

**Jolly Boys' Visit to
Exeter
Thursday 18th February 2010.**

Culture: -

Loads, and on this occasion we will be passing near Exeter College and the Prison, also the statue of Sir General Redvers Buller who, with three generations before him, served as Member of Parliament for Exeter. Buller had a distinguished army career serving all over the 'British Empire' and in South Africa during the Zulu Wars he was awarded the Victoria Cross for rescuing three comrades from certain death. After serving in the Sudan he commanded the British forces in South Africa against the Boers. He led several failed attempts to relieve the siege of Ladysmith and although his forces eventually forced the Boers out of Natal the damage to the General's reputation had been done and he retired to England under a cloud.

The statue was erected in 1905, three years before the General's death from cancer.

It shows his horse 'Biffen' with all its hooves on the ground but although Buller did die from natural causes, apparently it is a myth that the number of hooves in the air gives an indication how a rider died, i.e. in battle, subsequently from wounds received in battle or, as Buller, from natural causes.

Pubs: -

Two more Wetherspoon pubs were opened in July 2009 doubling the number in Exeter.

For the early-birds requiring breakfast there is the Chevalier or the much larger Imperial just a few minutes from St David's station.

Exeter Central Station to 1. – 8 mins

Name	Beers	Food	Suggested Timings
1. Chevalier 81-82 Fore Street EX4 3HR Tel: 01392 457760	Wetherspoon (Former Hogs Head Pub)	Yes	09.00 - 10.57
2. Well House Tavern 16-17 Cathedral Yard EX1 1HB Tel: 01392 223611	Otter plus guests (GBG)	Yes	11.00 – 11.40
3. Old Firehouse 50 New North Road EX4 4EP Tel: 01392 277279	4 Real Ales (straight out the barrel) (GBG)	Yes	11.50 - 12.25
4. Imperial New North Road EX4 4AH Tel: 01392 434050	Wetherspoon (GBG)	Yes	12.35 – 13.10
5. Great Western Hotel Station Approach St. David's Station EX4 4NU Tel: 01392 274039	9 Real Ales (GBG)	Yes	13.15 – end

Trains from St. David's to Paddington 13.57 and 15.00.

Trains from St. David's to Waterloo (via Exeter Central) 13.26, 14.26 and 15.26 .

Cross Country Trains from St. David's to the North 13.25, 14.25, 14.44 and 15.23.