14.15 –
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