

Jolly Boys Outing - Lancaster - 23rd. April 2015

Lancaster is the county town of Lancashire. It is situated on the River Lune and has a population of 45,952. Lancaster is a constituent settlement of the wider City of Lancaster, a local government district which has a population of 138,375 and encompasses several outlying settlements, including neighbouring Morecambe.

Long existing as a commercial, cultural and educational centre, Lancaster is the settlement that gives Lancashire its name. Lancaster has several unique ties to the British monarchy; the House of Lancaster was a branch of the English royal family, whilst the Duchy of Lancaster holds large estates on behalf of Elizabeth II, who herself is also the Duke of Lancaster. Lancaster was granted city status in 1937 for its "long association with the crown" and because it was "the county town of the King's Duchy of Lancaster".

Its history is based on its port and canal, Lancaster is an ancient settlement, dominated by Lancaster Castle. It is also home to the campus-based Lancaster University and a campus of the University of Cumbria.

Wikipedia

The Pubs

1. The Sir Richard Owen (gave dinosaurs their name and gave us the Natural History Museum), 4 Spring Garden St., LA1 1RQ. 01524 541500. Wetherspoons. Number 19 on map. Leave 1055
2. Water Witch, Tow Path, Aldcliffe Rd., LA1 1SU (on canal towpath near Penny St. Bridge) 1100. 01524 63828. www.thewaterwitch.co.uk The Water Witch was originally a passenger packet boat the plied the Lancaster Canal. The building was originally a stable block assumed its present name and use in 1978. Beer range varies. Number 27 on map. Leave 1140
3. White Cross, Quarry Rd., LA1 4XT (behind the town hall on the canal towpath). 1130. 01524 33999. www.thewhitecross.co.uk. An old warehouse converted to a pub in 1988. Various. Number 28 on map. Leave 1230
4. Borough, 3, Dalton Sq., LA1 1PP (near Town Hall). 1200. 01524 64170. www.theboroughlancaster.co.uk. An upmarket town house built in 1824. Borough Bitter, Pale, Wintertime Dark, Guests. Number 3 on map. Leave 1330
5. Three Mariners, Bridge Lane, LA1 1EE (near Parksafes car park entrance) 1100. 01524 388957. www.thethreemarinerslancaster.co.uk. Commonly claimed to be the oldest pub in Lancaster. Everards Beacon (badged as Mariners Gold), Hawkshead Windermere Pale, York Guzzler, Guests. Number 25 on map. Leave 1400
6. Merchant's, 27, Castle Hill, LA1 1YN. 1130. 01524 66466. Number 12 on map. www.merchants1688.co.uk. Converted wine merchants' cellars built in 1688 with an extensive outdoor drinking area. Beer range varies. Til end

It is about 10 minutes walk between each venue. Beer was £3 - £3.20 per pint on day of recce.

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