



JOLLY BOYS' VISIT TO DURHAM-THURSDAY-2ND JULY 2015

FACTS

Durham is old-over 1,000 years in fact. It's pace of change has been gradual. Once famous for carpets, mustard and coal mining. But it is now gradually joining the real ale revolution and the choice of outlets is increasing.

We last visited here in 2010, and several new pubs are on the agenda'

Durham is twinned with three other Durham's in the USA.

Durham AFC once played in the Football League between 1921 and 1928.

Famous people associated with Durham include Rowan Atkinson and Tony Blair who both attended the chorister school in the 1960's.

It currently enjoys an hourly service to and from London courtesy of Virgin East Coast, whose £5 staff food offer is still available.

There is currently a lot of controversy regarding the City's plans for a new bus station to be built where the current North Road roundabout is below Durham Viaduct.

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 40 and returns from the Cathedral at xx00, xx20 and xx40. The whole journey takes 9 minutes each way.
 Alight at the bus station in North Road for pub no 1 (Spoons) or remain on board and cross Milburngate Bridge to alight for pub 2.

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1. **Water House (Wetherspoons)** 65 North Road, DH1 4SQ. Tel. 0191-370-6540. Opens 08.00. Former Water Board Offices.

JB Times until 10.50

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

JB Times 11.00-11.55

3. **John Duck** 91a Claypath DH1 1RG. Opens 12.00..

Named after John Duck 'the butcher baron' who in the 17th Century is alleged to have picked up a gold coin dropped by a raven, bought a couple of cows and started on his career as a butcher becoming very rich in the process, building a large mansion and hospital for the poor.

£2.50 a pint. On handpump on the recce were four real ales.

JB Times 12.00-12.25

4. **Bishop Langley.** Framwellgate Bridge, North Road, DH1 4PW. Tel. 0191 386 4779. Opens 12.00. Terrace overlooking the River Wear. Food served all day.
50p off beer and 10% off food for CAMRA members.

JB Times 12.35-13.20

- 5 **Olde Elm Tree** . 12 Crossgate. DH1 4PS. Tel. 0191-386-4621. Opens 12.00. One of Durham's oldest pubs dates from approx. 1600. Hosts two ghosts. Good choice of local ales and a selection of good food

JB Times 13.30-14.00

Optional extra

6. **Bridge Hotel**, 40 North Road. DH1 4SE. 0191-386-8090. Opens at 11.00. Nearly underneath Durham Viaduct. Not done on recce but usually has one or two real ales. Has been refurbished recently.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

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| Kings Cross Dep | 07.00 | 07.30 | 08.00 |
| Darlington Arr | 09.23 | ----- | 10.21 |
| Change | | | |
| Darlington Dep | 09.41 | ----- | 10.41 |
| Durham Arr | 09.57 | 10.22 | 10.57 |
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| Durham Dep | 13.43 | 14.38 | |
| Kings Cross Arr | 16.43 | 17.42 | |
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| Man Picc Dep | 07.40 | | 07.57 |
| Leeds Arr | 08.36 | York Arr | 09.15 |
| change Dep | 08.43 | York Dep | 09.37 |
| Durham Arr | 09.57 | | 10.22 |

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| Durham Dep | 14.22 | | |
| York Arr | 15.13 | Dep | 15.24 |
| Man Picc Arr | | | 16.44 |
| Man Picc Dep | | | 16.55 |
| Crewe Arr | | | 17.27 |

Note :-The First Transpennine Express service to and from Durham direct now leaves from/goes to Manchester Victoria.

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