



JOLLY BOYS' VISIT TO DURHAM-THURSDAY-4TH MARCH 2010

HISTORY

Durham sits on the River Wear and the original Great North Road. It was a forested hill known as Dun Holme and is the burial site for both St Cuthbert and the Venerable Bede. The Bishops of Lindisfarne moved to Dun Holme in 995, having fled from the marauding Danes, via Ripon and finally to Dun Holme, complete with the remains of St Cuthbert, the head of St Oswald and the bones of saints Aidan, Eadqert, Eanfred and Ethelwold, contained in an ark.

Durham castle was built by William the Conqueror in 1072 and extensively modernised in the 19th Century. The cathedral was built between 1093 and 1133. The University was founded in 1832 and occupies most of the castle. Durham has the only museum in the UK devoted to Oriental Art.

RAILWAYS

The first railway to reach Durham was the Durham & Sunderland Railway which got as far as Shincliff on the outskirts in 1839, but never reached the city centre. Next to arrive was the Newcastle and Darlington Railway which reached Gilesgate in 1844 from Belmont on the Leamside line. This closed to passengers in 1857 and completely in 1966.

The North Eastern Railway opened the current Durham Station way up on the hillside in 1857 on their line from Newcastle to Bishop Auckland via Gateshead and Washington.

The NER then opened a line into Durham Elvet station on the east of the City from the Shincliffe line in 1893. This line closed to passengers (apart from excursions- mainly the trains to the Durham Miners' Gala each July) in 1930 and closed completely in 1954.

The current main line south via Ferryhill opened in 1871.

THE PUBS

Leave the down platform via the subway under the railway at the York end of the station. Proceed down the station approach road on the up side. Not far down before the road turns right take the path on the left hand side signposted to City Centre, Gala Theatre etc. Descend the first flight of steps and turn right across Highgate Footbridge. Immediately in front of you after crossing the main road is St. Godricks R.C. Church. Turn right and go round the church walking towards the railway viaduct. Then go left (not sharp left) and down the road which becomes cobbled. Turn right and go down to the bottom. Turn left in North Road and the first pub (Wetherspoons) is a little way down on the left.. There is a bus every 20 minutes from the station to the Cathedral and back (see attached map). It leaves Durham Station forecourt on the Up Side at xx10, xx30 and xx50-number 40B and returns from the Cathedral at xx00, xx20 and xx40.

1. **Water House (Wetherspoons)** 65 North Road, DH1 4SQ. Tel. 0191-370-6540. Opens 09.00. Former Water Board Offices.

JB Times until 11.30

2. **Half Moon.** 86 New Elvet DH1 3AQ. Tel. 0191-383-6981. Opens 11.00. 4 real ales on our visit-Bass, Taylors Landlord, Durham Brewery and London Pride.

JB Times 11.40-12.10

3. **Shakespeare Tavern,** 63 Saddler St., DH1 3NU Tel. 0191-384-3261. Opens 11.00. Had Deuchars, Everards, Tribute and London Pride

JB Times 12.15-12.45

4. Market Tavern. 27 Market Place DH1 3NJ. Tel 0191-386-2069. Opens 11.00.
Does food. Several local real ales.

JB Times 12.50-13.30

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5 Olde Elm Tree . 12 Crossgate. DH1 4PS. Tel. 0191-386-4621. Opens 12.00.
One of Durham's oldest pubs dates from approx. 16.00. Hosts two ghosts.
4 local beers-brewed in Whitby.

JB Times 13.40-14.10

6. Colpitts Hotel, Colpitts Terrace, DH1 4EL. Opens 12.00. Tel. 0191-386-9913.
A typical, totally unspoilt Sam Smiths pub on a corner of two roads.

JB Times 14.15-----

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Kings Cross Dep	07.00	08.00
Darlington Arr	09.26	-----
Change		
Darlington Dep	09.37	-----
Durham Arr	09.54	10.40

Durham Dep	14.17	14.40	15.07
Change Darlington	-----	Dep 15.00	-----
Kings Cross Arr	17.28	17.40	18.04

Crewe Dep	06.49	07.27
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Man Picc Arr	07.44	08.08
Dep	07.56	08.26
York Arr	09.23	
York Dep `	09.37	

Durham Arr	10.21	10.50
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Durham Dep	14.24
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Man Picc Arr	16.49
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Man Picc Dep	16.55	17.27
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Crewe Arr	17.27	18.05
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Derby Dep 08.11 08.42

Durham Arr 10.34 11.17

Durham Dep 13.46 13.56 14.40

Derby Arr15.53 16.28 16.53

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