

THURSDAY 5th AUGUST 2010

JOLLY BOYS VISIT TO ST. ALBANS HOME OF CAMRA

Camra was conceived in the Farriers Arms some considerable time after the Romans departed back to warmer climes, but they have both left their mark.

The Romans first established a community here about AD43. known as Verulamium it was devastated by the Iceni under Boudicca in AD61. Rebuilt it lasted 300 years and was the third largest Roman town in Britain. The rise of St. Albans in medieval times was due to the shrine to Alban the first christian martyr in Britain around which was built the magnificent cathedral we know today. Its dimensions are awesome 550 ft long an overall floor space of 40,000 sq ft. The nave at 285 ft is the longest in the world. Cathedral status was granted in 1877 making St. Albans a city

Camra was founded in 1971 as more people got upset by real ale taking a back seat to the advance of lager/fizz pop drinking amongst the youth of the day. Most of you being too old to remember.

The last visit to St. Albans took place on 28th October 2004, if you remember we were going to Bishops Castle, one day. So far as it's football team is concerned they have never recovered from the tree inside the ground being cut down.

Getting to St Albans:-

St Pancras	d	10.18	10.34	10.48	11.04
Watford Junction	d	10.31			11.16
St Albans City	a	10.40	10.55	11.10	11.25
St Albans Abbey	a	10.47			11.32

PUBS

1 The Cross Keys	7 Chequer street	AL1 3XZ	until 11.15 (Breakfast)
2 Fleur de Lys	French row	AL3 5DU	11.20
3 The Boot	Market Place	AL1 5DG	11.45
4 The White Swan	Upper Dagnall Street	AL3 5EA	12.45 (Lunch)
5 Waterend Barn	St Peters Street	AL1 1EZ	13.30
6 The Mermaid	98 Hatfield Road	AL1 3RL	14.00

Departing :-

St Albans City	d	07 21 37 51	St Albans Abbey	d	14.37 15.22
St Pancras	a	30 44 00 14	Watford Junction	a	14.53 15.38

THE PUB LANDLORD

Tradition is the fabric of this country and its smooth running. It tells you who you are and where you are. The citizenship exam to become British asks what do the British eat for Christmas dinner. The correct answer is mind your own bloody business. British traditions include: pubs, Morris dancing, cheese rolling, pancake day, village fetes, boxing day sales, bonfire night, Yorkshire puddings, v signs (not that yankee single finger thing), not grumbling, tea, fry ups, the Scots/Welsh jeering at the English, the English not knowing quite how to respond, test cricket, the weather, Wimbledon, going out in the quarter finals of the world cup on penalties, stiff upper lip, inventors in sheds, women lying face down in the gutter on a Friday nights, gropey vicars, punch ups, salacious tabloids, Sunday lunch, tolerance, democracy, class, rioting, driving in middle lane of motorway, NHS, stopping at

zebra crossings, compare this lot to the gallic tradition of shrugging. So order a pint, roast beef to squeeze in over your fry up while Morris dancers prance around in the drizzle and you know you are in the greatest country in the world.